



**ELBERT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT HANDBOOK  
2014-2015**



## ELBERT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

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Testing Coordinator	Denise Brown	C11
Graduation Coach	Rhonda Driver	B11
Director of Security	Shayne Bennett	F6
School Social Worker	Vernessa Hollis	Main Office

### Purpose Statement

We expect all students to pursue academic excellence through a rigorous and challenging curriculum that will enable them to become productive, responsible members of society.

We will foster a safe atmosphere that is conducive to learning. We believe that every individual matters.

Each person who walks through our doors will be valued, heard, and respected.

We commit to a working partnership between home, school, and community.

### Mission Statement

To do WHATEVER IT TAKES for every student to maximize his or her success.

### Beliefs

- All students want to be successful; some just hide it really well.
- A positive relationship between teacher and student promotes student success.
- Students come to us with different needs; we need to figure out what those needs are and do our best to meet them.
- We should never give up.

### ALMA MATER

Oh we love our dear old school  
And the Devils blue and white.  
They can give it and can take it  
For the things they think are right.  
It will be our fame and glory  
And for ECCHS we'll win;  
For our dear old school and colors  
We will fight and won't give in.  
Faithful and loving forever we will be.  
For our school and Alma Mater  
Hats off to the Blue and White.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the Elbert County Comprehensive High School. The choices you make while attending ECCHS will greatly determine your future course in life. As a faculty, we hope to advise and guide you toward decisions that will lead to a successful and rewarding life. We encourage each of you to set lofty goals. The accomplishment of these goals will be the result of your commitment to them and your willingness to establish priorities. Putting first things first will allow you to accomplish these goals.

We want to encourage you to have quality relationships with diverse students in this school. Learning to appreciate students who are different can be a wonderful learning experience. We encourage each of you to seek first to understand and then to be understood. Practice the character traits of honesty, patience, respect, and responsibility, and your life will be filled with wonderful relationships.

You have a right to expect a safe learning environment. But as with any right, it carries with it a responsibility. If you are aware of any unsafe activity occurring at school or hear rumors of unsafe activity, please report them to the administration. Best wishes to each of you, and we hope that you are able to reach each of your goals.

Renee Padgett

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**The school board meets the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.  
in the boardroom at the central office.**

## **CENTRAL OFFICE**

Mr. Chuck Bell –Superintendent  
Mrs. Angela Moton – Associate Superintendent  
Dr. Fran Floyd –Title I/Human Resources  
Mrs. Deborah Moore-Special Education  
Mr. Ben Childs-Chief Financial Officer  
Mrs. Bridgett Matthews-School Nutrition

## **DISTRICT CONTACT**

Central Office (706-213- 4000)      Special Ed. Office (706-213- 4053)  
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## **OFFICE STAFF**

Registrar - Julie Burton  
Bookkeeper/Secretary- Lynda Farmer  
Athletic Dept. Coordinator-Cristal Akin  
Receptionist/ Secretary-Marian Perrin  
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Lunchroom Director-Tammy New

## **DEPARTMENT CHAIRS**

Language Arts/Foreign Language	Jeannie Jourolmon
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Math	Alton Smith
Science	Cathy Smith
ROTC	Maj. Ed Lovin
Physical Education	Erica Wilson
Special Education	Daniele Franklin
CTAE	Kim Fuller

## **QUICK GUIDE FOR STUDENTS**

### IF YOU NEED

Accident insurance claim form  
Admittance slip  
Advice about your schedule  
Announcements

### GO TO

Mrs. Farmer  
Main Office  
Advisor, Guidance Counselor  
Principal

Approval for Activities	Principal
Attendance Information	Asst. Principal of Discipline
Audio Visual Assistance	Media Center
Change of Schedule	Guidance Counselor
Deposit or Withdrawal of club funds	Advisor of your club
Discipline information/Lockers	Asst. Principal of Discipline
Information about college	Guidance Counselor
Job Placement	Work Based Learning Coord.
Lost and Found	Main Office
Medical Attention	Nurse
Parking Permit	Front Office
Driver's License Attendance Form	Front Office
Personal Guidance	Guidance Counselor/Advisor
Scholarships	Guidance Counselor
<b>To report Threats or Sexual Harassment</b>	Asst. Principal, Guidance
	Counselor, Principal, Social Worker
To report theft or vandalism	Asst. Principal
Withdraw from school	Guidance Counselor
Work Permit	Online & Central Office Laurel Dr.

## CALENDAR 2014-2015

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>
Pre-Planning	Fri-Tues	Aug-1-5
Faculty Candids	Monday	August 4
First Day of School	Wednesday	August 6
Labor Day Holiday	Monday	Sept 1
Senior Voting (class color, flower, motto, etc.)	Thursday	August 28
Underclassmen pictures/senior remakes(after school)	Thursday	August 28
\$25 Senior Dues due to Mrs. Driver- Main office B11	Friday	September 5
GHSgt Retest Begins		September 8-12
Spirit Week Begins (Vs Hart Co)	Friday	September 22-26
GHSWT Writing Test (Main Administration)	Wednesday	September 24
Homecoming Representative Voting		October
Homecoming Queen Voting		October
Club Picture Day	Wednesday	October 8
School Holidays	Mon-Tues	Oct 13-14
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 weeks (1 <sup>st</sup> Semester)	Monday	October 14
PSAT	Wednesday	October 15
ASVAB Test (Tenative Date)	Wednesday	October 16
College Fair	Friday	October 3
ACT	Saturday	October 25
Homecoming Parade/Pep Rally	Thursday	October 30
Homecoming Game/Half-time activities	Friday	October 31
Homecoming Dance	Saturday	November 1
Parent Conference Day (no school for students)	Tuesday	November 4
SAT	Saturday	November 8

GHSGT Retest Begins		November 3-6
Georgia Apply to College Day	Friday	Nov 7
Veterans Day Program & Ring Ceremony	Tuesday	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Holidays Begin	Monday-Friday	Nov 24-28
ROTC Annual Inspection		
1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Block EOCs/SLO Assessment/ End of Pathway Assessment	Thursday	December 11
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Block EOCs/SLO Assessment/ End of Pathway Assessment	Friday	December 12
1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Final Exams (If not exempt)	Wednesday	December 17
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Final Exams (If not exempt)	Thursday	December 18
Last Day before Christmas Holidays	Thursday	December 18
Christmas HOLIDAYS	Friday-Monday	Dec 19 - Jan 2
Professional Learning Days (Student Holiday)	Monday	Jan 5
Begin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	Tuesday	Jan 6
Financial Aid Workshop		January
Report Cards go home	Tuesday	Jan 6
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	Monday	Jan 19
Last day to pay \$25 Senior Dues before being placed on owed fees	Friday	January 16
SAT	Saturday	January 24
Reality Store	Friday	January
Registration for 2014-2015 school year begins	Thursday-Tues	February 20-25
ACT	Saturday	February 7
Parent Conference Day (no school for students)	Monday	Feb 16
GHSWT Writing Retest	Wednesday	February 25
GHSGT Re-testing Window		March 16-19
FHF Pageant	Saturday	March 21
Spring Holidays	Monday – Friday	Mar 30 – Apr 3
Seniors Must Reserve Tickets for Senior Reception	Monday - Friday	April 13-16
Prom	Saturday	April 18
ASVAB (2 <sup>nd</sup> Time)		
Fine Arts FAD Fest	Saturday	April
<b>End of Pathway Tests</b>	TBD	TBD
Fun Field Day & Yearbook Distribution Day	Friday	May1
SAT	Saturday	May 2
AP English Lit. - 8:00 a.m.	Wednesday	May 6
AP Physics II – 12:00 pm	Thursday	May 7
AP Biology– 8:00 a.m.	Monday	May 11
AP US Government (8:00)	Tuesday	May 12
AP English Lang (8:00 am) & AP Stats (12:00 pm)	Wednesday	May 13
<b>Awards Ceremony</b>	Tuesday Evening	May 12@ 6:00pm
Senior Reception (6:00 pm)	Thursday	May 14
<b>EOCT 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Block/SLO Assessment/EOPA</b>	Thursday	May 14
<b>EOCT 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Block/SLO Assessment/EOPA</b>	Friday	May 15
Senior Graduation Practice (Mandatory)	Thursday	May 21
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Final Exams (If not exempt)</b>	Thursday	May 21
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Final Exams(If not exempt)</b>	Friday	May 22
Last Day/ End of Semester/Graduation (8:00 pm)	Friday	May 22
Memorial Day Holiday	Monday	May 25
Post-Planning for teachers	Tues-Thurs	May 26-28

## **2014-2015 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

PSAT	SAT	ACT	AP Exams
October 15	November 8	October 25	May 6-Wed (Eng Lit/Comp)
	January 24	Feb 7	May 11 - Mon (Biology)
	May 2		May 12 - Tues (US Gov)
			May 13 -Wed. ( Eng Lang/Comp & Stats)

AWARDS	COLLEGE FAIR
Awards Night – May 12	October 3
Senior Reception and Awards Night – May 14	
GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION & WRITING TESTS (GHSWT & GHSWT)	
September 8-12 (GHSWT Re-test)	February 25- Writing (Re-test)
September 24 - Writing (Main Administration)	March 16-27
November 3-14 (Re-test- one of these weeks)	
END OF COURSE TEST (EOCT) and Student Learning Objective Tests (SLO)	
December 17, 18	May 14, 15

### **ECCHS POLICY CONCERNING THE GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS, EOCTS & PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONY**

All students must complete 28 units including all required credits. EOCTs or SLO assessments will comprise 20% of the grade in a course. All students must pass the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT). **Failure of the GHSWT** or lack of 28 credits will result in your child **not** being able to participate in the ECCHS graduation ceremony.

