

Grainger High School



Student Handbook 2021-2022



Welcome to Grainger High School

It is necessary that certain policies and regulations be established to operate a school efficiently and to best meet the needs of the student. The policies and procedures contained in this handbook are designed to help the school run smoothly so that students will have a successful year at Grainger High School. This information has been carefully prepared so that a mutual understanding will be established between the parents, students, and school officials. Our goal is for each student to become an integral part of Grainger High School.

The regulations of Grainger High School are relatively few. The school does not attempt to formulate regulations covering all situations that might arise. Students are considered to have reached an age of responsible citizenship and are expected to conduct themselves appropriately both on and off campus.

Our school buildings will be open from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm unless we have other activities scheduled. We will have faculty members here to supervise your child at these times. If students are dropped off or not picked up during these times the school/and or the system will not be responsible for the student.

We sometimes release "Directory Information" about students such as participation in recognized activities and sports, Degrees, Awards, Honors, and sometimes this information is in the form of pictures used in the newspaper, our website, and our district website. If you do not want this information released, you must contact our office each year as soon as school starts. (No later than Sept. 1)

If you have any questions or problems call or come see us during school hours. If we work together, we will have a great school and an enjoyable time.

GHS Office Staff

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COVID-19 Risk Awareness Disclaimer

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Grainger County Schools ("District") has been exploring different and reasonable ways to provide services to all students. The District has worked with state and local agencies, including our local health department, to draft and implement guidelines moving forward regarding cleaning, screening, etc. Though the District and its agents will work hard to implement and abide by those guidelines, neither the guidelines themselves nor even recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") would ever allow the District to guarantee an environment that is entirely free of COVID-19 related risks.

By allowing your child to return to school, you must understand that your child's attendance will require him/her to physically interact with the District's staff members, other students, and even some limited volunteers. As such, despite all reasonable efforts on behalf of the District, physical interaction with the public at large may pose some unavoidable risks to you, your child, and your family due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the District hopes that everyone remains safe and healthy during this trying time, we also want to remain both honest and transparent with our parents about the very real risks posed by COVID-19 both inside and outside of our schools.

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School Building Property

The school facilities belong to the public, and it is a privilege that we have the school facilities for our youth to use in gaining an education. In the past years, the number one problem in our school has been the problem of caring for public property, such as breaking windowpanes, marking and cutting on desks and seats, and, in certain instances, damaging the electrical and plumbing systems of the school. The school is for the students, and we think there should be much pride in the efforts of the students in caring for school facilities and public property.

Questions or Concerns

All questions or complaints concerning grades, discipline, etc. should be made to the office at 828-5291. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. during regular school days.

Parent Transport and Pickup of Students

Prior to the beginning of the school day and at the conclusion of the school day, all arrivals and pickups must be made at the rear of the school (gym entrance) unless directed otherwise by the school's administration. Between 8:15-3:10, students must come through the front office and sign in/out if tardy. GHS will be open each day at 7:30 for drop-offs and we ask that you not pick up students until 3:10 (end of last class) unless it is an emergency.

Regular Daily Schedule

The school will be in session each school day (8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.). Faculty will be in attendance from 7:45 - 3:15. The school system will not be responsible for students unsupervised on school property before 7:40 or after 3:15.

Breakfast- 7:40 - 8:10

Period 1 - 8:10 - 9:30

2nd Chance Breakfast

Period 2 - 9:44 - 10:25 (Year-Long)

Period 3 - 10:30 - 11:50

Period 4 - 11:55 - 1:45

Lunch Time during Period 4- (30 min)

Period 5 - 1:50 - 3:10

Cafeteria and Lunch Period

Students are allowed 30 minutes to eat lunch. There are four (4) lunch periods. Movement to and from the cafeteria must be orderly. Students must return their trays, containers, and all trash to the proper location after eating. Acceptable noise levels, cleanliness, and table manners are expected in the school cafeteria. Lunch is served during 4th period.

Visitors

All persons visiting Grainger High School must obtain a visitor's pass from the office. School grounds are private when school is in session. Students are not permitted to bring visitors to school.

