

Ramsay Street High School

Student / Parent Handbook

2018-2019



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Greetings and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!

We welcome you to our school family. Our faculty and staff have been working diligently to make Ramsey Street High School a better environment for you to grow and achieve academically, behaviorally, and culturally. Academically, we continue to devote ourselves to the task of teaching and learning with our ultimate goal being student success. Our focus will be to increase proficiency on End-of-Course Tests and NC-Final Exams. We want to provide behavioral interventions and to create environments where students can achieve. We have adopted a “Yes We Can” attitude towards meeting our goals of helping you to be successful at Ramsey Street High School and your home school.

We expect our students to behave responsibly, demonstrate positive behavior, academic progress, and remain focused towards successfully completing their term at Ramsey Street High School. We expect our students to be courteous, transition quietly at the appropriate time, and to exhibit appropriate attitudes and related behaviors to help them become productive citizens in the community.

A great amount of time, effort, and planning has been invested to ensure that the 2018-19 school year will be a successful experience at Ramsey Street High School. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns about Ramsey Street High School, please call (910) 437-5829.

Sincerely,

Reggie Pinkney

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INTRODUCTION

The policies and procedures contained in the Student Handbook are designed to provide incoming students with vital information to be successful at Ramsey Street High School. Each student is responsible for reading and understanding the school rules and regulations as outlined. The Ramsey Street High School staff is eager to assist students achieve success at our school. All students will sign a statement of understanding during New Student Orientation Session to indicate that they have clear understanding of the handbook and expectations.

Along with the Parent-Student Handbook, students are required to adhere to all policies in the 2018-2019 Cumberland County School Handbook, as approved by the Board of Education. Lack of knowledge will not be considered an excuse for failure to comply with behavior guidelines, policies, regulations, and expectations of all students.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to create an environment conducive to learning in the 21st Century where students can grow and achieve academically, behaviorally, and culturally.

Students are assigned to Ramsey Street High School by the Associate Superintendent of Student Services as a result of violating the Cumberland County Student Code of Conduct. Upon successfully completion of their assigned period, students may be considered for recommendation to return to their referring school based on successful completion of personalized goals, including attendance, academics, and behavior.

VISION

At Ramsey Street High School, we seek to provide opportunities for our students to experience academic success while providing guidance on making better choices behaviorally in an environment that is nurturing and conducive to learning in the 21st Century. As such, administrators, teachers, and staff are committed to providing high quality instruction aligned to the Common Core and Essential Standards. We provide outside referrals and support in helping students to identify and address factors which may impede their ability to behave appropriately in an educational setting. Through our belief that all children can learn, we envision our students developing intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically to their maximum potential.

PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

ARRIVAL

Students should arrive at school at 8:10 a.m. Car riders should be dropped off on Quincy Street at the front of the school. Students with permission to drive should park in the designated area. Students should report directly into the building and follow the Check-In procedures as outlined in this handbook. Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. should enter through the front door at the Main Office, sign in, and follow the published Check-In procedure. Students consistently tardy will receive 3 warnings before disciplinary actions are taken.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Immediately upon arriving on campus, all students must follow the Check-In Procedure.

The following procedures will be used:

1. Securing of coats, jackets and hooded garments.
2. Pockets emptied, remove shoes and belts off.
3. Walk through metal detector
4. After all screening is completed, all students should report directly to their first period class.

Unauthorized items confiscated during check-in may be available at the end of the school day. All students arriving to school after Check-In has concluded will be screened in the Main Office by an administrator or designee.

Cellular phones and other electronic devices are not allowed at Ramsey Street High School, no exceptions. It is the responsibility of parents and students to pre-plan for personal needs and business. **Students and parents can access school communication as absolutely necessary. Telephone calls shall be limited to 3 minutes. RSHS will not be held responsible for lost or stolen cell phones or other electronic devices. These items are prohibited on campus.**

Violations of this policy will lead to disciplinary action against the student to include confiscation of the phone or other device and parental intervention. Repeat offenses will result in appropriate disciplinary actions. School personnel and the Board of Education are not responsible for damage or loss of confiscated phones.

BOOK BAGS

Students may not bring book bags to Ramsey Street High School for any reason.

