

Taylor Accelerated School

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT 2019-2020

The Attendance Policies, Dress Code, Discipline Matrix and Code of Conduct for students of Taylor Accelerated School (TAS) are the same as the students' home school. Except as noted.

Requirements

All students, and parents or guardians of students attending the Taylor Accelerated School, must meet with the school administration and sign a Contract for Success, before attending school.

Students may be assigned to TAS as a result of underperformance in maintaining academic progress in the student's original school. Placement is based on decisions of school administrators, guidance counselors and Exceptional Student Educators (as appropriate). Students and parents are expected and encouraged to be actively involved in the academic planning. Once a student has completed coursework that places them current with their peer age group, the student is able to return to their original school. Students receiving educational services at TAS are encouraged to participate in all appropriate academic and extra-curricular programs offered in the Taylor County School District.

Students may also be placed at TAS as a result of discipline referrals, if the student's currently assigned school has exhausted its means to correct the inappropriate behavior. Each student that attends TAS as a result of a discipline infraction will be required to complete the day's assignments from the referring school and will remain assigned to TAS until the required and subsequent classwork is completed. Students that receive discipline referrals that would result in out of school suspensions may complete their suspension at TAS. Students that complete their suspension at TAS are entitled to scores commensurate with their assignments completion. Failure to successfully complete assignments will result in the suspension being served off campus in Out of School Suspension (OSS) at home.

While every effort is extended to have students serve Discipline Referrals at TAS, circumstances may arise where it is in the best interest of school order to begin immediate suspension of the student off campus.

Rules and Regulations

A student is expected to be at school and in class on time and prepared to learn every day. A student is considered tardy to class if they are not in class when the bell rings and absent from class if the student misses more than 15 minutes of instruction from a class.

NO STUDENT ASSIGNED TO TAS AS A RESULT OF DISCIPLINE REFERALLS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO DRIVE TO SCHOOL, UNLESS THE STUDENT ATTENDS BBTC AND DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION IS NOT AVAILABLE. ALL STUDENTS SHALL RIDE A DISTRICT SCHOOL BUS OR BE DROPPED OFF/PICKED UP BY THE STUDENTS PARENT.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

1. Cell phones cannot be possessed or used at the Taylor Accelerated School. Cells phones will be collected upon arrival and returned at the end of the school day. **If a student is caught with a cell phone in their possession during the school day, the TAS Discipline matrix will be followed and the cellular device will be confiscated and will have to be picked up by a parent or guardian. Hiding a cell phone or not turning over a cell phone to TAS administration will be considered "providing false information to a school board employee" and will be a Level 2 referral and will result in 3 days of Out of School Suspension on the first offense.**
2. Student may use wireless communication or electronic devices after they are dismissed and leave campus, or during school approved Celebrations or "Bonus Time".
3. **The School Board is not responsible under any circumstances for the loss, destruction, damage**

and/or theft of wireless communication or electronic devices or any communication bill associated with the authorized or unauthorized use of the wireless communication devices. You are responsible for locating any lost or stolen items.

The misuse of a wireless communication or electronic device may result in the imposition of disciplinary action by the school and/or criminal penalties if the device is used in a criminal act.

Food Delivery

No food can be delivered to TAS for students unless it is earned and prior approval is given by TAS Administration.

Profanity

There will be no form of profanity. Profanity is the use of profane or obscene language; Vulgar comments including written notes (student to student)

Security

A School Resource Officer (SRO) will be available to schools at all times through the local law enforcement agency. The school may also be secured with cameras in and outside the classrooms as well as on school buses.

For safety reasons, no wandering in classrooms or around the campus will be allowed. Students will remain in their assigned area and in their seats. Examples of violations are, but not limited to:

Unauthorized Area/Activities

1. Halls without a pass
2. Leaving campus without permission. Campus is defined by inside the secure area of the school (the parking lot is considered off campus)
3. Teacher's lounge/resource center
4. Restrooms without a pass
5. Computer without permission (looking at and/or downloading programs)
6. Teachers computers
7. Any unsupervised area of the campus without permission.