School Telephone

The office telephone is for school business and may be used by the students in cases of emergency. Parents may call and leave messages for their child on the school phone. Messages will be delivered to the student at the earliest convenience. In case of an emergency, students must request permission to use their cell phones during the school day.

Lockers and Locks

Every student will be assigned a locker and will keep this locker throughout the entire year. The locker is school property and may be checked anytime by school officials. No student may change to another locker without office permission. A lock may be issued to every student at no charge. If the lock is not returned the student must pay \$5.00.

Textbooks

Parents or guardians shall accept full responsibility for the proper care, preservation, return, or replacement of textbooks issued to students.

Care of Valuables

The school cannot be responsible for valuables and other items belonging to students. Students who carry large sums of money or who are careless with their books, coats, or any personal belongings must assume responsibility for the items lost. Please turn in objects found to the principal's office.

Personal Liability

Students in the gymnasium are responsible for their own safety. The gym is used for play-type activities and different types of balls or game equipment could stray toward a student at any time. Also, people running could bump into other students. Stay alert at all times.

Closed Campus

GHS operates a closed campus. Students must stay on the school grounds from the time they arrive, even if the first period has not yet started, until dismissal or until they are picked up by the bus or their parents.

Assemblies and Special School Programs

The students of Grainger High School should always give undivided attention to the assembly program and respect to the speaker. There should be no talking when anyone is standing in front of the group.

Fire Drills

The signal for fire will be the standard fire alarm. Students will walk out of the building to their designated exit at a steady pace. No running is allowed.

Severe Weather

In case of severe weather, snow, ice, sleet, etc., the official announcement for school closing can be heard over the radio and television stations or can be received through the Grainger County School's Call Home and Text Program.

Medication Policy

All medications, both prescription and/or over the counter, must be delivered to the principal's office by the student's parent/guardian in the original container. Any alternate means of medication delivery requires prior notification, by the student's parent/guardian, for approval by the principal. All medication that is not picked up at the end of the school year will be destroyed.

Plagiarism Policy

Students who plagiarize any work, who cheat on or copy work, or who allow others to copy any assignment will receive a zero on that assignment. Cheating/Copying/Plagiarism is defined as taking the intellectual property of another and claiming it as personal thoughts/work without properly documenting the source/crediting the person who did the actual work.

Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of Grainger County School System not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, or disability in its educational programs or activities.

Counseling Department

Counseling services are available for every student. These services include assistance with educational planning, interpretation of test scores, occupational/career information, study helps, help with home, school, and/or social concerns, or any question students would like to discuss with a counselor. Any student who wishes to visit a counselor must make an appointment before school or between classes.

Schedule Changes

Any changes in schedules must be made in the first week of the semester. The semester begins when the school's faculty returns to work. After the first week of school, all schedule changes must be faculty-initiated.

Withdrawals and Transfers

The school counseling office must be notified prior to any withdrawal or transfer. All books must be returned, and all fees must be paid before credits are transferred to another school or entity.

Classification of Students

The grade level of a student is determined by the number of credits earned each year. A student must have earned the following credits in order to move to the next grade level: Sophomore-four (4); Junior-twelve (12); Senior-twenty (20).

Grading System

Grainger High School uses a number scale for all grades. Any student who has an average of 85 and has no more than two (2) absences each semester will be excused from semester exams.

Grading Scale

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| 93 - 100 | A |
| 85 - 92 | B |
| 75 - 84 | C |
| 70 - 74 | D |
| Below 70 | F |

Graduation Requirements

1. Achieve 28 Total Credits (22 specifically required by Tennessee Diploma Project)
2. Take all required EOC exams
3. Have a Satisfactory record of attendance and conduct
4. Take the ACT test
5. Complete a United States Civics test.

Math: 4 credits, including Algebra I, II, Geometry and a fourth higher level math course (Students must be enrolled in a mathematics course each school year.)