CLOSING OF SCHOOL

Ramsey Street High School, local television, radio stations Cable News 14, and the CCS district website <http://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/> will announce all school closing announcements due to inclement weather or other emergencies

DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL

Students will be dismissed from classes at the end of the school day upon the calling of the bus or calling of student. Routine procedures will dictate students picking up items that were surrendered at Check-In.

EARLY DEPARTURES

Last Check Out for the day will be at 3:00 pm. Students leaving school before dismissal time must sign-out in the Main Office. Students must have parent or guardian permission with verification by school personnel to leave school grounds. Parents should meet students in the Main Office and sign them out before leaving. If someone other than a parent or guardian will be picking up a student, the parent/guardian must send a note or call the school to inform the office. All notes and calls will be

verified and identification will be required for anyone the staff does not recognize. Students will not be released if the office has not been properly notified, proper authorization cannot be verified, or if there is any question about the early release of the student.

ATTENDANCE

All students should be in attendance all day every day. As stated in School Board Policy, absences are excused only for (1) student illness and injury, (2) quarantine, (3) death in the immediate family – grandparent, parent, brother, sister, (4) medical or dental appointments, (5) court or administrative proceedings, and/or (6) religious observance, or educational opportunity.

All other absences are unexcused and require an acceptable note from a parent or guardian (5 notes per semester from parents), Medical notes, Court notes or notes from any appointments you may have to verify your absents.

Ninety-five (95%) per cent attendance rate is required for recommendation to return to home/referral school.

Attendance records of students will be used to enforce the Compulsory Attendance Law of North Carolina. If truancy is suspected, the case will be investigated by school personnel and may be referred to the school Social Worker. After a good faith effort has been made by the school to improve the student's attendance, any continued violations of the Compulsory Attendance Law will be reported to the Truancy Mediation Council or the District Attorney. Except as otherwise provided in G.S. 115C-379, any parent, guardian, or other person violating the provisions of the law will be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

To ensure that all students have the opportunity to have a successful school experience, we must provide an environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. Inappropriate or disruptive behavior can be counterproductive to the instructional environment and will not be tolerated. Ramsey Street High School expects students to be accountable and responsible for their behaviors and actions.

Students who choose to violate behavioral guidelines will receive consequences which may include parent contact, after-school detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and/or referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency if needed.

It is not practical to list each and every offense and consequence. However, the following are some guidelines for behavior for which consequences may be assigned for failure to comply:

1. Students will follow directions the first time they are given.
 - a. Students will follow all teacher or adult directions in a timely manner
2. Students will adhere to all written or verbal academic and behavioral expectations.
 - a. Students will perform tasks as defined by teachers and other authorized staff and adults.
3. Students will speak appropriately to staff and peers.
 - a. Students will refrain from using profanity as well as threatening, abusive, racist, or bigoted comments to themselves, peers, teachers, or other adults.
4. Students will come to school prepared to learn.
 - a. Students will have all of the necessary learning tools (i.e., pencils, paper, black or white notebooks, etc.) as well as the essential mental, emotional, and social support to be a productive and engaged learner.
5. Students will not bring tobacco, tobacco products, or paraphernalia such as matches or lighters on campus or on the bus.

- a. Such items will be confiscated and destroyed.
6. Students will not engage in any physical contact with other students or CCS Staff.

Mandatory Offenses Reportable to Law Enforcement:

1. Assault resulting in serious injury
2. Assault involving use of a weapon
3. Assault on school personnel (not resulting in serious injury)
4. Bomb threat
5. Burning of a school building
6. Death by other than natural causes
7. Kidnapping
8. Possession of alcoholic beverages
9. Possession of a controlled substance in violation of law
10. Possession of a firearm or powerful explosives
11. Possession of a weapon (excluding firearms and powerful explosives)
12. Rape
13. Robbery with a dangerous weapon
14. Robbery without a dangerous weapon
15. Sexual assault (not involving rape or sexual offense)
16. Sexual offense
17. Taking indecent liberties with a minor

DRESS CODE

Students are required to wear school uniforms. The purpose of this policy is to increase school safety, minimize disruption, easily identify trespassers on campus, and promote improvement in student behavior. School uniforms also help students experience a greater sense of school connection and identity while promoting a culture of academic excellence. All students will wear the school uniform as follows:

- Black, white, or gold Polo style shirt with no logo of any kind.
- Black or khaki uniform styled pants (no cargo, capri's, gauchos, or carpenter pants)
- Black or khaki shorts (no cargo, carpenters, or over-sized)
- Solid black or white sneakers or athletic styles shoes (with shoe strings that are the same color as the shoe)
- Black or brown belt only (no decorative buckles, chain belts, spikes, or sashes)
- White or black socks only
- Solid black, white, or gold sweatshirts or cardigans (buttoned up the front sweaters)
- All clothing must be logo, slogan, and emblem-free and of a school uniform style.