Search and Seizure

The school administration has the right to "wand" students, search lockers, desks, book bags, cars, and other storage facilities. Random searches may occur at any time there is reasonable suspicion of illegal activity. Searches will be done with at least one adult witness. **Students may be searched upon entrance to the school.** There will not be a strip search.

Jackets/coats/sweaters/shoes will be removed and searched and pockets will be emptied. Shoes and socks may also be removed and searched. Students are held accountable for whatever is found in their possession or in their property. K-9 units may be involved in searches without the presence of students in the room. Students are not allowed to have weapons, alcohol, tobacco products, lighters, drugs/drug paraphernalia, beepers, radios/Walkman, headphone sets, toys, etc. Items that are found which are prohibited by the School Board Code of Conduct will be confiscated. Students who are found with weapons or controlled substances shall be arrested and/or subject to expulsion from school. If a student refuses to cooperate with the search and seizure procedures, the student will be arrested for disruption of school function and a discipline referral will be generated for a major offense.

Student Performance and Effort Students who attend the Taylor Accelerated School are expected to attend school and apply themselves academically. If a student is refusing to perform or refusing to work at his/her scheduled pace, a Parent Conference will be scheduled and a possible change of academic setting will be recommended.

Taylor County School District (TAS)

DRESS CODE

DRESS CODE AND GROOMING

A student's apparel and grooming shall be the responsibility of the individual student and his or her Parents/guardians. Each student is expected to dress appropriately in such a manner that is respectful to self and others. Dress and grooming shall be clean, healthy and safe, and shall not be permitted to disrupt the teaching and learning environment. Items that when worn together are usually indicative of gang memberships or apparel that contains a message that is obscene or promotes illegal activities, drugs, discrimination, alcohol, or tobacco products shall not be permitted on school grounds or at school sponsored functions.

Taylor County schools is designed to promote safety and good hygiene as well as allow students the convenience of dressing comfortably while at school. Encouraging students to dress appropriately for school will prepare them to be productive members of society.

This is not an all-inclusive list. Administrative discretion will apply in some cases.

Dress Code:

NO BOOK BAGS or BOOK "TRAPPERS" WILL BE ALLOWED. Small purses, 5" x 8", will be allowed. A spiral notebook and a pencil or pen is permissible.

ACCESSORIES

1. Hair should be neat and well-groomed and without foreign objects such as, hair combs and hair picks, or other items that could be used as or used to hide weapons or drug paraphernalia.
2. No facial jewelry except eyeglasses. (Example: no lip, tongue, nose, or eyebrow jewelry.)
3. No dental grills, unless surgically attached by a dentist.

Shoes: Shoes must be worn at all times and conform to the safety requirements of any activity in which the student will take part. Open-toed and backless slides are acceptable if they are sturdy and fit securely. Bedroom shoes or slippers are not permitted.

Accessories and Jewelry: Accessories and jewelry must not be sexually suggestive or feature crude or vulgar commercial lettering, printing, or drawings which would be offensive or insensitive. They may not depict drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or be indicative of gang membership. Accessories and jewelry must not be capable of causing physical harm (nose; lip; eyebrow; tongue rings are not permitted).

Hats and Sunglasses: Both male and female head coverings and sunglasses are not permitted. This includes but is not limited to hats, beanies, hoods, bandanas, do-rags and caps worn during the school day. (During outside school activities, hats and sunglasses are permitted for sun protection).

***Any hat, sunglasses, beanie, hood, bandana, do-rag or cap will be confiscated if worn on campus and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.**

***Any item worn or displayed that causes a disruption will not be permitted.**

Females:

1. Shorts, Skirts, Skorts and Dresses: Clothing should be at least as long as the middle finger with arms extended by the side, this also includes slits and holes. Dresses and skirts should be loose fitting.

a. No BodyCon, formfitting or body hugging dresses are allowed.

b. Dresses must be no higher than 2 inches above the knee

c. Or Dresses/tops can be worn with leggings but the top **MUST** come to the middle finger with arms extended by the side.