English: 4 credits

Science: 3 credits, including Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a third lab course

Social Studies: 3 credits, including U.S. History and Geography, World History and Geography, U.S. Government and Civics, and Economics

Physical Education and Wellness: 1.5 credits

Personal Finance: 0.5 credits

Foreign Language: 2 credits (May be waived by the local school district for students, under certain circumstances, to expand and enhance the elective focus)

Fine Arts: 1 credit (may be waived by the local school district for students, under certain circumstances, to expand and enhance the elective focus)

Elective Focus: Must have a minimum of 3 credits in one area: Math and Science, Career and Technical Education, Fine Arts, JROTC, or Humanities.

Athletics

Grainger High School is a member of Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association in the following sports: football, golf, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, cross country, track, and cheerleading. Students participating in any sport are under the direct supervision of the coach of that sport. In addition to policies of this handbook, athletes are subject to any other rules of conduct and training as instituted by the coach.

To participate in a sport, the student must:

1. Have passed at least six (6) whole unit subjects per year
2. Presently be taking four (4) complete subjects per semester
3. Come under the proper age limit as set by TSSAA
4. Pass a physical examination as given by a doctor
5. Have insurance as specified by the school

Transportation will be furnished to away games if a licensed bus driver and bus can be secured. Students who ride the bus to games must return on the bus unless parents request either by phone or in person. No athlete or cheerleader will be allowed to dress out for a game if he or she is absent from school the day of the game unless there is a doctor's excuse or death in the family, with evidence being given to the office.

Cars and Student Driving

1. To drive a car on the Grainger High Campus, a student must have a driver's permission form on file in the office and a parking pass hanging in his/her car (Cost is \$10.00).
2. The office reserves the right to revoke any driver passes given to a student if he/she fails to follow safe driving practices on school property or is habitually tardy or absent without just reason.
3. Grainger County Schools does not assume the responsibility of any student being brought to or taken from school in a private vehicle.
4. Traffic and highway safety standards and regulations are automatically the policy in dealing with traffic control at school.
5. Students driving on campus must park in the area designated for students and not be around their vehicle until the end of the school day.
6. Students transporting other students to or from school without permission from the office will lose their driving permit.

Driver's License

In order to obtain a driver's license or permit, a person under the age of eighteen (18) must present a diploma or other certificate of graduation, issued from a secondary high school, attendance documentation that the person is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a GED certificate, or enrolled in a secondary school of Tennessee and making satisfactory progress. Enrolled and making satisfactory progress defined as: passing 3 classes per semester, absent less than 15 days per semester, and/or at no time missing 10 consecutive school days. Students in violation of this law will not be issued their license and if they already have their license, it will be revoked. TCA 49-6-3017

Requests for Certificates of Attendance should be made before 1st period and may be picked up after lunch the same day. After having withdrawn from school for the first time, the student may not be considered in compliance and will not be issued a certificate until the student has completed at least thirty (30) days of attendance in school without any absences or attains the age of eighteen (18) years of age. For the second or subsequent withdrawals, a student shall not be issued a certificate.

State Laws Pertinent to Student Behavior

These laws were passed by the Tennessee legislation and went into effect when passed. Section 49-1309, Tennessee Code Annotated Suspension of Pupils by Principals.

A. Any principal or principal-teacher of any public school in this state is authorized to suspend a pupil from attendance at school, including its sponsored activities, or from riding a school bus, for good and sufficient reasons. Good and sufficient reasons for such suspensions may include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Willful and persistent violations of the rules of the school or truancy, (2) Immoral or disreputable conduct or vulgar or profane language, (3) Violence or threatened violence against the person or any personnel attending or assigned to any public school, (4) Willful or malicious damage to real or personal property of said school, (5) Inciting, advising or counseling of others to engage in any of the acts herein or discipline in any public school, (6) Any other conduct prejudicial to good order or discipline in a public school, (7) Marking, defacing or destroying school property, (8) Possession of a pistol, gun, or firearms on school property, (9) Possession of a knife, etc., as defined in Section 39-4901 Tennessee Code Annotated, on school property, (10) Assaulting a principal or teacher with vulgar, obscene or threatening language, (11) Unlawful use of barbitol or legend drugs, as defined in Section 52-1202, Tennessee Code Annotated.