All students are expected to adhere to the school uniform policy. It is extremely important that parents support the school policy by seeing that students leave for school dressed in their uniforms.

Additionally, the following are some guidelines for dress for students:

1. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
2. No pants are to be worn below the waist. Undergarments should not be visible.
3. Pants should not be oversized or extremely tight and revealing.
4. No hats, caps, wave caps, skull caps, do-rags, bandanas, scarves, headbands, other headgear or sunglasses may be worn in the building. Hair should be well groomed, cut or styled. Hair cannot be disruptive to the learning environment per principal or assistant principal or safe school coordinator discretion.

5. No visible jewelry is permitted except for student earrings and wrist watches.
6. Any accessories such as brushes that can be used as weapons are prohibited
7. For health and safety reasons, appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Bare feet are not allowed. Additionally, no crocs, flip-flops, open-toe sandals, bedroom slippers, high heels greater than one (1) inch, or shower shoes are allowed.
8. Hooded sweatshirts are not allowed on campus. Coats are not to be worn during school and will be surrendered at Check-In.

The principal and/or the assistant principal will be the final authority in determining the appropriateness of dress and the appropriate consequences. Inappropriate items brought to school and confiscated at Check-In will be returned at the end of the school day with the exception of cellular telephones that require a parental pick-up and signature of notice and receipt.

BUS CONDUCT

The State of North Carolina and the Cumberland County Board of Education provide bus transportation for the students. The drivers of these buses have been trained and instructed in the safe and efficient operation of the bus. Students are expected to be at their designated stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival. Drivers are not required to wait for late students. It is the student and parents responsibility to get to school if he/she misses the bus. If a student does not ride for three (3) consecutive days, the bus will not stop unless the parent notifies the school to request transportation.

Please adhere to these regulations listed in the Bus Driver's Handbook for passengers:

1. For the safety of all students, the driver should not be distracted.
2. Seats will be assigned to students.
3. Students will remain seated.
4. Profanity is not allowed.
5. Eating and drinking are not allowed.
6. Use of tobacco products is not allowed.
7. Violence is not allowed.
8. Destruction of property is prohibited. Students violating this rule will be subject to disciplinary action and required to pay restitution.
9. Hands and heads should remain inside the bus.
10. Students must follow the directions of the driver and/or monitor at all times.

The safety of students is the major concern while transporting students. For that reason students are expected to follow all bus behavior guidelines. Any offense committed on a school bus shall be handled in the same manner as if the offense has been committed on the school campus. Failure to follow the rules may result in removal from the bus for a defined number of days and may include permanent expulsion from the bus. The principal or designee has the authority to take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all bus riders.

Students will only be transported to and from the home address unless the school receives a written request from the parent three (3) days prior. The written request must be verified by a phone call and must be approved by the principal or designee.

GANG ACTIVITY

Gang activity will not be tolerated at Ramsey Street High School. A gang is any on-going organization, association, or group of three (3) or more persons, whether formal or informal having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts, intimidation, bullying and adapting a common name, signs, colors, and symbols.

The policies of the Cumberland County schools prohibit the following:

1. Wearing, possessing, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, or other items that indicate a student's membership in or affiliations with a gang.
2. Communicating either verbally or non-verbally (gestures, handshakes, slogans, drawings, etc.) to convey membership or affiliation in a gang.
3. Defacing school property or personal property with gang-related graffiti, symbols, or slogans including drawing symbols on oneself or someone else.
4. Requiring payment for protection, insurance, or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person related to gang activity.
5. Inciting other students to intimidate or to act with physical violence upon any other person related to gang activity.
6. Soliciting others for gang membership.
7. Committing any other illegal act or other violation of school district policies that relates to gang activity.