#### **Waiver and Variance Opportunities**

Students over the age of 18 or parents/legal guardians must send a letter to the Elbert County Superintendent requesting a waiver or variance. The following excerpt is from the Georgia Department of Education and can be fully accessed by using the following link:

[http://archives.gadoe.org/DMGetDocument.aspx/Final%20General%20Guidance%20for%20Rule%20Waivers%20and%20Variances%20of%20High%20School%20Graduation%20Assessments%20Vers1\\_1.pdf?p=6CC6799F8C1371F69ACA945060A22D490CE41C70A3FEDB80199E50423B28961C5&Type=D](http://archives.gadoe.org/DMGetDocument.aspx/Final%20General%20Guidance%20for%20Rule%20Waivers%20and%20Variances%20of%20High%20School%20Graduation%20Assessments%20Vers1_1.pdf?p=6CC6799F8C1371F69ACA945060A22D490CE41C70A3FEDB80199E50423B28961C5&Type=D)

Waiver minimum eligibility criteria fall into one of two broad categories: disability or hardship. Applicants may base their waiver request on one or both of these minimum eligibility categories. Because each case is unique, the waiver is judged by the State Board of Education based on the facts that are included in the waiver request and the supporting information supplied by the student, parent/guardian and the LEA.

A **Disability Waiver** is defined in rule as a student disability that is directly related to his or her ability to pass a particular section of the high school graduation assessment. When creating a waiver request, applicants must discuss how their specific situation and facts meet the requirements for a disability waiver.

A **Hardship Waiver** is defined in rule as the situation in which the student did not have a reasonable opportunity to pass a particular section of the high school graduation assessment



due to a substantial hardship beyond the student's control. When creating a waiver request, applicants must discuss how their specific situation and facts meet the requirements for a hardship waiver.

*Variance opportunities are available for certain approved alternative assessments.*

## **ECCHS EOCT/FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FOR 2014-2015**

EOCTs, the new SLO assessments, and FINAL EXAM dates are to be determined as the state releases new information concerning turnaround time for new state tests.

### **Core Essentials Expected at ECCHS**

#### *The Core Essentials*

The faculty and staff of the Elbert County School System are committed to these non-negotiable, "Core Essential" practices in every classroom.

#### **Core Essential: Effective Instruction**

#### **What you should see and hear in classrooms and around our schools...**

<p>Well-designed standards-based lessons aligned to the CCGPS/GPS.</p> <p>Well-managed, safe, and orderly environments that are conducive to learning and encourage respect for all.</p>	<p>During class and in every subject, students are reading, writing, and solving problems regularly. They are doing work of high cognitive demand to help them reach proficiency.</p>
<p>Essential questions used to connect instruction to standards include both kid friendly language and language of the standards, and students explaining standards in their own words.</p> <p>Teachers effectively plan not only what to teach, but more importantly plan for whom they are going to teach.</p> <p>Teachers integrate a variety of instructional strategies that incorporate various forms of technology.</p>	<p>Teaching and learning activities that are built around a common instructional framework that consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening: Activating strategies centered on the standard, elements(s), and essential question.</li><li>• Work session: Engaging students using performance tasks and higher-order thinking questions.</li><li>• Closing: Summarizing strategies to assess student learning</li></ul>

## Core Essential: Collaborative Culture

### ***What you should see and hear in classrooms and around our schools...***

Teachers and administrators monitor the progress of students while working collaboratively using the Data Team process.	Teacher teams analyze student work on a regular basis to inform their instruction and to provide timely and constructive feedback to students and parents.
Teacher teams systematically choose a variety of diagnostic, formative, and summative assessment strategies and	All teachers have direct involvement in their school's Response-to-Intervention (RTI) program. Students are identified
instruments that are valid and appropriate for the content and student population. They adjust instruction based on the results of these assessments.	as not meeting standards, meeting standards, or exceeding standards.
Administrators are in classrooms every day, observing and discussing work with teachers and students.	

## Core Essential: Professional Learning

### ***What you should see and hear in classrooms and around our schools...***

Professional learning is embedded into the school's collaborative practices. The norm is of continuous learning for everyone; staffs discuss instructional problems and solutions in formal and informal settings.	Teachers know their content and their students well, and help each other improve their practice. They make their practice public and visit each other's classrooms.
Each teacher's professional development is aligned with school goals. Choices about professional learning in which teachers participate are based on school improvement goals and students' learning needs.	

## Core Essential: Families and Community

### ***What you should see and hear in classrooms and around our schools...***

Families and community members are present and active in our schools.	Communication with parents is frequent, consistent, and documented when possible. It is focused on building partnerships to improve student performance.
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## ECCHS ROOM DESIGNATION KEY

A Hall		B Hall		C Hall	
A-1	Work Room	B-1	S. Almond	C-1	Math Workroom
A-2	K. Gary	B-2	T. Brown	C-2	Lab
A-3	S. Rivers	B-3	L. Haynes	C-3	J. Hover
A-4	P. Wilson	B-4	L. Mayhue	C-4	A. Rucker
A-5	S. Rice	B-5	E. Vaughn	C-5	K. Rucker
A-6	A.M. Rogers	B-6	J. Bennum	C-6	L. Johnson
A-7	J. Jourolmon	B-7	V. Anderson	C-7	C. Ingram
A-8	J. Keblish	B-8	A. White	C-8	C. Kesler
		B-9	V. Cutts	C-9	A. Smith
<b>ROTC</b>		B-10	Lab	C-10	S. Anderson
	Maj. E. Lovin	B-11	R. Driver	C-11	D. Brown
	1SGT LaKentra Smith	B-12	B. Norman		
	Master Sgt. A. Homer	B-13	C. Smith		
		B-14	Andrew Taylor		
		B-15	Media Center D. Rutherford		
D Hall		E Hall		F Hall	
D-1	E. Eberhardt	E-1	L. Roberts	F-1	K. Oakley
D-2	C. Palmer	E-2	N. McCarty	F-2	A. Eubanks
D-3	D. Thompson	E-3	L. Starrett	F-3	P. Brown
D-4	N. Wright	E-4	C. Burden	F-4	N. Beshiri
D-5	J. Gordon	E-6	Staff Dev./Testing	F-5	Career Center
D-6	K. Thompson	E-7	D Bennett	F-5	JGG (front)
D-7	P. Bohlen	E-8	RJ Pierce	F-8	C. Freeman
		NURSE			
		E-9	D. Crook	F-9	
<b>Fine Arts Bldg</b>		<b>Gym</b>		F-10	M. Bilow
Music 1	M. Everhart	P. Thompson		F-11	CTAE/Tech Work
Music 2		E. Wilson		F-12	ISS
		L. Ingram		F-13	Monucad
		S. Fritts		Gr. Lab	J. Baker
		L. Kesler (E1 & Gym)			

## **2014 – 2015 REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE**

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7:30 AM		Breakfast
7:45 AM		Teachers are at school
7:55 AM		Warning Bell 1 <sup>st</sup> Block
7:59 AM		1-minute warning for 1 <sup>st</sup> block
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>9:33 AM</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Block (1 hr and 33 min)</b>
9:33 AM	9:37 AM	Change classes to 2nd block
<b>9:37 AM</b>	<b>11:10 AM</b>	<b>2nd Block (1 hr and 33 min)</b>
11:10 AM	11:14 AM	Change classes to <b>3rd block OR A LUNCH</b>
<b>11:14 AM</b>	<b>11:46 AM</b>	<b>A LUNCH (32 min)</b>
11:46 AM	11:50 AM	A lunch students go to 3rd block
<b>12:51 PM</b>	<b>1:23 PM</b>	<b>B LUNCH (32 min)</b>
1:23 PM	1:27 PM	All students change classes
<b>1:27 PM</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>4th Block (1 hr and 33 min)</b>
3:00 PM	3:45 PM	Rescue and Recovery
4:00 PM		Rescue and Recovery Bus

## **WEDNESDAY TEAM TIME BELL SCHEDULE**

<b>Times</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7:30 AM	Breakfast
7:45 AM	Teachers are at school
7:55 AM	Warning Bell 1 <sup>st</sup> Block
7:59 AM	1-minute warning for 1 <sup>st</sup> block
<b>8:00 - 9:22</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Block (1 hr and 22 min)</b>
9:22 - 9:26	Change classes to Team Time
<b>9:26 - 10:06</b>	<b>BDTV &amp; Team Time</b>
10:06 -10:10	Change classes to <b>2nd block</b>
<b>10:10 -11:32</b>	<b>2nd Block (1 hr and 22 min)</b>
11:32-11:36	Change classes to <b>3rd block OR A LUNCH</b>
<b>11:36 -12:08</b>	<b>A LUNCH (32 min)</b>
12:08 -12:12	A lunch students go to 3rd block
<b>1:02 -1:34</b>	<b>B LUNCH (32 min)</b>
1:34 -1:38	All students change classes
<b>1:38 -3:00</b>	<b>4th Block (1 hr and 22 min)</b>
3:00 -3:45	Rescue and Recovery
4:00 PM	Rescue and Recovery Bus