School Web Page

Visit our School Web Page, <http://www.grainger.k12.tn.us/ghs/>, for links to educational activities, School Calendar, Pictures, Information on activities, Sports Schedules, etc. If you don't want your child on this page, please contact our office at 865-828-5291. For information on all Grainger County Schools, visit <http://www.grainger.k12.tn.us/>.

Compulsory Attendance

Compulsory attendance of all students between the ages of 6 and 18 shall be enforced in compliance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. This means that a child must attend school until his/her eighteenth birthday unless he/she has received a diploma or other certificate of completion from high school or is enrolled in a course of instruction leading to a GED. A student's excessive absences may result in the referral of the student and the student's parents to the Sheriff and Grainger County Juvenile Courts.

It is the duty of the principal or teacher of every public, private or parochial school to report promptly to the Director of Schools the names of all children who have withdrawn from school, or who have been absent five (5) days without adequate excuse. The Director of Schools shall provide written notice to the parent, guardian or other person in Tennessee in parental relation to such children who are unlawfully absent from school. A new notice shall be sent after each successive accumulation of five (5) unexcused absences.

Grainger County Schools has a Progressive Truancy Intervention Plan, which is a 3-Tiered Plan of Intervention designed to improve student attendance. For more information, see Grainger County School Board Policy 6.200 or call 865-828-3611.

Attendance Policies

All students enrolled in Grainger County Schools must reside in Grainger County. Any student who moves to or resides in another county or state shall lose the right to attend schools in Grainger County. When school is missed, GHS requests that all excuses be turned in before 1st period. If a student is absent from school for any reason it is their responsibility to do any makeup work in the classes missed. When a student is absent from school it is their duty to see their teacher ASAP and do any makeup for the work missed. If they need help, they should ask a student in that class for help or see the teacher before school (7:45-8:10). We also have help sessions after school from 3:15-5:00 on scheduled days (TBD).

Students who quit attending school can lose their driver's license, their Social Security benefits (at 18), and usually have a harder time finding work without a high school diploma.

Bus Policy

The Grainger County Board of Education has the discretion to furnish transportation service to students of the local community. The students have the privilege of riding a school bus to and from school, provided the students conduct themselves within the rules and regulations as defined by the State Board of Education. The school bus driver is responsible for the safety and discipline of the students while transporting them to and from school. If students do not conduct themselves in the proper manner while riding a school bus, the only action a bus driver or principal can take in such cases is to have the student furnish his/her own transportation.

Bus drivers command the same authority on the buses as do your parents while you are at home or your teachers while you are at school. The school bus driver may assign seats, set their own rules, and determine codes of conduct that must be followed by all bus riders. Pupils will not be let off the bus except at home or school. If parents wish otherwise, they must send a note to the principal to be signed. Only students and employees of the Grainger County Board of Education are allowed to board the bus.

Any Questions, Complaints, or the reporting of any Safety Issues involving a Grainger County School Bus can be reported by calling 865-828-3611.

Grainger County School System Grievance Procedure

The Grainger County School System will comply with the grievance procedure as set forth under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title XI or the Education Amendments of 1972, Title II of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

A grievance must be filed with the school principal within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of the alleged violation. A copy of all grievance procedures is posted in all school offices and may be obtained upon request.

School-Wide Rules

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready

It is our philosophy that school is a place where teachers have a right to teach and students have a right to learn. To assist with putting this philosophy into action, we have adopted a **School-Wide Office Referral Plan and an Infraction Points System** to guide student behavior and to assist teachers in limit-setting and rewards. Each teacher can have his/her own classroom rules posted in his/her room. Any action which is deemed a violation of school rules will have the following consequences as determined by the administration of GHS. The administration maintains the right to impose suitable procedures based on the activity, action, or disturbance, deemed as being disruptive to the school environment. **All Disciplinary Action is at the discretion of the School Administrators.** *All students shall be afforded the procedural safeguards of the laws that apply to their attendance at school and shall be afforded due process in all circumstances.*

Level I (10 points infractions)

Level I infractions are improper use of hall pass, violation of parking and driving regulations (results in revocation of driving permit), violation of safety rules, distribution of materials unauthorized by the administration, locker misuse/failure to stay in assigned lockers, and chewing gum within the school building.