HONOR CODE VIOLATIONS

Academic misconduct includes cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes copying another student's answers to a test, homework, or any other school work and submitting it as their own work for evaluation and grading. In addition, unless permitted in advance, students shall not possess materials in any form with them for use in answering questions on a test, (i.e., cheat sheet, unauthorized notes). Plagiarism is defined as students copying an author's work and submitting it as their own original work for evaluation and grading. The use of cellular telephones, digital cameras, or text messages to cheat is also prohibited.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS) RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Students report to the ISS room at the beginning of the day or period assigned.
2. Students who miss any ISS time due to early dismissal, tardiness, absence, or emergency school closing will make-up the time missed on the next day of attendance.
3. Restroom breaks are provided periodically.
4. Students eat lunch in the ISS room or in the cafeteria at the discretion of the ISS Teacher.
5. Students must bring all necessary assignments, text, and materials.
6. Full credit will be given for assignments completed within five (5) days. It is your responsibility to contact the teacher for missed work and tests.
7. All school rules apply in ISS.
8. Students will remain seated in assigned seats and work on assignments, behavioral packets, and/or read appropriate material.
9. Talking or interacting with other students, sleeping, lounging, and eating or drinking at any time other than lunch (staff discretion) is not permitted.
10. Violation of ISS rules results in Out-Of-School Suspension for the remainder of the assigned time and the possible loss of ISS as an option for future disciplinary actions.
11. All students will sign the ISS contract upon entering the room. Continued violation of the contract will result in ISS privileges being revoked and OSS will be the result of violation of the CCS Student Code of Conduct.

SUSPENSIONS

The Principal and/or the Assistant Principal have the authority to suspend a student on a short-term suspension for a period of ten (10) days or less for a violation of the rules of conduct established by Ramsey Street High School and the Cumberland County Board of Education. A student who is

suspended shall be given an opportunity to make up his or her work and to take any quarterly, semester, or grading period exams missed during the short-term suspension.

The principal and/or the assistant principal also have the authority to recommend to the Associate Superintendent of Student Services to suspend a student on a long-term suspension for a period in excess of ten (10) school days or recommendation for expulsion

Long-term suspensions must be approved by the Associate Superintendent of Student Services.

While assigned to Ramsey Street High School students are not permitted to return to their home campus or any Cumberland County campus to attend any events held at their home school or any sponsored events including and not limited to sporting events, club meetings, and dances.

VANDALISM

Any student who defaces, damages, or destroys school property will be required to repair, clean, or replace the damaged item and may also face further disciplinary action. Except in cases of unavoidable accidents, students are liable for all damage done to school or personal property. This policy also applies to any school bus damage.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

Noncompliance with the rules listed below will result in disciplinary actions.

1. There will be no kissing.
2. There will be no hugging.
3. There will be no hand holding.
4. There will be no inappropriate touching of any kind.

MONEY

Students at Ramsey Street High School are not to bring more than \$5.00 to school on any given day.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES TITLE IX

Students who believe that they have been mistreated due to sexual discrimination in a public school may appeal to the person designated in each school as the contact responsible for hearing said complaints. If after appealing this designated official, the student is dissatisfied; he/she may submit a request in writing to the Superintendent for a review of the case. The Superintendent or his designated representative will arrange a conference with the student and make a decision regarding the grievance. If the decision rendered by the Superintendent is unsatisfactory to the student, the student shall within ten days, give written notice to the Superintendent and request a review by the Cumberland County Board of Education. The Board shall render its decision within thirty days of receipt of the grievance.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to complete assignments, participate in classroom activities, produce academic products, use technology appropriately as an academic tool, ask for help when needed, refrain from disruptions, ask questions that improve their academic experience, and strive for academic success.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of students' educational records and gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's records.

GRADES

Each teacher will provide a syllabus or course outline of the grading policies in the class. All students will take an End-of-Course test which will be counted as much as 25% of the student's final grade. The grading scale at Ramsey Street High School is the same as any other school in the Cumberland County School District.

Effective with the 2017-2018, school year high schools grades 9-12 shall use one grading scale. The conversion of grades to quality points is standardized. Implicit is a conversion of percentage grades to letter grades according to the following widely used scale:

90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 70-79 = C; 60-69 = D; 59 = F.

Grades are assigned as follows:

90-100 = 4.0	80-89 = 3.0	70-79 = 2.0	60-69 = 1.0	59 = 0.0	WF = 0.0
FF = 0.0	WP = 0.0	INC. = 0.0	AUD = 0.0	P = 0.0	

Progress reports will be issued to each student on the published dates during each grading period. Students and parents are encouraged to discuss academic progress at any time with the teacher or monitor student progress through the PowerSchool Grading System.

STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENT

Students are required to take the appropriate End-of Course (EOC) and/or North Carolina Final Examination (NCFE) at the end of each semester for the course(s) that was enrolled in. The scores of the EOC and NCFE can add points to your overall course average and could mean the difference between passing and failing a course. The scores shall count for not more than 20 percent of the course's overall average.

MAKE-UP WORK

All missed assignments from classes due to absences must be completed and submitted for credit. It is the student's responsibility to request missed assignments from the teacher and submit the assignment(s) in within five (5) school days.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students and parents are responsible to provide needed school supplies. Black or white 2 or 3 inch, 3 ring Binder, note book paper, black pens and pencils are the normal school supplies needed at Ramsey Street High School. Teachers may require additional school supplies for students in accordance with their Class Supply List.

NETWORK AND INTERNET POLICY

In compliance with the Cumberland County School Board Policy, user guidelines have been established to provide electronic resources to all students and staff. These resources must be used for educational purposes under active supervision by school staff in a manner consistent with ordinary ethical obligations. Cheating, stealing, plagiarism, vandalism, making false or deceiving statements, and harassment are ethically unacceptable. Users must not attempt to interfere with the normal operation of any computer systems or attempt to subvert the restrictions associated with Internet and Network usage. Transmission of any material in violation of any Federal or State Regulation is prohibited. Designated staff has the authority to review files at any point necessary and users are to assume no rights of privacy.

The following practices are prohibited:

1. Violating copyright laws
2. Illegally copying, accessing or modifying the files of others without their explicit permission.
3. Plagiarism
4. Publishing, accessing, sending, displaying, or using profane, pornographic, obscene or sexually offensive language, pictures, graphics, or other materials.
5. Using another person's ID and/or password without permission.

Misuse of the Internet or Network will result in referral to administration for disciplinary action. Misuse of the Internet or Network such as hacking and illegally downloading and/or storing files may also result in legal action.

SECTION 504/AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

No otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination from any program or activity of the school. Qualified persons who believe their rights have been violated may contact the person in the school designated to hear said grievances. If still unresolved, grievances may then be appealed to the school district ADA/Section 504 coordinator:

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STUDENT SERVICES

The Cumberland County School District offers the following student services for all students. More information about these services at Ramsey Street High School may be obtained from the Principal:

1. School Services Team
2. School Counselor
3. School Nurse
4. School Psychologist
5. School Social Worker

FEES

Students with driving privileges are charged a parking fee of \$45.00. Students who lose or damage textbooks are also charged fees based on the cost of the textbook according to CCS policy. Student who damage property will receive a bill for any and all repairs and labor to repair damages.

FOOD SERVICE

Students at Ramsey Street High School will eat free this year as part of the CEP Program. There is no refrigerator or microwave available to students.

The Cumberland County Board of Education believes that promoting student health and nutrition enhances readiness for learning and increases student achievement. Therefore, all foods available in the school will be offered to students with consideration for promoting students' health, reducing childhood obesity, providing a variety of nutritious or well balanced meals and promoting life-long healthy eating habits.

Effective July 1, 2017, schools will be required to provide a written copy of the Cafeteria Charge Policy to all parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year AND any time a student transfers into a new school during the school year.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Emergency drills will be held at regular intervals. These are important and should be taken seriously. Students are to follow the specific instructions given by the staff for each drill. Emergency evacuation plans are posted in each classroom for fire and tornado drills. The signal is the continuous sound of the alarm. All students and staff members are expected to move quickly to the nearest exit during a fire alarm. Three (3) short rings of the bell will be the "all clear" signal to re-enter the building upon the direction of staff.

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

If medicine is required during the school day, parents/guardian are required to submit the medication in a container properly labeled by the pharmacy or licensed Medical personnel to the front office prior to student check-in if possible. In addition, parents/guardians must provide written request and authorization for school personnel to administer the prescribed medications. **Students may not submit to the office or possess medication at any time.**

ACCIDENT GUIDELINES

Accidents that occur on or off campus (while in route to or from school) or on school buses must be immediately reported to the main office, bus driver, teacher or any available staff. Emergency personnel will be contacted (if needed), parents/guardians notified, and required documentation and reports will be completed.

