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Avoyelles Parish School District Avoyelles Virtual Alternative Program (A.V.A.P) Handbook 2023-2024

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AVAP School Vision

The vision of the Avoyelles Parish School District is to challenge all students to work to their highest potential and encourage student responsibility as they develop intellectually, socially, emotionally and creatively.

AVAP School Mission Statement

The Avoyelles Parish School District leverages three beliefs:
Rigorous academics, high expectations for student behavior, and a strong partnership with families and communities to create a learning environment that develops our students as organized, inquisitive, passionate, respectful lifelong learners.

AVAP School Goals

The goals of the Avoyelles Parish Alternative Program are as follows:

1. Facilitate in developing skills to be successful in a regular school setting.
2. Facilitate in developing skills of self-discipline and taking responsibility for personal actions.
3. Facilitate in maintaining and improving academic skills.
4. Provide a safe, structured, and nurturing environment for learning.
5. Assist students in identifying barriers that inhibit their educational and social development through character education.

Avoyelles Parish School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability in the provision of educational programs and services or employment opportunities and benefits.

Student Dress Code

Shirt: Home school uniform (only white undershirt allowed). Shirt must be tucked into pants at all times. Required school logos on 7-12th grade students.

Pants: Khaki Pants or shorts for high school and middle school students. Navy blue pants or shorts for elementary students. Pants shall be worn waist height at all times. All shorts and pants shall be hemmed. No undergarments are to be visible.

Belts: Must be solid black, white, or brown with an appropriate buckle. Belts shall be at the waist and visible from the back and front at all times.

Shoes: Shoes shall be worn at all times by order of the Health Department. House-shoes, flip-flops, slippers, crocs and swim-shoes are not allowed. Shoes with laces must be laced and tied. Shoes with Velcro must be fastened.

Jackets: Crewneck sweatshirts (without hoods) are allowed with a school logo. Jackets must not fall at or below the knee. (Trench coats are not allowed.)

No hoods are allowed on any garment of any kind.

Headwear: Students are not permitted to wear caps, knit beanies, or hats at AVAP. Students are not allowed to be in possession of caps, hats, bandanas, or skull caps, etc.

Jewelry: No jewelry of any kind is allowed.

Money: Wallets, purses or money will not be allowed.

Other regulations: Students may bring a house key & dr's excuse if necessary but it will be confiscated daily and returned at the end of the day. If the student's dress is deemed inappropriate, offensive, or distracting by the administrator the student shall be required to obtain appropriate clothing before being admitted to class.

GENERAL RULES

Avoyelles Parish Handbook

Students must follow all rules within the Avoyelles Parish handbook, as well as the stricter policy in the AVAP handbook when applicable. <https://www.avoyellespsb.com/apsdhandbook>

Arrival and Search

Students will be searched daily. Metal detectors will be used as well. Any item in a student's possession will be confiscated, recorded, and returned only to a parent or legal guardian.

When greeted, students are to respond with respect, enter the building quietly, and walk with hands behind their backs on the right side in the hallways.

Attendance / Tardies

Any student with excessive absences or tardies will be subject to truant policy. If not in attendance (excused or unexcused), "Good" days will be extended according to the number of days absent. Regular attendance is essential for the student to be successful at AVAP. Each student's attendance is kept by the alternative school and reported to the home school. During the last week of the student's Alternative School Placement, the Home School's principal, dean, counselor and secretary will be notified of the anticipated date of the student's return.

Checking Out

Administration maintains discretion in decisions relative to students checking out of school as related to punitive consequences. Guardians must call ahead when their child is going to be checked out. The person that picks up the child must be on the checkout list given by the guardian during intake AND must present a valid picture ID.

Personal Vehicles

Students will not be allowed to drive personal vehicles to or from the alternative program site.

Breakfast / Lunch / Super Snack

All students are provided with three meals a day.

Absolutely no food or drink of any kind will be allowed from off campus. Students are allotted one meal each. Milk & juice each. *Exceptions will be made for students with documented medical issues turned into AVAP, and this must be cleared by the administrator. No food items are to be brought out of the cafeteria area.

Search and Seizure

Students assigned to AVAP are subject to daily inspection of their person, any possessions, and assigned materials upon arrival to school. This is done in the interest of safeguarding all students, their property, and the school property. Books, equipment, desks or other materials provided by the school remain school property, even though they are utilized by the students. The school retains the right to check, inspect, or search these materials, facilities, or property, at any time to verify their condition, orderliness, cleanliness, and/or content. Students are fully responsible for security and contents of the assigned desk.

SCHOOL/CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

All teachers and students will be treated with dignity and respect.

Students must have their hands behind their backs with their head and eyes straight to the front at all times when standing. Students will walk and stand approximately one arm's length from the student in front of them.

Students must remain on the assigned task at all times and comply with class routines and procedures.

Students will raise their hand to be acknowledged to speak throughout the day. The only time students will be allowed to speak is when permission has been granted by an authority figure.

If a student is called upon to speak, the appropriate response should be either "Sir, Yes Sir, No Sir or Ma'am, Yes Ma'am, No Ma'am" depending on the gender of the staff member being spoken to and the context of the statement.

Students are to remain seated at all times, facing forward, both feet on the floor, back against the chair, unless directed to do otherwise by faculty or staff. Students will remain alert and engaged in the learning process at all times.

Supplies are provided in the classroom, therefore school supplies should **NOT** be brought to school and any supplies given to students should remain in the classroom.

AVAP Point System

2023-24

Student: _____

Teacher: _____

Date: _____

Good Day Assignment: _____

Good Day Total Count: _____

Time	Pts. Lost	Pts. Earned	Reason	Student Initial
7:00-9:00	20 pts - _____			
9:00-11:00	20 pts - _____			
11:00-1:00	20 pts - _____			
1:00-3:00	20 pts - _____			
3:00-5:00	20 pts - _____			
Total		<u>100</u>		

Cell Phones and ALL Other Electronic Devices

Cell phones and all other electronic devices are **NOT** allowed at the alternative program site. If found in possession on the site, the device will be confiscated and the policy below will be strictly enforced.

1st Offense- Confiscate, label phone and document. The Guardian may pick up the phone on Fridays by 2:15 pm.

2nd Offense- Student will no longer be permitted to attend AVAP and will become an AVAP Virtual Student.

Physical Altercation

There is **NO** fighting at AVAP. If a student is found guilty of participating in **OR** instigating a physical altercation, the student or students will immediately become an AVAP Virtual Student.

Students will be held accountable for their behavior on the bus and while awaiting transportation to and from AVAP.

Exit requirements

Students earn the privilege of returning to their zoned school only after successfully completing and meeting all of the following requirements.

The student must:

- a. Have completed the minimum number of days required.
- b. Have received a minimum number of negative behavior reports.
- c. Have satisfactorily completed all work assignments.
- d. Have successfully demonstrated an understanding of the Character Education Program and the positive character traits (BASE).

The number of days assigned may be lengthened by the Alternative School Staff and Committee.

The home campus will be notified of the approximate date of a student's projected return to that campus at least (3) days prior to his/her return to their home campus.

The items listed below are the criteria used to determine if a child can return to their zoned school on probation before the completed assigned number of days are served.

1. Attendance
2. Conduct
3. Academics
4. Dress code
5. Exceeding goals