Level II (20-point infractions)

Level II infractions are violations of classroom rules, the use of obscene/profane language and/or gestures/materials, gambling, the use of electronic devices (cell phone, radios, tape/CD/MP3 players, pagers, iPods, TV remotes, and gaming systems), failure to do discipline assignment for classroom discipline and/or level 1 detention, the willful destruction of property or any other misdemeanor, failure to sign in when tardy or sign out when leaving school early, being in an unauthorized area of the building or grounds, violation of the tardy limit (Tardy to class, tardy to school, and signing out of school), dress code violations, relationship violations, and the disrespect, insubordination, or lying to a teacher or a member of the staff.

Level III (40-point infractions)

Level III infractions are threatening, bullying, intimidating, harassing, blackmailing, hazing, or extorting any person, falsification of a parental permission, doctor excuse, or school record (forgery), violation of the tobacco policy (student referred to Juvenile Court), violation of the Internet Acceptable Use Policy, an illegal walkout from a class or building, any acts of disobedience/misbehavior in schools, school trips, or athletic functions, acts of discrimination, and deliberate failure to attend classes after reporting to school.

Level IV (75 points infractions)

Level IV infractions are fighting (student referred to Juvenile Court and 1 day suspension), gross immorality and/or sexual harassment (student may be referred to court), falsely pulling a fire alarm (student referred to Juvenile Court), leaving school grounds without authorization, language or profanity toward a teacher or staff member, and possession of any form of pornography (will be turned over to SRO).

After School Detention

Any student assigned to After School Detention is required to bring class assignments to complete during this time. Failure to do so will result in additional points assigned to student.

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| 20 + points | 1 hour after school | 40 + points | 2 hours after school |
| 60 + points | 3 hours after school | 75 + points | 4 hours after school |
| 100 points | Students will be assigned to Alternative School for 8-45 days. | | |

Points are accrued for the entire school year and not each semester.

Students who return from Alternative School and receive additional infractions will be subject to return to Alternative School for 20-45 days. Students assigned to Alternative School for the third time will be required to finish the semester or a minimum of 45 days. The administrator will assign a punishment depending on the point value of the infraction or upon the accumulation of points from previous infractions.

Temporary Suspension of Students

All suspensions will be sent in writing on the day of occurrence to the Director of Schools with a copy being sent to the student's parents. The written notification shall contain the reason for the suspension and the exact day on which the student should return to school or can again ride the bus. Students with disabilities identified by IDEA and/or Section 504 will be disciplined in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines.

Code of Interpersonal Conduct

Students at Grainger High School are encouraged to make friends and establish long lasting relationships; however, undue displays of affection are discouraged. Hugging and kissing among students will not be permitted on school property during school hours.

Standards for Dress and Grooming

Student dress should be such that it ensures a natural environment conducive to learning that protects the educational process. We always encourage our students to dress appropriately and wear clothing that is not disruptive to the school operation or educational process. Students who have a question about the appropriateness of their clothing should consult a building administrator. Student dress should not interfere with classroom procedures or draw undue attention to the individual. With these principles in mind, the following guidelines are in effect during instructional hours:

- Trench coats are not allowed.
- Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent manner will not be permitted. TCA 49-6-40 Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist and be sized appropriately.
- Facial piercing is limited to the ears and the piercing must be no larger than that required by a standard earring. Tongue piercing is not permitted.
- See through clothing and cut-outs are not permitted.
- Head coverings, including hats, scarves, sweat bands, stockings, etc. are not permitted.
- Students are not allowed to wear industrial or pet chains/collars around the neck, wrist, waist, or be attached to wallets.
- Clothing and Accessories that display the names or advertisements of drug, alcohol, or tobacco products, profane, vulgar, violent, illegal, immoral, or hate messages, or sexual innuendo is prohibited.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Students are not allowed to wear, carry, or display gang paraphernalia or items associated with gangs. Attire cannot be modified (i.e. rolling up pant leg) to display gang affiliation.
- Sunglasses cannot be worn or be visible during the school day.
- Spirit Week outfits worn to attend class must meet all dress code requirements.
- Sleeveless and off the shoulder shirts, sweaters, dress tops are not allowed.
- Shirts or any top worn outside the waistband must be of a sufficient length that no flesh is exposed when the student fully extends one arm above the head.
- All skirts, dresses, jumpers, and shorts must reach below mid-thigh or longer. (Pajamas or other lounge wear is not permitted.)
- Holes, rips, and tears are not permitted above mid-thigh.

It is the discretion of the administration and/or faculty as to what is appropriate for the learning environment. This includes whether garments are inappropriately tight or revealing. Violation of the standards will result in a referral, and parents may be requested to bring appropriate clothing. If not possible, students may be isolated and/or given one (1) day of suspension. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action.

Harassment Policy

The Grainger County Board of Education is committed to safeguarding the rights of all students and employees within the school system to learn and work in an environment that is free from all forms of harassment. The school system prohibits any form of sexual harassment or harassment based on age, religion, disability, or race/national origin.

Knives/Box Cutters, etc.

Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use knives in school buildings or on school grounds, or on any grounds used for school purposes at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at a school sponsored activity, function or event.

1st Offense: Knife will be confiscated and held by Principal until parent meeting at which point the knife will be returned to the parent.

2nd Offense: Knife will be confiscated by Principal and held for the remainder of the school year. Student will also be placed in Alternative School for an 8-45 Day placement.

3rd Offense & Subsequent Offenses: Knife confiscated and turned over to law enforcement. Student will also be placed in Alternative School for a minimum Placement of at least 1 Semester. Pursuant to state law, possession of a razor, bowie knife, hawk bill knife, switchblade knife, or a knife with a blade of over 5 inches measured from the hilt shall be turned over to law enforcement for prosecution.

"Reasoned" Judgement Offenses

State law and the Grainger County Board of Education have identified offenses that, depending on the individual circumstances, may warrant "reasoned" judgement by the Principal in assigning punishment. These offenses may result in a suspension ranging from 1 day to 1 calendar year based upon the circumstances and other factors in each case. State law allows the Principal to use "reasoned" judgment when determining the punishment for the possession, use, handling, and/or transmission of items that may be classified as a weapon other than a firearm. The definition of a weapon is broad since any object could be used to inflict harm or injury to another falls into this category. In determining punishment, the Principal shall consider the object determined to be the weapon, the circumstances surrounding the incident, and the actions of the student charged with a weapons offense.

Zero Tolerance Policy

In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment free of drugs, violence, and dangerous weapons, any student who is found to have violated this policy shall be subject to expulsion from all Grainger County Schools for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The Director of Schools shall have the authority to modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. For the purpose of this policy, the term "*Expulsion*" shall mean the removal of a student for a designated time from all Grainger County Schools. This policy shall include any student while on a school bus, on school property, or while attending any school event or activity. Zero Tolerance acts are as follows:

1. A student under the influence of, or in possession of, an illegal or controlled drug.
2. A student who brings or possesses a firearm or dangerous weapon.
3. A student committing assault on a teacher or other employee of the school.
4. A student who transmits by an electronic device any communication containing a credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student or school employee and the transmission of such threat creates actual disruptive activity at the school that requires administrative intervention.

Alcohol Policy

A student shall not possess, distribute, consume, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored activity at any time, whether on or off school grounds, or while representing the school in any capacity.

First Offense: *Assignment to the Grainger County Alternative School for a 45 to 90 day placement. (Student referred to Juvenile court).*

Second Offense: *The student will be subject to expulsion from the school system for a minimum of one (1) calendar year from the date of infraction.*

Additional details concerning Grainger County's Alcohol Use policy can be found in the school's main office in the School Board's Policy Manual Policy 6.3072.