VISTORS AND VOLUNTEERS

All visitors and volunteers at Ramsey Street High School must report to the Main Office, sign-in, receive a visitor's pass or volunteer badge, and be assisted by a staff member. Visitors should not go directly to the classroom during instructional hours. They should wear a visitor's pass while in the building and return it to the office to sign out before leaving. These guidelines will help to ensure a safe environment and decrease disruptions to instructional time. Any grievances with staff members or students should be directed to the Principal and/or Assistant Principal for resolution. Community service providers must follow the same procedures as visitors and volunteers.

Policy Code: 4342 Student Searches

A. AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SEARCHES AND SEIZURES

School officials have the authority to conduct reasonable searches and seizures in accordance with this policy for the purposes of maintaining a safe, orderly environment and of upholding standards of conduct established by the board or school. For the purposes of this policy, a “school official” is a school administrator or a school resource officer acting in conjunction with and under the direction of a school administrator. This policy does not apply to investigations conducted by law enforcement officials or investigations conducted exclusively for the purpose of criminal prosecution. Any school official carrying out a search or seizure is expected to be knowledgeable about the constitutional rights of students and the appropriate procedures for conducting the search or seizure. Searches shall not be conducted to deliberately embarrass, harass or intimidate a student.

A search of a student is lawful if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating a specific law or school rule. A search of a student is permissible in scope when measures adopted are reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction. Reasonable suspicion is not required if a student freely, voluntarily and knowingly consents and agrees to the search of his or her person or personal effects.

Reasonable suspicion must be based upon specific and articulable facts, which may be garnered through information from faculty members, reliable students, law enforcement officers or other credible sources, or upon visual or other evidence (e.g. the smell of alcohol or marijuana, an alert from a metal detector or drug dog).

If a lawful search yields illegal contraband, such materials will be seized and surrendered to the proper law enforcement authorities.

A student’s failure to permit reasonable searches and seizures as provided in this policy will be considered a violation of the expected standard of behavior, and appropriate consequences may be imposed.

B. SEARCHES OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

Any of a student’s personal effects, including purses, book bags, outer clothing and wireless communication devices may be searched whenever a school authority has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating a specific law or school rule. The scope of the search must be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the nature of the infraction.

C. SEARCHES OF THE PERSON

1. “Pat-down” Searches

A frisk or “pat down” search of a student’s person is permissible if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating a specific law or a school rule. The search must be conducted in private by a school official of the same gender and with an adult witness present, when feasible.

2. Strip Searches

Strip searches by school personnel are prohibited.

D. USE OF METAL DETECTORS

1. Individual Search Based Upon Reasonable Suspicion

A metal detector may be used to search a student's person and/or personal effects whenever a school official has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the student is in possession of a weapon. The search must be conducted by a school official. The search will be conducted in private, when feasible.

2. General Searches

In view of the escalating presence of weapons in schools, the board authorizes school officials to conduct general (suspicionless) searches of students and other persons and their personal effects with a metal detector before the person may gain entry to the school campus or any school-sponsored extracurricular activity. In addition, school officials may use metal detectors to screen or search the general student body when a school administrator has reasonable suspicion that there is a weapon on campus in the possession of an unidentified student (or students) and that such screening or search will disclose the weapon. Such searches must be conducted in a minimally-intrusive, nondiscriminatory manner in accordance with procedures established by the superintendent or designee and may not be used to single out a particular individual or category of individuals.

Absent exigent circumstances (e.g., a report of a weapon on campus), prior to conducting general searches, school administrators must: (1) demonstrate to the superintendent the need for general searches based upon a pattern or expectation of violence or disruption; and (2) provide written notice, if feasible, to students and parents of the school policy governing general searches, but not of specific times when or places where searches will be conducted. Any search conducted pursuant to this policy must be conducted by a school official.

3. Consequence for Failure to Cooperate With Search

A student who refuses to cooperate with a metal detector search as provided in this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension. Any person who is not a student who refuses to permit a metal detector search at a school-sponsored activity may be denied entry to the activity.

Student desks, lockers and other school-owned tangible property and equipment are school property and remain at all times under the control of the school. However, students are expected to assume full responsibility for the security of their desks and lockers. School owned property and any other items or equipment issued to the student may not be used to store illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials. Periodic general (suspicionless) inspections of desks, lockers and other school-owned equipment may be conducted by school authorities for maintenance or health/sanitation reasons or for any other reason consistent with board policies or school rules at any time, without notice, or consent, so long as such searches are conducted pursuant to established procedures and in a nondiscriminatory manner.