## **ACTIVITY BELL SCHEDULE**

<b>Times</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7:30 AM	Breakfast
7:45 AM	Teachers are at school
7:55 AM	Warning Bell 1 <sup>st</sup> Block
7:59 AM	1-minute warning for 1 <sup>st</sup> block
<b>8:00 - 9:25</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Block (1 hr and 25 min)</b>
9:25 - 9:29	Change classes to 2nd block
<b>9:29 - 10:54</b>	<b>2nd Block (1 hr and 25 min)</b>
10:54 -10:58	Change classes to <b>3rd block OR A Lunch</b>
<b>10:58-11:30</b>	<b>A LUNCH (32 min)</b>
11:30 -11:34	A lunch students go to 3rd block
<b>12:24 -12:56</b>	<b>B LUNCH (32 min)</b>
12:56 -1:00	All students change classes
<b>1:00 -2:25</b>	<b>4th Block (1 hr and 25 min)</b>
<b>2:30 -3:00</b>	<b>Activity (30min)</b>
3:00 -3:45	Rescue and Recovery
4:00 PM	Rescue and Recovery Bus

## STUDENT PARKING

**Parking at Elbert County Comprehensive High School is a privilege not a right.** The **No Pass/ No Drive Policy** will be in effect. Eligibility will be determined by standards set forth from the GHSA. If a student becomes ineligible their parking pass will be revoked. Those students that become ineligible can take and pass credit recovery in order to continue to park.

Since bus transportation is provided for students, students who choose to drive to school do so at their own risk. Driving related attendance problems cannot be excused. Parking permits are available to Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores, if space is available. Students must provide proof of insurance and a valid driver's license before being issued a parking permit. The parking fee is \$40.00. This fee is **non-refundable** if the student becomes ineligible to park. Illegal parking carries a **\$10** fine and can result in an impounded vehicle. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed at owner's expense. Vehicles parked on campus are subject to search by school officials if they deem it necessary.

**No student on owed fees may purchase a parking permit until fees are cleared.**

**Loss of Parking Privilege** – The administration at ECCHS reserves the right to withhold parking privileges as consequences of unacceptable grades/effort/behavior, owed fees, etc.

## DRIVER'S LICENSE

To get your certificate of attendance and your ADAP certificate for your driver's license, report to the attendance office to fill out a request. Requests must be made at least a week in advance of your appointment with the DVS. Student cannot get an attendance sheet if they are on owed fees. The first certificate is \$1.00; replacement certificates will incur a \$2.00 fee.

The first ADAP certificate is \$1.00, replacement ADAP certificate are also \$2.00.

Students may pick up these certificates Wednesday during lunch.

O.C.G.A 40-5-22 - Any high school student under 18 years of age may have his/her driver's license suspended or learners' permit denied for up to one year for any of the following reasons:

1. Dropping out of school without graduating and remaining out of school for ten consecutive days.
2. Having more than ten school days of unexcused absences in the current academic year or ten or more school days of unexcused absences in the previous academic year.
3. Being suspended from school for:
  - Threatening, striking, or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel;
  - Possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property;
  - Possession or use of a weapon on school property;
  - Any sexual offense prohibited under Chapter 6 of Title 16;
  - Causing substantial physical or visible bodily harm to or seriously disfiguring another person, including another student.

High School personnel are required to report students who violate this portion of HB1190 to the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles.

## CAR RIDER PICKUP

Car riders will be picked up in front of the main office. Parents should NOT PARK in the car rider pick up area or in reserved spaces.

## DRESS CODE

1. Appropriate foot attire must be worn. No bedroom shoes are allowed. Undergarments should be worn and not be visible.
2. **Shirts must meet the following criteria:** bare midriffs are not allowed, low necklines are not allowed, garments exposing the torso are not allowed, and shirts must be at least 3" wide at the shoulders (four finger rule). Sheer shirts may be worn as long as the undergarment meets dress code.
3. **Pants/Skirts must meet the following criteria:** Pants, shorts, or skirts of any type must come within 3 inches (four finger rule) of the knee. Holes in pants above the knee must have skin covered. Pants are to be worn at the waist. Leggings, jeggings, or tights are not to be worn as the main garment at school. No writing on rear of pants. Sheer skirts may be worn as long the undergarment meets the dress code.
4. **The following should not be worn in the building:**
  - headwear (hats, bandanas, do rags, etc)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense- warning
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - \$5 or it is kept for 5 days
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - \$5 or it is kept for 10 days
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – School Dress Code Uniform will be enforced \* *see below*
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Offense – Administration reserves the right to decide punishment.
  - sunglasses
  - clothing which displays or mentions alcohol products, tobacco products, drugs, promiscuity, gangs, obscene languages, signs, and profanity
  - Clothing that can be used or presented as a weapon. Examples; chains, spikes, etc.
  - jewelry that features weapons to include explosive devices, drugs, or any other item deemed to be disruptive or indicating any affiliation with gang activity.
5. Clothing or items which violate dress code rule 4 will be confiscated as evidence. These items are grounds for reasonable suspicion & grounds for a search.

*The administration reserves the right to deem items of dress inappropriate which are disruptive to the learning process and also make students change clothes if necessary. The administration also reserves the right to enforce the dress code or alter the dress code for special occasions.*

- Consequences:**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Written Warning and attire corrected
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Parental Suspension & 1 day Academy & attire corrected
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Parental contact and 1 day ISS (or remainder of a day)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – Dress code uniform for 20 school days (See description below)
- Any offense after 4<sup>th</sup> offense will result in punishment deemed reasonable by the administration.

**\*Dress Code Uniform: (For students who have 3 previous dress code violations) NEW**

- Khaki pants worn at the waist

- Polo shirt or button up dress shirt, tucked in
- Belt

## ALL SCHOOL DANCES

**Students on owed fees must pay their owed fees in order to participate.**

### Dress Code for Ceremonies and Banquets

The school dress code will be enforced at ceremonies such as the ECCHS Awards Day ceremony, club luncheons, and sports banquets. Violations of the dress code at a school event will be addressed the following school day by the administration, and punishment will be based on the school's code of conduct.

### Dress Code for Dances

Dress attire must be formal for the prom, and semi-formal for homecoming.

Administration expects parents to help their children choose modest wear that is age appropriate. Dress will conceal the midriff and abdomen, not expose the sides, not have a plunging neckline and conceal the bosom area, not expose the back any lower than the waist, skirt/dress lengths will be at least mid-thigh; slits in the skirt will be no higher than mid- thigh; immodest dress will not be allowed admission to the dance; appropriate dancing is expected; students will be removed for inappropriate dancing. The age requirement to attend any school dances is 9<sup>th</sup> grade up to 20 years of age.

### Prom

Prom is a formal dance for upper classmen, and will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2015. All juniors and seniors have an opportunity to attend prom if they pay the required fees. Owed fees **MUST** be paid to attend prom. Students attending prom must adhere to the school dress code and attendance policy. Students wishing to bring an older guest or a guest from another school must complete an application for approval by prom sponsor. Elberton Education Center (EEC) students may not attend the prom.

### Prom Fees

**Juniors and seniors must purchase tickets to attend prom.** Tickets will be \$25. Tickets cover the cost of the student only. Guest tickets may be purchased for an **additional \$25**. Tickets will not be sold at the prom. No refunds will be given. Guests must be between 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 20 years of age.

## GRADUATION CEREMONY PRIVILEGE

Participation in the ECCHS graduation ceremony is a privilege. Violation of the Elbert County Comprehensive High School **code of conduct**, and/or any unresolved owed fees may result in seniors being denied the right to march in the graduation ceremonies if the administration deems this appropriate. Also see p8 for ECCHS policy concerning participation in graduation ceremony.



## HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

You will need to review both the law under which the entire Elbert County School System is bound and the school high school attendance procedures below. You will also be required to sign a letter stating that you have reviewed the attendance law and procedures.

**ATTENTION:** Once a student accumulates seven (7) unexcused absences the school will schedule an Attendance Support Team (AST) meeting with the parent/guardian. An attendance contract will be signed at this time.

### CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR VIOLATION OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW

O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1 requires any person in this State who has control or charge of a child between the ages of six and sixteen to enroll and send that child to school, including public, private, and home schooling.

A child is responsible to attend school and is subject to adjudication in Elbert County Juvenile Court as an unruly child for violation of this statute. If a parent, guardian, or other person who has control or charge of the child causes the child's absence, then that person, and not the child, is in violation of this statute. Such a violation is a misdemeanor and carries a penalty of up to \$100 fine and 30 days in jail for each violation. The law specifies that each day's absence constitutes a separate offense.

## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE

Daily attendance is an essential part of the educational process. It is the legal responsibility of the students and parents to adhere to the attendance policy.

### EXCUSED ABSENCES

- a) Personal illness or attendance in school that endangers a student's health or the health of others.
- b) A serious illness or death in a student's immediate family necessitating absence from school.
- c) A court order or an order by a governmental agency, including pre-induction physical examinations for service in the armed forces, mandating absence from school.
- d) The observance of religious holidays, necessitating absence from school
- e) Conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to student health or safety.
- f) A period not to exceed one day for registering to vote or voting in a public election.
- g) A student whose parent is in military service in the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, and such parent has been called to duty for or is on leave from overseas deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be granted excused absences up to a maximum of **five** school days per school year to visit with his or her parent prior to such parent's deployment or during such parent's leave.

