



YCS George Washington School Student Handbook

INTRODUCTION

The YCS Schools are private schools for students who have had difficulties in other educational programs. Our schools offer a safe, secure and caring academic environment where you can learn at your own pace and up to your potential.

THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Lessons are taught individually or in small groups, geared to your personal grade level in the following subjects:

English
Math
Science
Social Studies
Physical Education/Health
Art
Music

School begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

Students are not permitted to leave the building during the school day. Dismissal for half days is at 1:20 p.m. Delayed opening hours for students 10:15am-3:00pm. ESY Summer school hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MEALS

Breakfast is provided for our day students. Lunch and snack are also provided.

DRESS CODE

Students dress is often determined by the season or the weather. Students should wear appropriate clothing and groom themselves in a way that reflects good taste.

Clothing should not violate the rules of decency, offend the standards of other students, promote unsafe conditions or detract from the educational process. Short skirts and tight clothing are specifically not allowed. Hats, hoods and bandanas may not be worn inside the school building. Hoodies are not permitted. Flip flops are not permitted.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will have physical education two (2) times a week. To guarantee the welfare and safety of each student, proper attire is required for participation. All students shall wear socks and sneakers. Any student not wearing socks and sneakers to school on designated days will be unable to participate.

PORTABLE RADIOS, CD PLAYERS AND TAPE RECORDERS

Students are not permitted to have cameras, radios, cell phones or tape recorders in school.

Students who bring these items to school must relinquish them to their teacher for the school day or put them in designated school area.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Students must assume responsibility for loss or damage of any school or personal property issued to or belonging to them. The school will attempt to protect these properties, but it is not the school's responsibility. Students should not bring expensive items to school since they might be lost or stolen. **MONEY IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.**

CLINICAL PROGRAM

Each student will be assigned a therapist and will have one scheduled half hour sessions per week - 1 individualized counseling session

FIRE DRILL

Fire drills are held at regular intervals throughout the year. These drills are held so that the students and staff will be familiar with procedures should there be a real emergency.

When the fire bell sounds, all classes will leave the building from the assigned exit, walking as quickly and as quietly as possible and will go directly to the assigned area for the class.

THERE SHOULD BE NO TALKING AND NO HESITANCY IN LEAVING THE BUILDING DURING FIRE DRILLS.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

A point system is in place to provide tangible rewards of positive behaviors. You will earn points for doing assigned lessons properly and behaving appropriately. Contingency contracting, special programs, extra privileges, special lunches and an honor roll for behavioral excellence are a few of the many strategies employed to encourage positive behavior. Points can also be spent on items in our school store.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Rules for student behavior at school and in the classroom have been established to protect the right, safety and wellbeing of all students and to further the academic achievement of each student.

Each student attending a YCS school is to:

1. Follow directions, the first time they are given.
2. Behave in a non-aggressive and appropriate manner (keep hands, feet, and objects to self - no fighting).
3. Demonstrate self-respect and respect for others (no student is to tease, threaten, verbally abuse or inappropriately touch another student).
4. Demonstrate respect of his or her own property and the property of others (no stealing, destroying or defacing property).
5. Always be in his or her designated seat or station (no wandering around the classroom, walking in corridors or leaving the school building without supervision).
6. Behave in a non-disruptive manner, (radios, cell phones, gum, candy or money are not to be in a student's possession during the school day; also hats, hoods or bandanas are not to be worn inside the school building).
7. Use the school materials for their intended purpose.
8. Refrain from wearing clothing that is sexually suggestive, displays vulgar language, promotes drug or alcohol use, or promotes violence.
9. Use appropriate language at all times (no cursing).
10. Walk at all times in the hallways (no running).

In addition, it is expected that every student will closely obey the laws enacted by the State of New Jersey. Specifically, no student is to be in possession of controlled substances (drugs), alcoholic beverages or weapons. Furthermore, state law prohibits cigarette smoking in schools.