A student's personal effects found within a desk or locker, such as backpacks, cell phones, gym bags or purses, may be searched only pursuant to the guidelines for searches of personal effects described above (see Section B).

F. SCHOOL COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

School-owned computers and electronic devices and any data they contain remain under the control of the school and are subject to inspection at any time. (See policy [3225/4312/7320](#), Technology Acceptable Use.)

G. SEARCHES OF STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLES

H. USE OF TRAINED DOGS IN CONDUCTING SEARCHES

With the prior approval of the superintendent, school officials may use trained dogs in inspections for illegal materials in school facilities, on school grounds and in school parking lots. All dogs must be accompanied by a qualified and authorized trainer who is responsible for the dog's actions and who is able to verify the dog's reliability and accuracy in sniffing out illegal material. Trained dogs may sniff lockers, student motor vehicles and other inanimate objects. Such inspections are not considered searches and do not require notice or consent.

Dogs may not be used for random searches of students or other persons. If a school official has reasonable suspicion that a student possesses illegal material on his or her person, a dog may sniff the air near the student. Such a search will be conducted in private with the school official and an adult witness present, when feasible.

I. NOTICE

School principals shall take reasonable steps to provide notice of this policy to students at the start of each school year. At a minimum, a summary of this policy shall be placed in the student handbook and on each school's website.

Legal References: [U.S. Const. amend. IV](#); [G.S. 115C-47](#), [-288](#), [-307](#), [-391](#)

Cross References: School Plan for Management of Student Behavior (policy [4302](#)), School-Level Investigations (policy [4340](#))

Replaces: JCABA (adopted July 1, 1985), JCABB (adopted July 1, 1985), JCDAEA/EBCB

Adopted: August 9, 2011

Inserts

**2018-2019
CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS
TRADITIONAL 10-MONTH CALENDAR**

Date	Days	Explanation	Teacher Planning Days	Required Annual Leave Days	Holidays
August 13,17, 20, 22, 23, 24		Optional Teacher Workday/Pending Required Days Set by SIT	6		
August 14	Tuesday	Required 10,11,12 Month Employee Workday/System Training	1		
August 15,16, 21		Required 10,11,12 Month Employee Workday/System Training*	3		
August 27	Monday	First Day for Students	1		
September 3	Monday	Student/All Employee Holiday			1
September 26	Wednesday	Student 2 Hour Early Release/PM Required Staff Development*	2Hrs		
October 22	Monday	Student Holiday/10,11,12Month Employee Workday	1		
October 31	Wednesday	Student 2 Hour Early Release/PM required Staff Development	2 Hrs		
November 12	Monday	Student/All Employee Holiday			1
November 21	Wednesday	Student Holiday/10,11,12 Month Employee Workday	1		
November 22-23	Thursday, Friday	Student/All Employee Holiday			2
December 21	Friday	Last Day of the Semester/Student Early Release			
December 24-26, January 1		Student/All Employee Holiday			4
December 27-31, January 2-3		Required Annual Leave 10, 11, 12 Month Employees		5	
January 4	Friday	Student Holiday/10,11,12 Month Employee Workday	1		
January 21	Monday	Student/All Employee Holiday			1
February 18	Monday	Student Holiday/10,11,12Month Employee Workday	1		
February 19	Tuesday	Student Holiday/ Required 10,11,12Month Employee Workday	1		
March 18	Monday	Student Holiday/10,11,12 Month Employee Workday	1		
April 19	Friday	Student/All Employee Holiday			1
April 22-26	Monday-Friday	Student Holiday/10 Month Required Annual Leave/11 &12 Month Employee Workday		5	
May 24	Friday	Last Day for Students/End of Semester/Student Early Release			
May 27	Monday	All Employee Holiday			1
May 28	Tuesday	Required 10,11,12 Month Employee Workday	1		
May 29-3, June 3-7		Optional Teacher Workday/Pending Required Days Set by SIT	9		
Totals			25.5	10	11

Schedule of Required Workdays:

August - Required Workdays assigned by School's SIT
 August 14,15,16,21 – Required Workdays for School Level and System-wide PD
 September 26 – Early Release for Staff Development
 October 31 - Early Release for Staff Development
 February 19 – Required Workday
 May 28 – Required Teacher Workday

Two-hour early release will be in effect for students on last day before winter break and last day of school in May.