- h) Students will not be excused in any other case except when a prearranged absence has been approved by the principal. It is the responsibility of the student and his parents to contact the school well in advance of the expected absence. Written request must include dates and reasons for the absence. Upon approval, the student is expected to make advance arrangements with their teachers regarding work expectations during the absence.

**Students shall be counted present for the following:**

- a) When they are serving as pages of the Georgia General Assembly
- b) Students in foster care shall be counted present while attending court proceedings relating to their foster care.

***Students may only have five (5) days per semester excused by a parent note. All subsequent absences in the semester will be excused only if a note from the physician or legal authority is provided.***

**HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES**

1. At the beginning of each school year, parents will sign a statement acknowledging they have reviewed policies/procedures and consequences for absences, tardies/early dismissals. Students age 10 by September 1 will also be required to sign the statement. Attendance policies/procedures and consequences are included in the student handbook for your convenience.
2. Once a student accumulates five (5) unexcused absences, a letter from the principal of the school will be sent notifying the parent/guardian of the absences (as required by O.C.G.A 20-2-690).
3. Once a student age 15 or under reaches seven (7) unexcused absences, an Attendance Support Team (AST) meeting will be scheduled with the parent/guardian. An attendance contract will be signed at this time.
4. Broken or unsigned contracts will result in a truancy court referral. Students who continue to have unexcused absences may be referred to Juvenile Court, and parents may be referred to State Court.
5. Once a student age 16-18 reaches five (5) unexcused absences, the school social worker will meet with the student to review the Teenage & Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA) and advise the student if s/he reaches 10 unexcused absences the school will notify the Department of Driver Services. A letter will be mailed to the parent/guardian notifying of this meeting.
6. Once a student age 14-18 reaches ten (10) unexcused absences, the school will send notification to the Department of Driver Services and the student's license will be suspended for 1 calendar year or until the student's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
7. Tardies will be disciplined as follows:
  - a. A student with 4+ Tardies will receive a WARNING.
  - b. A student with 8+ Tardies will receive 1 ACADEMY.
  - c. A student with 12+ Tardies will receive 1 day ISS
  - d. A student with 16+ Tardies will receive 2 days ISS and PARENTAL SUSPENSION.
  - e. A student with 20+ Tardies will be punished at the DISCRETION OF ADMINISTRATION.

### **NOTES about Court Referrals and Tardiness/Early Pick Ups for the SYSTEM:**

When a student or parent is referred to court for chronic truancy, tardiness/early pick-ups will be counted as absences according to the following calculations:

- 15<sup>th</sup> tardy/early pick-up – 1 unexcused absence
- 20<sup>th</sup> tardy/early pick-up – 2 unexcused absences
- 25<sup>th</sup> tardy/early pick-up – 3 unexcused absences
- ...each subsequent 5<sup>th</sup> tardy/early pick-up will count as an additional unexcused absence (per semester).

### **MISCELLANEOUS ATTENDANCE ISSUES**

1. **“Skip Day”** or related activities initiated by students is NOT an excused absence.
2. Students who are absent from school (or check in or out at any time during the school day) are not to report to work or participate in any school-related extracurricular activity if the absence or early release is due to general illness or any unexcused reason unless an administrator gives approval.
3. Any student who is away from campus during any part of the day on a school-sponsored activity should ask for assignments from classes to be missed PRIOR to the date of the planned activity. Assignments should be completed and turned in upon return to the class.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Students are expected to abide by the code of conduct when in attendance at school, at a school function, or when representing the school at any time. The code of conduct educates us as to behaviors that will lead to a more enjoyable/safe life for all of us. Research has proven that a school environment which is safe/orderly, will lead to higher achievement for all students. Students are at all times expected to demonstrate respect, responsibility, patience, honesty, and self-control. **The administration at ECCHS reserves the right to withhold privileges as consequences of unacceptable behavior or for owed fees.**

In compliance with school policies and the applicable law, students may be disciplined for off-campus conduct. Any off-campus behavior of a student which could result in the student being criminally charged with a felony, or punishable as a felony if committed by an adult, and which makes the student's continued presence at school a potential danger to persons or property at the school or which disrupts the educational process will be handled by administration. **For such misconduct, the school district reserves the right to discipline the student, including but not to exclude the student from enrollment/attendance at a school.**

The Elbert County School System will be implementing a new initiative for school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports in the 2014-2015 school year. The goal of this initiative is to help schools successfully educate all students and especially those with challenging behaviors. Research shows that when a school environment is positive and predictable, students feel safer, have better academic performance, higher test results and make better behavior choices. Schools also show a gain in instructional time, reduction in out of school suspensions and discipline referrals and show a decrease in referrals to Special Education.

PBIS is not a curriculum, but a process of planning and problem solving that includes direct teaching of social behaviors like academics. The basic PBIS approach is to use proactive, research-based strategies to teach clearly defined behavioral expectations. Most importantly, it establishes ongoing behavior supports that can be used by ALL students, staff, volunteers, parents and community members.

ECCHS will be partially implementing the system in 2014-2015. The new list of major and minor offenses is listed on the next page. The referral system will be new in the fall, and teachers will log referrals directly into Infinite Campus, the new student information system. Plans are to be fully implemented by spring semester.

<b>Minor Offenses</b>	<b>Definition of Offense - The following offenses will NOT be tolerated....</b>
Profanity	Using curse words in the hall, classroom, lunchroom, or on school property.
Public Display of Affection (PDA)	Couple relationships shall be maintained on a no contact basis while on school property.
Not following Sign Out Protocol	Students must sign in/out in the main office when leaving/arriving on campus during school hours.
Loitering	Hanging around the school before 7 am and after 3 pm (unless in a classroom for Rescue and Recovery or waiting on the R&R bus at the bus ramp).
Sleeping in Class/Failure to Do Work	Failure to remain alert and engaged in class.
Electronic Devices (cell phones, MP3 players, etc.)	Electronic or other devices will be confiscated if they are a disruption to the safety of the school, the learning environment, or its content violates any policy in this handbook. THE SCHOOL WILL NOT SEARCH FOR ANY ITEMS LOST OR STOLEN WHICH ARE A VIOLATION OF SCHOOL POLICY.
In area without permission	Students may not be in the parking lot, halls, or areas outside the school during school hours without official permission. The gym and halls are off limits during the lunch hour.
Horseplay	Playing around noisily or with contact in the hallways, classrooms, lunchroom, etc. without the intention of physical or emotional harm.
Classroom Disruption	Disrupting class and hindering others from learning. Profanity will be considered a major disruption
Plagiarism (handled mostly in classroom)	The "wrongful appropriation" and "stealing and publication" of another author's "language, thoughts, ideas, or expressions" and the representation of them as one's own original work. Students will not receive any academic honors while serving academic probation or suspension. All violations of this policy will follow a student through their entire academic career here at ECCHS.
Theft under \$10.00	Taking the property of another person that is valued under \$10.00
Minor Disrespect	Students at ECCHS are expected to comply with the directives of the faculty and staff in a respectful manner any insubordination/disrespect will not be tolerated.

<b>Major Offenses</b>	<b>Definition of Offense - The following offenses will NOT be tolerated....</b>
Alcohol	Alcohol is not allowed on campus or at school-related events. Students may not possess, use, distribute, or be under the influence of alcohol. The administration reserves the right to have law enforcement administer a Field Sobriety Test to discern whether or not a student is under the influence of alcohol. The administration also reserves the right to have law enforcement administer a Breathalyzer test for alcohol blood content. Charges may be filed.
Arson	Unlawful and intentional damage or attempted damage to any real or personal property by fire or incendiary devices -Charges may be filed.
Blatant Disrespect	Students' refusal to adhere to corrective action from faculty/staff and continue to be insubordinate/disrespectful.