Smoking, Tobacco Products, and Vaping Products

Students shall not use or possess tobacco products, electronic/vapor cigarettes, and any associated paraphernalia in any form on school premises or on school buses. To "use" shall mean any holding of a cigarette, cigar, pipe, electronic/vapor cigarette, or any other paraphernalia used for smoking, chewing, or dipping of any tobacco product. "School Hours" shall mean the time between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. "School Bus Hours" shall begin with the first pick-up in the morning and end with the last bus drop-off in the afternoon. Law enforcement officials or the principal will issue a Juvenile Court citation for students who unlawfully possess tobacco products.

Cellular Phones/Electronic Devices Policy

Students may possess personal communication devices and personal electronic devices so long as such devices are turned off and stored in backpacks, purses, or a personal carry-all. All devices must be out of sight and completely turned off during the regular academic school day. However, a teacher may grant permission for the use of these devices to assist with instruction in his/her classroom, and teachers are encouraged to integrate the devices into their course work. The principal or his/her designee may also grant a student permission to use such a device at his/her discretion.

Any student choosing to violate this policy will be issued an office referral and the device will be taken up for ten (10) days. Each subsequent violation will add an additional ten (10) days of confiscation to the previous offense. A parent/guardian (only) must pick up the cell phone/electronic device during regular school hours Students violating this policy will also be punished under the Office Referral Policy.

The administration of any Grainger County school has the right to view a student's cell phone/electronic device if a staff member has reasonable suspicion that there is a problem as the result of the student's cell phone/electronic device. Cell phones/electronic devices may be searched for inappropriate messages, pictures, etc. If any inappropriate material is found on the student's cell phone/electronic device, it will be turned over to the Grainger County Sheriff's Department for further investigation, and the student will be punished at the principal's discretion. Students who bring cell phones/electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. Grainger County Schools and its employees are NOT responsible for any damaged, missing, or stolen cell phones/electronic devices. School staff will not utilize administrative/academic time to investigate the incident nor will Grainger County Schools take any financial responsibility for the cell phone/electronic device or any charges that may incur for the device.

Child Find

The Grainger County Board of Education provides special education and related services and special accommodations to all children with disabilities between the ages of three (3) and twenty-two (22) as part of the requirement to provide such children with a free, appropriate public education. Anyone who knows of a child who may qualify for and is not now receiving these services is asked to call Lisa Setsor, Special Education Supervisor and 504 Coordinator, at 865-828-3611 or write: Grainger County Board of Education, P. O. Box 38, Rutledge, TN 37861.

Parents "Right-to-Know"

Parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and any paraprofessional providing support to their child or children. A school must also give timely notice if a student has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified. Parents may request this information from the principal of the school or it may be accessed via the Internet by going to the web site: <https://tdoe.tncompass.org/Public/Search>.

Parents shall receive written notification if their child should become the victim of a violent crime at school. He/she will have the right to transfer to another school within the school district. At such time that any school within Grainger County School System was to be placed in school improvement, parents will be notified and informed of their right about school choice and supplemental services which may be afforded the children who attend that school.

Testing Programs

State-mandated student testing programs shall be undertaken in accordance with procedures published by the State Department of Education. ***Student scores on the TN READY (EOC) examinations shall comprise fifteen (15%) percent of the student's FINAL GRADE in the semester in which they are taking a subject with an EOC examination. If any changes are made concerning Tests and/or Testing Dates by the Tennessee Department of Education, we will notify students and the community on the school's website.*** No later than July 31 of each year, the Board shall publish on its website information related to state and board mandated tests that will be administered during the school year.

Student Equal Access (Limited Public Forum)

Student Meetings

Schools may allow students to form clubs or groups that meet before, during, and/or after the school day. Requests to form such clubs or groups shall not be denied based upon the religious nature or beliefs of proposed club or group. If permitted based on content-neutral criteria, school administrators shall ensure that all clubs and groups have the same abilities to access facilities and advertise their meetings as other student clubs or groups.

No funds shall be expended by the school for any such meeting beyond the incidental costs associated with providing meeting space. Groups meeting under this policy may be required to pay a reasonable fee for compensating school personnel in the supervision of the activity.