2. Shirts: Shirts, tops, jackets, dresses or blouses should cover all aspects of the bosom, chest, back, shoulder, and sides.

a. Cleavage should not be visible.

b. Crop tops, tank tops, tube tops, halters, or spaghetti straps are not permitted as a primary top.

c. Sheer materials, extremely tight clothing, beachwear, sleepwear/pajamas/bedroom clothes are not permitted.

d. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.

3. Pants should fit appropriately, without sagging, and hide all undergarments (e.g. underwear, boxers, and shorts). Any pants with holes or slits should come no higher than the middle finger with arms extended by the side. No yoga pants/tights/form fitting pants are allowed unless the top (shirt) is at least as long as the middle finger with arms extended by the side. Yoga pants/ tights/form fitting pants should not be see-through or sheer.

MALE:

1. Pants

a. Shirts will be tucked in the pants and a belt will be worn, keeping the pants above the hips.

b. Any pants with holes or slits that are higher than 2 inches from the knee (when standing) will be allowed as long as no skin is visible through the hole or slit.

2. Shorts: shorts should be at least as long as the middle finger with arms extended by the side, this also includes holes.

3. Shirts: Shirts, tops, jackets, should cover all aspects of the chest, back and sides.

a. Tank tops are not permitted as a primary top.

b. Sheer materials, extremely tight clothing, beachwear, sleepwear/pajamas/bedroom clothes are not permitted.

***See special disciplinary actions below.** Exceptions may be made by administration for special school activities or if the student is a member of a legally recognized religious organization requiring head covering or if there is a legitimate medical necessity.

*Any administrator or designee shall make the determination concerning questions regarding the appropriateness of dress for school and for school sponsored functions.

Any student wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change clothes. If no other clothing is available, parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothing and the discipline matrix will be followed. If a parent cannot bring appropriate clothing the student will sit in isolation for the remainder of the day to do their work and the discipline matrix will be followed.

Discipline for Failure to Follow the Dress Code Policy SB 228- Code of Student Conduct amends F.S. 1006.07 to include disciplinary action to any student who violates the dress code policy.

Substance Abuse

Maintaining a drug free/non-violent environment is one of the main goals of this school. TAS staff believes that a student that feels safe and has a clear mind has a good chance of succeeding. The use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrongful and harmful. No open containers will be brought into the school for later consumption.

TAYLOR ACCELERATED SCHOOL
 BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES
 CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE AND STEPS

The TAS Discipline Plan groups violations into four levels--minor, intermediate, major, and severe. Each classification is followed by a disciplinary procedure which is to be implemented by the faculty, staff, and administration. The offenses listed are not all inclusive and a student committing an act of misconduct not listed will, nevertheless, be subject to the discretionary authority of the principal or his designee.

TAS Campus Behavior Referral Levels

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cafeteria misconduct -Cheating on test -Dress code violation -Tardy to school/class -Eat/Drink/Gum -Lack of cooperation, does not want to complete assignments or classwork, sleeping in class, not bringing materials -Possessing inappropriate items -Field Trip misconduct -Use of profane or obscene language -Public display of affection -Driving or parking without sticker, parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Disorderly Conduct -Disrespect -Disruptive behavior -Gestures and name calling to other students -Gambling or unauthorized sales -Disobedient/ non-compliant -Loitering on campus -Leaving class without permission (returning to class) -Driver unauthorized to drive on campus -Skipping class, in hall without permission, wandering the halls -Electronic device misuse -Possession/ use of unauthorized medication, OTC -Behavior Putting Safety at Risk (Horseplay) -Pushing; shoving; slap-boxing -Threat or Intimidation -Insubordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Disruption of school function -Hazing -Inciting/ Instigating a fight -Tampering with emergency equipment -Possession of tobacco, matches, lighters, electronic smoking products. -Possessing using or under the influence of alcohol -Bullying/ Harassment -Pulling fire alarm -Careless act causing injury -Threatening to disrupt school -Gross disrespect/ misbehavior towards staff -Open display gang related -Disruption of school sponsored activity after school hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sale or distribution of alcohol -Arson -Battery, when one or more student(s) physically attacks another student -Fighting -Assault on school staff -Bomb threat -Breaking and entering/Burglary into a school or property -Major campus disruption -Possession, use or under the influence of drugs -Sale or distribution of drugs or controlled substances -Extortion/Coercion/Blackmail -Homicide, Kidnapping, other serious, harmful activities resulting in law enforcement intervention -Intimidating, threatening, harassment of school staff - Major campus disruption causing a large number of people to gather and behave in a violent or uncontrollable manner -Robbery -Stealing or accessory to stealing, buying and/or selling stolen property

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
<p>in unauthorized area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Inappropriate searches (not vulgar) - Unauthorized web/games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Throwing, propelling objects - Minor damage - Accidental Damage -Improper or careless driving -Behavior Putting Safety at Risk with cause or intent to injure -Defiance of authority -Leaving class without permission (not returning to class) -Failure to comply with ISS expectations -Providing false information to a school board employee -Verbal Altercation - Disrespecting staff/students through the use of technology - Possession of hacking tool - Filter Avoidance - Graphic/vulgar search - Search containing threat of violence - Minor Network disruption (classroom) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Leaving campus without permission -Possession or use of fireworks -Intimidation, threatening, harassment of other students -Intentionally making false accusations -Sexual harassment -Sexual misconduct; indecent proposition or contact or touching, pornographic materials, indecent exposure -Stealing or accessory to theft (less than \$300) -Entering or remaining in school property without permission -vandalism -possession of pocketknife with less than 2 ½ inch blade - Sexting - Network security compromise - Major Damage (non-accidental) - Altering information 	<p>(over \$300)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sexual contact, including intercourse, without force or threat of force -Sexual offense, Sexual Battery, Indecent exposure -Threatening to use or bring weapon -Possession or discharge of explosive device -Possession of weapons or firearms, lookalikes, imitation or dangerous objects which can be used to do bodily harm (all knives over 2 ½ inches) - Severe Network disruption -Using electronic device/network to steal

Principals/ Assistant principals/ Deans have the authority to adjust punishment due to the evaluation of the circumstances surrounding the case or incident. A good faith effort to contact Parent or guardian will be made during the referral process.

Discipline for students with disabilities will be handled on an individual basis. The disciplinary decisions belong to the principal or his designee to affect all situations as afforded by law. Due to privacy and confidentiality, parents may NOT view video evidence of inappropriate behavior(s).

If any student reaches a total of 25 days of OSS, he/she will be referred to the Taylor County School Board for expulsion.

Examples of Restorative Practice but not limited to:

- Breakfast/Lunch Detention with Essay
- Time Out
- Work Detail
- Loss of Elective
- Loss of Computer
- Conflict Mediation
- Behavior Reflection
- Guidance Conference
- Apology Letter
- Behavior Essay
- Restore/repair property damage

OSS- Out of School Suspension *OSS students will serve their consequences at HOME.

Level	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Repeated
1	Parent Contact Warning	Parent Contact, 1.5 hours of restorative practice	Parent Contact; 3 hours of restorative practice	Parent Contact; 1 day OSS	Parent Contact; 3 days OSS	Parent contact; 5 days OSS/ Expulsion
2	Parent Contact Warning	Parent Contact, 3 hours of restorative practice	Parent Contact; 1 day OSS	Parent Contact; 3 days OSS	Parent Contact; 5 days OSS	Parent contact; 10 days OSS/ Expulsion
3	Parent Contact, 5 days OSS	Parent Contact, 10 days OSS	Parent contact; Immediate 10 days OSS and recommendation to School board for expulsion			
4	Parent contact; Immediate 10 days OSS and recommendation to School board for expulsion					

FIELD TRIPS

Classes may be scheduled to take field trips. Only students who demonstrate appropriate behavior prior to the trip will be allowed to attend. Policies for each grade level are as follows: A student can earn up to 2 minor/ intermediate offense referrals (please refer to Level 1 and 2 offenses above for a list of minor/ intermediate offenses) and still be allowed to go on field trips. If a student earns a 3rd minor offense referral then they are ineligible. A student can earn 1 major offense referral (please refer to above list for Level 3 offenses) and still be eligible to attend a field trip. If a student earns a 2nd major referral they are then ineligible for field trips. Any student earning a Level 4 Offense referrals will not be eligible to attend field trips.