Breaking/Entering/Burglary	Unlawful or unauthorized forceful entry into a school building, any school property, or vehicle - Charges may be filed.
Bullying	Threatening, assaulting, intimidating, cyber-bullying, text-bullying, or damaging property of a fellow student or persons attending a school function. Disrespectful language of ANY type that focuses on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, religion, social class, appearance, and disability are prohibited. All incidents of bullying, threatening, intimidating behavior, including the use of profane language should be reported immediately to a faculty member, counselor, or administrator. All actions of this nature will be progressively enforced and disciplined throughout a student's career at ECCHS.
Cheating (Test, EOCT, Finals)	Honesty and integrity are to be emphasized in one's approach to academic work by the faculty. Students will not receive any academic honors while serving academic probation or suspension. All violations of this policy will follow a student through their entire academic career here at ECCHS.
Conspiracy	No student alone or with other students shall conspire to commit any criminal act while at school regardless of whether or not the crime actually occurs.
Dishonest Statement	Dishonest statements/notes provided to or on behalf of faculty/administration or School Resource Officer which hinder an investigation
Enticement	A student may not Lure/entice another student off-campus which may result in criminal activity or assault. All actions of this nature will be progressively enforced and disciplined throughout a student's career at ECCHS.
Fighting	Not be tolerated at school, at school related events, when representing the school, or when using school transportation. Encouraging or counseling others to engage in prohibited acts will result in disciplinary action. All actions of this nature will be progressively enforced and disciplined throughout a student's career at ECCHS. All violations will follow a student through their entire academic career here at ECCHS and charges may be filed.
Fraudulent Notes/Forging Signature	Notes presented to administrators/teachers/staff that are fraudulent or contain forged signatures
Horseplay with injury/inappropriate exposure	Any activity viewed as horseplay that results in one or more persons obtaining an injury
Illegal Conduct	Avoid illegal conduct at all times, whether on campus or off campus and regardless of whether the conduct occurs at a school function. "Illegal Conduct" is any conduct, which constitutes a crime under the laws of the United States, the State of Georgia, or any other political subdivision thereof, regardless of whether formal criminal charges are filed or a conviction obtained. Further, students shall not knowingly and voluntarily be in the presence of any person participating in illegal conduct. Any off-campus behavior of a student which could result in the student being criminally charged with a felony, or punishable as a felony, will be handled by administration. <b>For such misconduct, the school district reserves the right to discipline the student, including but not to exclude the student from enrollment/attendance at a school.</b>

Illegal Drugs/Paraphernalia	Students who possess, use, distribute, or arrange for the distribution of, or are under the influence of illegal drugs on school campus or within 1000 feet of any school property will be automatically placed in 15 days Crossroads ISS, referred to the law enforcement agencies, and be recommended for a tribunal. This tribunal may result in an alternative placement in Crossroads or expulsion from the Elbert County School System. The distribution of look-a-like drugs will be treated in the same manner as illegal drugs. The administration reserves the right to have law enforcement administer a Field Sobriety Test to discern whether or not a student is under the influence of illegal drugs. Actions of this nature will be progressively enforced and disciplined throughout a student's career at ECCHS. Charges may be filed.
Leaving school/skipping	Leaving school after arriving on campus without permission at any time of day, skipping cutting class, or walking out of class during the school day. Parents and students must sign out with the main office before leaving school.
Lewd Behavior	Lewd exposure of student's genital area/private parts not to exclude female's chest area. Examples include, but not limited to unlawful sexual behavior, sexual contact without force or threat of force. Charges may be filed.
Physical Altercation	Any physical altercation with the intent to fight.
Pornography	The possession or observation of pornographic material
Prescription/OTC Drugs (without note)	In order to take prescription medicine or over the counter medicine, all students must have parental permission. All permission slips and medications must be turned in to the school nurse. When the student needs to take the medicine, he or she must come to the school nurse to get it. (Asthma medicine may be on the student) Students are not allowed to distribute prescription medicine or over the counter medicine to other students. No faculty member is allowed to distribute prescription medicine/over the counter medicine.
Sexual Harassment	Sexual harassment includes inappropriate touching, gestures, texting/cyber sexual harassment, and comments. Students are to report this to the staff immediately. All actions of this nature will be progressively enforced and disciplined throughout a student's career at ECCHS. Charges may be filed.
Theft (over \$10.00)	<u>Students are discouraged from bringing cash and valuables to school.</u> The school is not responsible for money or valuables that are lost or stolen. Any theft over \$10 in value will be punished at the discretion of administration. Theft of public or private property will not be tolerated. Actions of this nature will be progressively enforced and disciplined throughout a student's career. Charges may be filed.
Tobacco/Paraphernalia	Possession and/or use of tobacco products/paraphernalia on school property, at school-related events, traveling to and from school-related events under the supervision of school officials -(The gymnasium and Granite Bowl are smoke-free zones)- All types of tobacco products/paraphernalia are prohibited including, but not limited to, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco. Lighters, matches, tobacco rolling paper are not allowed at school/ school related events. Students may be disciplined for tobacco products in cars.
Threat	Any threat to teachers, administrators, and staff will not be tolerated. Further, threats among students will not be tolerated

Vandalizing/Destroying Property	Students who vandalize school property/personal property of anyone legitimately at school will be expected to make restitution and be disciplined accordingly. Actions of this nature will be progressively enforced and disciplined throughout a student's career at ECCHS. Charges may be filed.
Verbal Altercation	Arguing or verbal confrontation to the extreme including language and/or failure to cease arguing - Charges may be filed.
Weapons	It is unlawful for any person to carry, possess, or have under control any weapon at a school building, school function, or on school property, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by the school. The term "weapon" means and includes any pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind, or any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade, ballistic knife, or other knife of any length, razor blades, straight edge razor, spring stick, metal knuckles, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a way as to allow them to swing freely which may be known as a nun chuck, or fighting chain, throwing star, or oriental dart, or any weapon of like kind. Students should report any suspected violations to the faculty and staff immediately. Any equipment used in athletic practice or competition that may be deemed a weapon should be left in a vehicle, in the room or office of faculty member.

## POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) **In-School Suspension** – Students assigned to ISS must remain in the room for entire day unless specified otherwise by administration. The student must bring textbooks & necessary study materials when reporting to ISS. Students may not return to regular class until ISS is complete; if absent on ISS day, the student will report to ISS on day he/she returns to school. Violation of ISS rules will result in additional days of ISS/OSS. Students are to report to ISS no later than 1<sup>st</sup> period tardy bell.
- 2) **Parental Suspension** – The student is suspended from school until the parent brings the student to school and meets with school officials. The student should not return to school unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The student is not required to miss any class time if the conference is held prior to the next school day.
- 3) **Academy** – Academy will be on Monday through Thursday. Academy may include work detail. Any tardiness/insubordination will result in the student being sent home. Academies will not be rolled over unless pre-approved by an administrator.
- 4) **Short Term Out-of-School Suspension** – The student is suspended from the school for up to ten days. The students may not come onto the school grounds during the suspension or attend any school function. Students on school campus while serving OSS may be arrested for trespassing. The student may not participate in extra-curricular activities. The student is considered to be on suspension from the time he is informed by the administrator until 1<sup>st</sup> block class begins on the day following the last day listed on the referral.
- 5) **Teacher Detention** – Faculty members may assign detention as a disciplinary measure. Students will be given a 24-hour notice prior to their detention. Students who fail to stay for teacher detention will be given Academy.
- 6) **Tribunal**- A three-member panel considers guilt or innocence of the accused and the recommendation of the principal regarding expulsion, placement in Crossroads, or long term



suspension. The procedure is used in severe cases of inappropriate or chronic misbehavior.

7) **Crossroads ISS-** Student is placed up to 15 days in Crossroads while awaiting tribunal

### ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION

Any disciplinary problems that may arise that are not covered in this handbook will be left to the discretion of the administration.

### BUS POLICY

Tier 1 offenses- unacceptable language (profanity, loud), delaying bus, eating/drinking/gum, violation of safety procedures, excessive mischief/horseplay, usage of electronic devices, not sitting in assigned seat, not sitting in seat properly/legs in aisle, violation of dress code, moving while bus is in motion, littering, insubordination/disrespect/defiance

Tier 1 consequences- (1st offense) written warning, (2nd offense) Parent Contact/Suspension, (3rd offense) 4 day bus suspension, (4th offense) 7 day bus suspension, (5th offense) 10 day bus suspension, (All subsequent offenses) Administrative discretion

Tier 2 offenses- Verbal confrontation, blatant insubordination/disrespect/defiance, defacing of property (School/personal), possession/usage of tobacco products, minor physical altercation, throwing objects off bus

Tier 2 consequences- (1st offense) 10 day bus suspension, (2nd offense) 15 day bus suspension, (3rd offense) 20 day bus suspension, (4th offense) 25 day bus suspension, (5th offense) 30 day bus suspension, (All subsequent offenses) Administrative discretion

Tier 3 offenses- Fighting, bullying, destruction of property (school/personal), sexual harassment, disabling sprays which disrupt bus operations, usage of motorized to disrupt safe and appropriate bus operations

Tier 3 consequences- (1st offense) 30 day bus suspension, (2nd offense) 45 day bus suspension, (All subsequent offenses) Administrative discretion

Tier 4 offenses- Drugs, alcohol, controlled substances, weapons of any length

Tier 4 consequences- up to 15 days Crossroads ISS and discretion of tribunal panel

### CELL PHONE POLICY

**Having a cell phone on school campus is a privilege- NOT a right.** Students may be in possession of a cell phone, but they should not be visible in the hallways or classrooms. (Use in classroom is at the discretion of the classroom teacher). Teachers and administration reserve the right to monitor usage and collect device.

**Phones visible in the hallways or in the classroom without teacher consent will result in:**

1st offense - School will confiscate cell phone for 5 days and cell phone will be put in the safe where only a parent/guardian must sign for it and pick it up at the end of the 5th day- or pay \$25 to retrieve the cell phone.

2nd offense\_— School will confiscate the cell phone for 25 school days. Only a parent/guardian must sign for it and pick it up at the end of the 25th day or Pay \$25 to retrieve the cell phone.

3rd offense\_— School will confiscate the cell phone for 25 school days .Only a parent/guardian must sign for it and pick it up at the end of the 25th day or Pay \$25 to retrieve the cell phone.

4th offense\_– School will confiscate the cell phone for 50 school days -Only a parent /guardian must sign for it and pick it up at the end of the 50th day or Pay \$25 to retrieve the cell phone.