No student may be compelled to attend or participate in a meeting under this policy. A student or a group of students who wish to conduct a meeting under this policy must file an application with the principal at least three days prior to the proposed date.

The principal shall approve the meeting if he/she determines that:

1. The meeting is voluntary and student initiated.
2. There is no sponsorship of the meeting or its content by the school, the Board, or its employees.
3. The meeting will not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the school's educational activities or conflict with other previously scheduled meetings.
4. Employees of the district are to be present in a non-participatory monitoring capacity. however, no employee shall be required to attend in this capacity if the content of the meeting is contrary to the beliefs of the employee.
5. Non-school persons will not direct, control, or regularly attend.

School Sponsored Events

If the Board or a school principal authorizes an event at which a student is to speak, a limited public forum shall be established for such student speakers. The appropriate administrators shall ensure that:

1. The forum is provided in a manner that does not discriminate against a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, on an otherwise permissible subject.
2. There is an appropriate method of selecting student speakers which is based on neutral criteria.
3. Student speakers do not engage in speech that is obscene, vulgar, offensively lewd, indecent, or promotes illegal drug use.
4. To the extent possible and practical, prior to events in which students will speak, notice shall be provided orally and/or in writing that the student's speech does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the Board and its employees.

GRAINGER COUNTY 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Type of Day Dates

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|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Inservice Days | August 2, 2021 | August 3, 2021 | January 17, 2022 | February 21, 2022 |
| Administrative Days | August 6, 2021 | May 25, 2022 | | |
| Staff Development | September 7, 2021 | October 18, 2021 | January 3, 2022 | |
| Holiday/Other Closings | Sept. 3-6, 2021 | Oct. 11-15, 2021 | Nov. 24-26, 2021 | Dec. 20-31, 2021 |
| Holiday/Other Closings | March 21-25, 2022 | April 15-18, 2022 | May 3, 2022 | |
| Parent/Teacher Conferences | October 21, 2021 | March 17, 2022 | | |

Progress Reporting Periods

- 1st - August 4 – September 2
- September 10 - Mid-term Reports sent home
- 2nd - October 4 – November 12
- November 19 - Mid-term Reports sent home
- 3rd - January 4 – February 4
- February 11 - Mid-term Reports sent home
- 4th - March 7 – April 14
- April 22 - Mid-term Reports sent home

Nine Weeks Reporting Periods

- 1st - August 4 – October 1
- October 8 – Report Cards sent home
- 2nd - October 4 – December 17
- January 7 - Report Cards sent home
- 3rd - January 4 – March 4
- March 11 - Report Cards sent home
- 4th - March 7 – May 26
- May 26 - Report Cards sent home

ACT Saturday Testing Dates

- September 11, 2021
- October 23, 2021
- December 11, 2021
- February 5, 2022
- April 9, 2022
- June 11, 2022

Inservice Days = 6 Hours

Administrative Days = 7 Hours (All Staff)

Staff Development Days = 7.5 hours (All Staff)

**In the event that weather forces the closings beyond the allotted days, days will be rescheduled.*

| AUGUST | | | | | | | SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | | | | | DECEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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No school for students on blue, purple, orange, or green days.

- August 4 – First day of school (½ day)
- August 6 – Administrative Day
- September 3-6 – Labor Day Break
- September 7 - Staff Development
- October 11-15 – Fall Break
- October 18 – Staff Development
- October 21 – Parent/Teacher Conference (3:30-6:30)
- School will Dismiss at 2:00.
- November 24-26 – Holidays
- December 17 – ½ Day
- December 20-31 – Holidays

- January 3 – Staff Development
- January 17 – Inservice
- February 21 – Inservice
- March 17 – Parent/Teacher Conference (3:30-6:30)
- School will Dismiss at 2:00.
- March 21-25 – Spring Break
- April 15-18 – Holidays
- May 3 – Election Day
- May 25 – Administrative day
- May 26 – Last Day of School (½ day)
- 2 PALS (3 Hours) @ each school Dates TBD