2018-2019
PROGRESS REPORT AND REPORT CARD SCHEDULE
TRADITIONAL CALENDAR

High Schools: *(Jack Britt, Douglas Byrd, Cape Fear, Gray's Creek, Massey Hill Classical, Pine Forest, Seventy- First, E.E. Smith, South View, Ramsey Street, Westover)*

4 X 4 Block Schedule

<i>FIRST SEMESTER</i>	
First Day for Students	Monday, August 27, 2018
Progress Reports Go Home	Monday, September 10, 2018
End of 1st Grading Period (Q1)	Friday, September 21, 2018
Report Cards Go Home	Friday, September 28, 2018
Progress Reports Go Home	Monday, October 08, 2018
End of 2nd Grading Period (Q2)	Friday, October 19, 2018
Report Cards Go Home	Friday, October 26, 2018
Progress Reports Go Home	Tuesday, November 06, 2018
End of 3rd Grading Period (Q3)	Tuesday November 20, 2018
Report Cards Go Home	Thursday, November 29, 2018
Progress Reports Go Home	Friday, December 07, 2018
End of 4th Grading Period (Q4)	Friday December 21, 2018
Report Cards Go Home	Thursday, January 10, 2019
<i>SECOND SEMESTER</i>	
Progress Reports Go Home	Thursday January 24, 2019
End of 1st Grading Period (Q5)	Friday, February 08, 2019
Report Cards Go Home	Friday, February 15, 2019
Progress Reports Go Home	Thursday, February 28, 2019
End of 2nd Grading Period (Q6)	Friday, March 15, 2019
Report Cards Go Home	Friday, March 22, 2019
Progress Reports Go Home	Wednesday, April 03, 2019
End of 3rd Grading Period (Q7)	Thursday, April 18, 2019
Report Cards Go Home	Thursday, May 2, 2019
Progress Reports Go Home	Monday, May 13, 2019
End of 4th Grading Period/Last Day for Students (Q8)	Friday, May 24, 2019
Final Report Cards Mailed Home	Monday, June 3, 2019

Ramsey Street High School Dress Code



Black Long Sleeve Polo Style Shirt



Polo Style Shirts



**Cardigan Sweaters Black White or Gold
Khaki Uniform Pants, Belt**



Black or



**Black or Khaki Uniform Skirt and Shorts
Sneakers**



Solid Black or White



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Ramsey Street High School

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support- PBIS

“Turn Up” For Education

Expectations Class/Gym Halls Cafeteria Restrooms Assemblies Bus

Together we keep a positive behavior.	Together we keep our hands and feet to oneself.	Together we stay to the right side of the hallway.	Together we use good manners.	Together we use the bathroom for the intended purpose.	Together we will be attentive and respectful.	Together we will obey bus safety rules.
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Being mindful Under PBIS Expectations.	Under PBIS always keep shirt tucked in and pants pulled up.	Under PBIS walk with a purpose.	Under PBIS keep table cleaned and wait patiently in the line.	Under PBIS only use two paper towels when drying hands.	Under PBIS display courtesy to presenters.	Under PBIS do not eat and drink on the bus.
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Respect yourself, each other, and all staff members.	Respect others in class while they are speaking and learning.	Respectfully address staff and peers.	Respect the areas you eat at and clean after yourself.	Respectfully throw away paper towels when finished.	Respectfully listen to the presenter.	Be respectful and sit in seat, follow directions, and stay in dress code.
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Noticing safety for all.	Notice the safety drills in case of an emergency.	Notice yourself walking on the right side of the hall in a single file line.	Notice yourself with your shirt tucked in and pants on your waist.	Notice yourself washing your hands.	Notice yourself being polite and remaining in dress code.	Notice yourself following bus procedures to being safe.
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Unity in being prepared for school.	Unite and bring class materials.	Unite and quietly walk on the right side of the halls.	Unite and sit with your class and choose healthy foods.	Use unity to keep the bathrooms clean.	Unite and be well behaved for all presenters.	Unite and walk on and off the bus properly.
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Progress in our education.	Progress in our learning and staying focused.	Progress quietly through the halls.	Progressively use good manners.	Progressively keep the bathrooms clean and washing our hands.	Progress to showing appreciation for all.	Progressively following the rules and not distracting the bus driver.
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