5th & subsequent offenses –School will confiscate the cell phone for the remainder of the school year.

**Refusal to give cell phone to any member of the faculty/staff will be treated as insubordination/disrespect and cell phone will be confiscated by an administrator.** Administration reserves the right to examine phone contents with probable cause. Cheating /Bullying//illicit use of cell phone may result in the cellphone being confiscated indefinitely as evidence.

## TARDINESS, FAILED ACADEMY, CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, STUDENT REFERRALS

*Definition of a tardy – student arrives to class after the tardy bell has rung.*

TARDIES		FAILED ACADEMY	
<b>4+ Tardies</b>	Warning	<b>1st Failed Academy</b>	1 Days ISS
<b>8+ Tardies</b>	1 Academy	<b>2nd Failed Academy</b>	2 Days ISS
<b>12+ Tardies</b>	1 Day ISS	<b>3rd Failed Academy</b>	3 Days ISS
<b>16+ Tardies</b>	2 Days ISS and Parental Suspension	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Failed Academy</b>	4 Days ISS & Parental Suspension
<b>20+ Tardies</b>	Discretion of Administration	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Failed Academy</b>	2 Days OSS
		<b>6<sup>th</sup> Failed Academy</b>	3 Days OSS

Students may be placed on **parental suspension** at any time. However, after 5 referrals of any nature, a student will be placed on parental suspension. It is the goal of the Discipline Office to involve the parent, teacher, and administrator in correcting behavior that may inhibit the academic success of the student.

**Student cars brought on campus, student book bags, and school lockers, desks and other school property shall be subject to inspection and search by school authorities at all times without further notice to students or parents. Such searches may be conducted using “drug-sniffing” dogs or hand-held metal detectors. The Elbert County School System reserves the right to use “walk-through” and “hand-held” metal detectors and “drug-sniffing” dogs at any school function, including activities which occur outside normal school hours or off the school campus. Students are notified that these metal detectors will be used in the discretion of administrators.**

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### COUNSELOR/GRADUATION COACH/SOCIAL WORKER

The school counselor, graduation coach, and social worker are available to assist students, faculty, and parents before, during, and after school. An appointment is recommended. They provide guidance and information for education/career planning, personal problems, and information concerning drug/alcohol rehabilitation. Students must have permission and a hall pass in order to go to the counselor's office during class time.

### COLLEGE VISITATION PRIVILEGES

Seniors may be excused to visit post-secondary schools on school days provided that they file a request in advance giving dates and reasons for going. Students are counted present if teachers approve the request in advance from the guidance office.

### CAREER CENTER

A career center is available to students and parents in the counseling office in order to assist them in setting post-secondary goals. It is open weekdays.

### ECCHS GIFTED EDUCATION

ECCHS provides services for gifted identified students at all grade levels through honors and AP course opportunities.

### END OF COURSE TESTS (EOCT) AND STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES (SLO)

EOCT's will be given in eight (8) classes for the 2014-2015 school year: Coordinate Algebra, Analytic Geometry, US History, Economics, Physical Science, Biology, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature, and American Literature. All other classes will take a Student Learning Objective (SLO) Assessment that was created by a system team. It is important that each student take these tests seriously as they will each count 20% of the students' overall average in the respective course.

### GRADES AND GRADE REPORTS

Elbert County Comprehensive High School grading system is as follows:  
A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79; F=69 & below. No grade higher than 100 is issued. Parents and students have real time access to grades through Infinite Campus. Final grade reports will be mailed to the parents. Dates are in the school calendar section of the handbook.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### Units required for advancing to the next grade level

<u>Units needed to move to next grade</u>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> year student	6 units
3 <sup>rd</sup> year student	12 units
4 <sup>th</sup> year student	20 units
<b>A total of 28 units are required for graduation.</b>	

Students must meet 3 requirements to earn a diploma from ECCHS. These requirements are to accumulate the required number of credits as required by the Elbert County Board of Education, to pass specific course requirements, and to pass the Georgia High School Writing Test. Elbert County Comprehensive High School requires that all students meet course, state testing, and credit requirements in order to participate in graduation.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2015 and beyond	
PE/Health	1 unit (3 units of ROTC satisfies requirement)
Modern Language, Fine Arts, CTAE, ROTC	3 units-in any combination
English	4 units- 2 of 4 must be 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit & American Lit.
Social Studies	4 units- Must include World History, U.S. History, Government, & Economics.
Math	(4 units) CCGPS Coordinate Algebra (or Accelerated), CCGPS Analytic Geometry (or accelerated), CCGPS Advanced Algebra, and Pre-Calculus (or other state approved courses)
Science	4 Units-Must include Biology, Physical Science or Physics, Chemistry or Environmental Science or AP Science courses, & an additional science.
Total Units	<b>20 Required Units + 8 Elective Units = 28 Total Units Required</b>

## SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

### CLASS RANKING AND WEIGHTING

Procedures regarding class rank and weighting follow Elbert County Board of Education Policy. The ECCHS weighting policy **will only** be used to determine class rank and honor graduate status. **Only** those courses that students pass will be weighted. It **will not** be used to determine HOPE graduate status. Only those classes that are administered through the Elbert County School System will be weighted.

**Class weighting is as follows:**

Class	College Prep	ACCEL/Move On When Ready	AP	Honors	Upper Level Foreign Lang (III or higher) ONLY for c/o 2014 on
2015 & beyond	0	6	6	3	3

## HONOR GRADUATE POLICY

In order to receive honor graduate status students must meet the following criteria:

Honor Graduate	Honor Graduate w/ Distinction	Hope Eligible
93	97	Yes

**\*All averages above are accumulative averages**

## SCHOLASTIC "E"

Awarded to students who maintain superior grades. Recipients will receive their E certificates, patches, letters, or bars on Awards Day. The next page shows the criteria:

Class	Overall Unweighted Average	No Grade Lower than	Core Unweighted Cumulative Average	Other required courses
2012-13	90	86	N/A	Includes 2 AP/ Honors
2014+	N/A	N/A	90	N/A

Level I – 1<sup>st</sup> time meeting criteria; Level II – 2<sup>nd</sup> time meeting criteria; Level III – 3<sup>rd</sup> time meeting criteria; Level IV – 4<sup>th</sup> time meeting criteria. Upper levels can only be earned if criteria for lower levels have already been met. Criteria are checked once a year, after the fall semester grades have been stored.

### BETA CLUB:

Admission to the Beta Club is based on the accomplishment of a 90.0 or better overall unweighted average. Ninth graders are not eligible for Beta until they have completed at least one semester in high school. Invitations to join these groups are extended at the beginning of each semester. Anyone who feels he/she is eligible for membership should see the sponsor.

### SENIOR SUPERLATIVES CRITERIA:

- 1) Students must submit personal application by the 4th of November. Forms are available in office.
- 2) The number of students chosen will range from the top 5% to 10% of the Senior Class. The exact number will be decided by the selection committee.
- 3) The committee will consist of teachers, counselors, assistant principal, and principal. Decisions by the committee are final.
- 4) Selection for Senior Superlative will not be based on any predetermined ratio system, thereby, giving all students equal opportunity of being selected.
- 5) Disciplinary problems will be assessed by deducting points as follows: (next page)

<b>1st Academy</b>	10	<b>All subsequent ISS assignments</b>	50	
<b>All subsequent Academy assignments</b>	25		<b>OSS/Corporal Punishment/ Crossroads ISS</b>	75
<b>1<sup>st</sup> ISS assignment/ Corporal Punishment</b>	25		<b>Expulsion</b>	100

**\*Any student convicted of a misdemeanor or felony will not be considered**

- 6) Students will be chosen on the basis of a point system that will weigh their achievements in various school activities. They will be classified as:

Class A- Academic activities

Class B- Competitive team activities

Class C- Elected, individual and group activities

*\* Community, Church, & 12<sup>th</sup> grade activities will not be considered.*

### ACCEL/MOWR PROGRAM

Students should contact Mrs. Almond for information regarding the ACCEL/MOWR Program. All students seeking to enroll in the ACCEL/MOWR Program must meet all local Board of Education requirements and post-secondary institution requirements for admission to this program.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is an honor society for sophomores, juniors, and seniors with an overall un-weighted 90 average. Each fall students who seek membership must complete an application for consideration to be reviewed by the NHS Faculty Counsel. The following are requirements for election and continued membership in National Honor Society.

Tenth and eleventh grade students must be;

1. Exemplifying outstanding characteristics in leadership, service, scholarship & character
2. Taking a minimum of one class of English, math, science, & social studies each year
3. Taking a minimum of four core classes each year
4. Maintaining an overall 90 un-weighted average each year
5. Attend all club meetings, pay dues & participate in all club activities.

Twelfth grade students must be:

7. Complying with 1 and 5 above;
8. Taking a minimum of three classes in English, math, science, and/or social studies;
9. Taking a minimum of 3 core classes.

## MEDIA CENTER RESOURCES/REGULATIONS

The ECCHS Library/Media Center contains thousands of books & audiovisual materials. These have online catalog access. There are 33 networked computer workstations. Programmed laptop computers are available. Classrooms are equipped with networked workstations. They are extensions of the media center's holdings.

