

American Canyon High School Student Code of

American Canyon High School provides student-centered educational services, which promote safety, respect and individual responsibility on a daily basis. Students have the responsibility to make positive decisions regarding their behavior. It is the responsibility of the students to accept the consequences of their decisions. When the student's behavior conflicts with the values of American Canyon High School, the student is actively engaged in an intervention process that will assist the student in developing his/her individual potential. It is our goal that to-

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity requires that all academic work be entirely the product of an identified individual or individuals. Joint efforts are legitimate only when the assistance of others is explicitly acknowledged. Ethical conduct is the obligation of every student of American Canyon High School and breaches of academic integrity constitute serious offenses. Students who cheat, fabricate, facilitate academic dishonesty, plagiarize the work of another to receive course credit or make materials unavailable to others by stealing or defacing books and/or journals, or alter computer files that belong to another, will face disciplinary consequences as well as the loss of credit for the test/assignment. (NVUSD AR 5131).

Attendance

Students are expected to be in school every day and to be in class on time. When students are referred to the office for truancy (unexcused absence), they will be subject to sanctions. Sanctions are progressive and can include detention, Saturday school, suspension, or expulsion. A student's absence is excused only if the student has illness, a medical appointment, there is a religious holiday or the student is participating in an approved school related activity and the absence is cleared within 5 school days of occurrence. Extraordinary circumstances, such as court appearances, bereavements, and family emergencies, may result in approval of the absence. This policy includes all day or single period absences. When possible, these absences should be arranged in advance. If a student is habitually tardy or truant, a counselor, administrator or teacher may request a School Attendance Review Team (SART) meeting attended by the student and their parent or guardian. During the SART meeting, an attendance plan will be developed to support improved student attendance. Parents may clear absences through our Attendance Hotline at 557-8321. In addition, an automated calling machine will contact parents daily regarding truanancies.

Tardiness: Students are expected to be in class on time every period of the day. When students arrive late the learning environment for other students is disrupted. Therefore, it is essential that all students are in class ready to begin learning on time. Tardiness is considered a partial absence and all policies relating to absence apply to tardiness. A student will not have an excused tardy unless a parent calls, emails, or sends a note verifying that the tardy was caused by an approved criterion within 24 hours of occurrence. Excessive tardiness can lead to a student failing a class. When a student arrives late to class, sanctions will be assigned as follows:

- First Offense—Teacher warning; Conference with student
- Second Offense—Teacher warning; Teacher assigned sanction; Teacher contacts parents
- Third Offense—Sanction assigned by teacher; Referral to counselor; Parent contacted by teacher and counselor
- Subsequent Offenses—Referral to administration; Sanction assigned; Parent notified; Counselor notified; Filed as “truancy” based on excessive tardiness [CA EC 48260]

Dress Code

Guidelines to follow for dressing at school:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers are not allowed. (Unless for a school-sponsored activity)
2. Excessive bareness is not permitted (i.e. bare midriff, open back shirts, strapless/tube tops, ripped clothing, men's muscle tank tops, see-through clothing).
3. Clothing that is profane, obscene, degrading to others, gang-related, features weapons, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are not permitted.
4. No chains or spikes of any kind on clothing or hanging from clothing are permitted.
5. No sagging or low ridding pants are permitted.
6. Skirt, short, and dress length must be long enough so that when your arms are fully extended it reaches your fingertips.
7. Underwear may not be exposed.
8. **Hats are not to be worn on campus during regular school hours: 8:20 am to 3:30 pm. Students are not permitted to wear handkerchiefs, hairnets, bandanas, doo-rags, or gang related head wear at any time on school property. (Hats may be allowed during the school day during certain school-sponsored events)**
9. Any article of clothing that is deemed inappropriate by staff may not be worn at school or school sponsored events.

Harassment/Intimidation

American Canyon provides a safe and welcoming environment for all students. Students will have a learning environment that is free from all forms of harassment and/or intimidation, including harassment because of sexual orientation, gender discrimination, gender identity, a mental, physical, or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic. Any student who engages in harassment/intimidation of any kind will be subject to sanctions up to and including expulsion as well as criminal charges.

Internet Use

Student access to the Internet is restricted to class-related activities only. Inappropriate conduct on the American Canyon High School Internet access and/or any student violating the use contract or guidelines (posted in all computer labs) will be subject to sanctions, in conformity with the ACHS School Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline (which is published in school handbooks) and could face consequences including, but not limited to, the loss of computer privileges, criminal charges, or other sanctions.

Electronic Devices

All cell phones or electronic devices must be turned off and put away during instructional time. All electronic devices, including cell phones, mp3 players, iPods, video recorders or cameras may not be used or visible during a regularly scheduled class period unless instructed to do so by a staff member. Students who violate this policy will be subject to sanctions. To protect the privacy of students and staff, cameras and video recorders (including cell phone cameras) may not be used on campus for any purpose without written permission from an administrator. It is the understanding that any student who brings any electronic device on campus will do so at their own risk, and American Canyon High School assumes no responsibility/liability if the device is lost, damaged, or stolen.

Food and Drink in Classrooms

Food and drinks are to be consumed in designated areas of the campus. Food/drinks are not allowed in classrooms, with the exception of bottled water. Food and drinks of any kind are not permitted in computer labs or the library. (Special permission may be granted for certain events) Gum is not allowed on campus.

Banned Items

Some objects that parents may allow students to possess off campus are prohibited for students to possess on the American Canyon School campus.

These items include:

- Weapons of any kind or facsimiles of weapons
- Pocket knives/tools/sharp objects of any kind
- Energy drinks, cigarettes, all tobacco and lighters
- Laser pens/lights or water balloons
- Felt and/or permanent markers
- Spray paint, or paint of any kind
- Chains, spiked items on hats, clothing or bracelets
- Gang related drawings/writings of any kind
- Air-soft guns, squirt guns or water toys
- Pornographic/sexual material
- Electronic devices unnecessary for school work
- Skateboards or roller shoes

In addition, students should not bring money or valuables to school. The school is not responsible/liable for any items stolen or lost on school grounds.