***\* The following are some of the basic regulations, which are observed in the media center:***

Books may be checked out for a period of two weeks, and renewed thereafter. A fine of 10 cents occurs if books are overdue and renewal is not utilized. Magazines may only be read in the media center. Students are notified of their delinquencies, verbally, and in writing. Reference materials are not checked out; however, photocopying is available at 10 cents per page. Lost books and/or magazines are paid for at the current replacement price. A student must possess a pass, with teacher signature, and purpose of visit, in order to utilize media center during class time. Any other time, before/after school, or break time, passes are not required. An atmosphere conducive to learning, and consideration of others, is maintained at all times.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year scholarships are awarded to outstanding, deserving seniors by local organizations and individuals. A complete list of the awards, donors, and criteria for each is available in March. Graduating Seniors may apply for local scholarships in late January by completing an application available in the counselor's office. Approximately \$100,000 is given each year.

## TEST-OUT OPTION FOR COURSE CREDIT

Georgia State Board of Education Rule (160-5-1-.15 AWARDING UNITS OF CREDIT AND ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER CREDIT AND/OR GRADES), adopted by the Board in April 2013, provides the opportunity for students to “test-out” of any course for which there is an associated EOCT and earn credit for the course through that process.

Under the provisions of the amended rule and guidelines published by the Georgia Department of Education’s (GaDOE) Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, local boards of education shall award course credit to students who reach the performance level of Exceeds (indicated by a score of 90 or above) on an EOCT taken prior to taking the course. For example, a student may attempt the Biology EOCT prior to taking the course. If the student reaches the performance level of Exceeds, the local board of education shall award the student the Biology course credit. A student may test-out of any course that has an associated state-mandated EOCT. As stated in the Rule, students may earn no more than three units of credit by demonstrating subject area competency in this fashion.

### Student Eligibility

Students must meet the following requirements to exercise this option:

1. Not currently or previously enrolled in the course;
2. Have earned a grade of B or better in the most recent course that is the same content area of the course for which the student is attempting the EOCT;
3. Received a teacher recommendation from the teacher of the most recent course in the same content area (or, if not available, a teacher in the same content area with knowledge of the student’s academic achievement) for which the student is attempting the EOCT; and
4. Received parent/guardian permission if the student is less than 18 years of age.
5. Students and parents must participate in an advisement session prior to testing.

*Students who do not meet the eligibility criteria above will not be allowed to take advantage of the test-out opportunity.*

**Test Administration Guidelines** - When allowing students to attempt to earn course credit through testing out, Elbert County Comprehensive High School shall:

1. Allow eligible students **only one opportunity per course** to demonstrate subject area competency.
2. Provide the EOCT test-out opportunity only during the GaDOE designated administration windows for this purpose and all administrations must be conducted online.
3. **Require students who do not reach the performance level of Exceeds when attempting to test-out to enroll in and complete the associated course when applicable. The student would again take the EOCT at the conclusion of that course experience regardless of their score during their attempt to test-out. EOCT scores cannot be banked.**
4. Students may not opt to test-out if currently enrolled, or who have previously been enrolled, in a higher-level course to attempt to earn credit by testing out. For example, a student taking AP Physics may not earn credit for Physical Science through this process.
5. The administration of all EOCTs for this purpose must adhere to the system’s local EOCT testing calendar.

6. Students who opted to test-out and have achieved the Exceeds performance level (as indicated by a score of 90 or above) will be required to move to the next level course.

**The test score earned will be stored as the official grade for that course.**

*\*Please note: Credits earned through the test-out process are not recognized by the NCAA.*

### Costs

Students who opt to test-out of an EOCT will be charged an advanced fee of \$50.00 (cash or money order) per course. No student will be tested who has not paid this fee. If the student scores at the exceeds level, the cost of the course will be reimbursed to the parent/guardian/student.

### Availability

The opportunity for students to test-out may be offered by Elbert County during specified EOCT Mid-Month windows. The first EOCT window during which this option becomes available will be the September 2014 Mid-Month Administration. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, the opportunity for students to test-out will be offered in the specific Mid-Month Administration windows of September and March. Beginning in summer 2014, the Summer Administration window may also be utilized for this purpose.

This option is not available during the Winter or Spring Main Administrations and only in the specific Mid-Month windows above.

For more information about the test-out process, please contact Mrs. Michelle Dye, Curriculum Director at 706-213-4113 or Mrs. Stacey Almond, Guidance Counselor at 706-213-4121.

## THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HOPE works differently depending on the type of post-secondary school you attend. At **public colleges & universities** & at **public technical institutes**, The HOPE Scholarship covers:

- Tuition, Mandatory fees, a book allowance of up to \$150 per semester.

Each year at a **private college or university**, you may receive:

- A \$3,000 H.O.P.E. Grant
- A \$1,000 Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant

\*For the classes of 2015 and beyond, there will be new rigor requirements that students must meet to be eligible for a HOPE Scholarship basically requiring advanced level classes. Please use the following link to the school website to see the requirements for each class or at the school website click on the guidance tab and look for HOPE Rigor Requirements:

<https://by2prd0711.outlook.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=xbXWom2z2k6hRFzQMnCSdfScohFEUdAlestoXWQnzEcoHF8M-fy3z2pnWweoXGoWWhn4ShKOWHM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2felbertchs.sharpschool.net%2fUserFiles%2fServers%2fServer.4531607%2fimage%2fGuidance%2fHOPE%2520Rigor%2520Requirements-Fall2013.pdf>

## HOPE CALCULATION METHOD

**What does ECCHS report to the Georgia Student Finance Commission?**

A complete Transcript with course history

**Who determines Hope eligibility?**

The Georgia Student Finance Commission

**What is the nominal standard of eligibility for HOPE?**



College Preparatory- 3.0 Core GPA on an un-weighted 4.0 scale

**Which academic credits count in the HOPE calculation?**

All credits attempted in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language

**Which courses are weighted in the HOPE GPA calculation?**

Advanced Placement

**Who does the weighting for the HOPE GPA calculation?**

The Georgia Student Finance Commission

**How will the GSFC weight grades in Advanced Placement courses?**

AP courses will be weighted by one-half of a letter grade on a GPA scale

Grades of A cannot be weighted

Grades of B would be translated from a 3.0 to a 3.5

Grades of C would be translated from a 2.0 to a 2.5

**GEORGIA SCHOLAR**

The Georgia Scholar is a graduating high school senior who exhibits excellence in all phases of school life, in community activities and in the home.

To be eligible to be a **Georgia Scholar**, students must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Have a minimum score of 1360 (Math/Critical Reading) on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) at one test administration or a score of 31 on American College Test (ACT).
- (2) Have earned 22 Carnegie units of credit for graduation including 3 units in science, including 1 unit in chemistry or physics; 4 units in mathematics, including 1 unit in Algebra II; 3 units in social studies, including economics and citizenship, world history, and U.S. studies; 4 units in English language arts; 2 units of foreign language.
- (3) Have pursued academic study in visual arts, music, dance, theater, other arts areas.
- (4) In all work taken in grades 9-12, the student has either maintained a 3.75 average on a 4.0 scale or ranks in the upper 10 percent of his/her class,
- (5) Have maintained 95 percent attendance in grades 9-12.
- (6) During grades 9-12, the student has participated in three interscholastic events or has achieved significant recognition in interscholastic events; Examples: holding first chair/leading a section in band/chorus, serving as athletic team captain, placing in individual athletic events, debates, livestock project/vocational competitions or similar events.
- (7) Have assumed leadership in at least 2 extra-curricular school sponsored activities.
- (8) Have assumed leadership in youth activities outside the school.
- (9) Has registered to vote if he or she is 18 years old.
- (10) Show evidence of self-esteem & concern for others in day-to-day activities.

**ACADEMIC LUNCH**

The graduation coach may assign academic lunch on an as needed basis.

**DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

The school reserves the right to release directory information on each student. Directory information includes name, address, birth date, class schedule, height, weight, dates of attendance, honors and awards, clubs and teams to which the student belongs, and pictures of students participating in school events. Parents who do not wish this directory information released on their child **MUST** contact the Main Office and ask that directory information not be released.

**DISPLAY OF SIGNS**

All posters/signs/announcements, & other such forms must be approved by the administration before displaying. Posters should not permanently attach to walls, surfaces or any exit doors. Students/organizations are responsible for removal.

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURE DRILLS**

Emergency procedure drills may be held whenever deemed necessary by the administration. Faculty and staff should refer to their emergency procedure handbook upon notification of emergency procedure code. Students should follow the directives of the staff upon the implementation of the drill.

**FIRE DRILLS**

State law requires fire drills. These drills are held so that, in emergency; the building may be quickly evacuated. During a fire/fire drill, students must move quickly in an orderly manner away from building. Students must be quiet during the fire drill so that important signals may be communicated. Your classroom teacher will tell you which exit to use. Any students who set off false alarms will be suspended from school. The appropriate law enforcement agencies will be informed and charges may be filed.

**FUND RAISING**

All projects, which involve fund raising, must first be coordinated with a club sponsor and then cleared with the school principal and approved by the Elbert County Board of Education at the appropriate monthly meeting. Receipts from these fundraising projects must be deposited with the school bookkeeper. The school will make all payments to vendors for goods or merchandise purchased. Students who volunteer to participate in fund raising projects are responsible for paying for or returning any items issued to them. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action. No person is allowed to sell for personal profit at the school.

**HALL PASS**

No student is allowed to pass through the halls during classes without a hall pass. Staff/faculty members have the right to check hall passes when students are out of the class during instructional time.

**LOCKERS**

Lockers are provided as a convenience for students. The school is not responsible for stolen items, but theft of any item should be reported to an administrator as soon as possible. Lockers are subject to searches when deemed necessary.

## LOST AND FOUND

All articles that are found should be returned to the main office. Lost items will be held in the office. Afterwards they may be turned over to the Salvation Army. Students are discouraged from bringing large sums of money/valuables to school. The school is not responsible for items of personal property.

## LUNCHROOM PROCEDURES

Students are to eat lunches in the lunchroom. Students are not allowed to eat in the halls or in the classrooms. Lunches are not to be taken from the lunchroom.

Teachers are not to allow students to eat in classrooms except during special events that are approved by the administration. Students are not to carry drink bottles or food onto the halls. If a student is carrying food or drinks onto halls they may be confiscated. **Students are not to bring lunches purchased off campus into the building.** Students failing to complete free and reduced forms by the assigned dates may be denied certain lunchroom privileges. The lunchroom staff may limit charges, & students will be expected to pay or be denied certain lunchroom privileges.

Students are not to leave campus during lunch. Students are to be in patio, lunchroom, or designated halls during lunch. A student must have a pass to be in other portions of the building during lunch hours. **Any items taken from the lunchroom without payment will be treated as theft which will result in disciplinary action and may result in charges being filed.**

Lunchroom costs			
	Student		Adult
Meal	Regular	Reduced	Regular
Breakfast	\$1.40	\$0.30	\$2.00
Lunch	\$1.90	\$0.40	\$3.00

## MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

Permission for Medication Administration form (to be signed by the parent/guardian) can be obtained in the main office and should be submitted for any type of medicine to be taken at school. Students must bring all medications to the main office. This includes both prescription and non-prescription medications. According to state law, all medication must be in the original container. At the end of the school year, any medicine not taken by the student will be destroyed after one week unless the parent/guardian comes by the school to retrieve the medicine. Possession and/or distribution of medicines (prescription and/or non-prescription) by students at school may be considered a "drug" violation unless the above stated procedures are followed.

## MORNING PROCEDURES

At the 8:00 bell the Call to Colors will be played over the intercom. Students are expected to stand. Students are also expected to stand for the pledge, which is said immediately after the Call to Colors. Students are then to be seated and observe the moment of silence. This moment of quiet time is not intended to be a religious service or exercise but shall be considered as an opportunity to think about the activities of the day. If students, staff, or faculty are in the hall during these events, they are expected to remain still and move only after the Moment of Silence is complete.

## TECHNOLOGY DEVICE RESPONSIBILITY

All students with parental permission will be issued a technology device to keep and use for the entire school year. Students should bring the technology device fully charged each day to class. It is the responsibility of the student to take care of it. Suggestions for protecting equipment include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) ALWAYS put it in the case before carrying
- 2) **Charge nightly**; Leave chargers at home!
- 3) Use a soft damp cloth to clean the screen (microfiber cloths work well)
- 4) Thumb drives are recommended for back up

**Charges will be incurred for loss or damage.**

## OWED FEES

Students who owe fees may not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities, receive parking permits, or be allowed to participate in fundraising activities. To participate in the Homecoming Dance and Prom, a student's name must be removed from the owed fees list. They will not be given early release during final exams. Owed fees must be paid by cash or money order before school, during lunch, or after school. ALL students must clear owed fees in order to exempt exams.

## PARENTAL RIGHTS OF TEACHER CREDENTIALS

All parents have a right to request the credentials and certification level of their child's teacher(s). Parents may obtain this information from main office. (706) 213-4100.

## PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

The Parent Resource Center is located at the J. Paul Blackwell Learning Center. You may contact Mrs. Wausheka McClary at 706-213-4050 for information.

## RESCUE AND RECOVERY

Students needing assistance in a course are expected to attend Rescue and Recovery, preferably **before** the final test for that unit. If a student fails a test or is dissatisfied with their grade on a test, they may attend Rescue and Recovery and retake a similar version of the test. If the student passes the retest, he/she will receive the average of the two grades, with 69% being lowest score used for the first attempt. If the student fails the retest, he/she will receive the higher of the two grades. If the student passes the original and passes the retest, he/she will receive the average of the two grades. If the student never comes to rescue or recover their test, they will receive the original grade.

## RESTROOMS

Restrooms are for the convenience of the students. Please do not loiter or socialize in the restrooms. Students share responsibility for keeping their restrooms clean and in good working order. Any student who is found deliberately littering or abusing the restrooms in any way would be referred for disciplinary action to an administrator.

## SAFETY

In all laboratory classes, students are to abide by the safety procedures established by the teacher. Students who fail to abide by such rules will have to leave the class for their safety as well as the safety of others. Such students will be subject to disciplinary action.

## TELEPHONE MESSAGES

Telephone messages will only be accepted for students from a parent/guardian. Classes will not be interrupted for messages. At the end of the day, students will be notified, to the best of the school's ability, to pick up messages in office. The school accepts NO responsibility if student does not check the office for his/her messages.

## VISITORS

Residents of the Elbert County area will NOT be allowed to visit students on campus. Graduates of Elbert County High School are welcome to visit faculty members at the conclusion of the school day after checking in at the front office. All visitors to campus MUST check in at the front office. This includes parents, former students, salesmen, etc. Students are not allowed to invite visitors to school.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Students must earn 2.5 of 4 units per semester, and be on track to be eligible to participate. Grades will be checked at the end of each semester.

The following would be considered on track:

5 credits at end of Freshman year to participate as a Sophomore

11 credits at end of Sophomore year to participate as a Junior

17 credits at end of Junior year to participate as a Senior

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Membership in all school-sponsored clubs and organizations is open to all students based upon interest and/or meeting a set of meritorious criteria that is quantitative in nature.

**All clubs/organizations must abide by the following policies:**

- (1) All members must meet the state's eligibility requirements for extra-curricular interscholastic activities.
- (2) Initiations are not to include any type of activity that can be categorized as hazing, dangerous, or humiliating. Initiation activities should center on the purpose of the organization and its value to the well being of the school, community, and individual.
- (3) All members must meet the fund raising guidelines.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Academic Bowl  
Anchor  
Alpha Beta  
Delta Beta  
Blue Sword  
FBLA  
FCA  
FFA  
FCCLA  
FHF  
4-H  
Key

V. Cutts  
E. Wilson  
K. Gary  
K. Gary  
Major Lovin  
D. Crook/ L. Starrett  
A. Rogers  
M. Bilow  
K. Oakley  
C. Thomas  
4-H Staff  
P. Bohlen

National Honors Society  
National Art Society  
Dramatic Devils/Literary Events  
Interact  
Student Council  
Relay for Life  
Eidolon  
Blue Print Newspaper  
Jobs for GA Graduates  
Class Sponsors  
12th  
11<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup>  
9th

C. Smith  
D. Bennett  
Tr. Brown  
J. Hover/B. Norman  
K. Rucker  
S. Rivers  
J. Jourolmon  
S. Rice  
TBA  
R. Driver  
TBD  
E. Vaughn  
D. Crook

## ATHLETICS

Nearly half of the students at ECCHS participate in the Athletic program. These include football, cheerleading, girls' softball, and cross-country in the fall. Girls' and boys' basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading are offered in the winter. Baseball, boys' and girls' golf, boys' and girls' tennis and boys' and girls' track and field and soccer are provided in the spring. Participation in these activities on an interscholastic competitive level is governed by rules of the Georgia High School Association.

**In order to be eligible for extra-curricular activities a student must:**

- (1) Meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the **Extra-Curricular Activities & Eligibility Policy**
- (2) Be a regular student taking at least 4 courses toward Graduation
- (3) Complete eligibility within 8 semesters (4 consecutive years)
- (4) Be an amateur, never played in an unauthorized game or on a non-school team during the season, nor signed a professional contract
- (5) Not attain the age of 19 prior to May 1 of the year preceding participation
- (6) Not be migrant pupil of less than one year's standing (changing residence w/out parents)
- (7) Complete a medical exam

Students are not retained for athletic purposes nor required to participate in any out-of-season program including summer as a condition of participation. Students must meet the state's & Georgia High School Association's eligibility requirements before participating in any competitive interscholastic activity or before holding office in any school sponsored club or organization that would require competing with students from other schools.

## GENDER EQUITY IN SPORTS

No student in the Elbert County School System shall, on the basis of gender, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another student, or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic or intramural athletics offered by the school system, nor shall the school system provide any such athletics separately on such basis, except as specifically authorized by the state policy. The gender equity coordinator for ECCHS is Coach Sid Fritts. He can be reached at 213-4000 or 600 Abernathy Circle, Elberton, Georgia 30635.

## TEAM Time Dates for 2014-2015

August 27
September 17 (Grade Check)
October 8
November 12
December 3 (Teacher Planned)
January 14
February 11 (Registration)
March 4
March 25 (Teacher Planned)
April 15

## Remind (formerly "Remind101")

Follow the directions below to subscribe to "Remind" and you will receive text/email alerts about important events, activities, or announcements at ECCHS. We want to keep you informed.

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Subscribing for email alerts:

