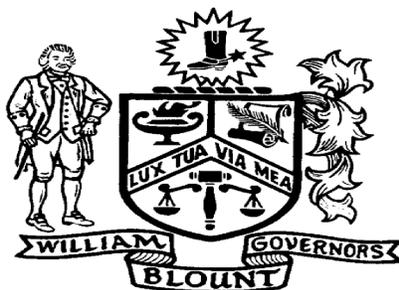


**WILLIAM BLOUNT
HIGH SCHOOL**



**STUDENT
HANDBOOK
2023-2024**



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**Some policies may be altered or amended pending developing health
and safety circumstances.*

WILLIAM BLOUNT HIGH SCHOOL does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability in its provision of educational opportunities or employment opportunities and benefits pursuant to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as codified in 42 USC 2000D, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. 92-318, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Title II Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L.101-336, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. Inquiries concerning Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, Title II, the Age Discrimination Act, and the Equal Access Act should be directed to the Blount County Schools Human Rights Officer Dr. Alisa Teffeteller at 831 Grandview Drive, Maryville, TN 37803 or call 984-1212. Charges of violation of the above may also be directed to the Director of Schools, Mr. David Murrell, 831 Grandview Drive, Maryville, TN 37803 or call 984-1212. Contact the Office of Civil Rights regional office for Tennessee is United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Atlanta Office, Southern Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S. W., Suite 19T70, Atlanta, GA 30303 or call (404) 974-9406.

WILLIAM BLOUNT HIGH SCHOOL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

William Blount High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its program or activities. William Blount High School offers classes in many career and technical education program areas under its open admissions policy. Specifically, the William Blount High School offers admissions based on selective criteria (in programs like Work-Based Learning, Clinical Internship, etc.) through a separate application process that is nondiscriminatory. For more information about the application process and particular course offerings, contact the admissions office at (865) 984-5500. *[LEP: Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs.]

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Alisa Teffeteller Blount County Schools 831 Grandview Drive Maryville, TN 37803 865-984-1212 Alisa.Teffeteller@blountk12.org

La High School secundaria de Guillermo Blount no discrimina en base de la raza, del color, del origen nacional, del sexo, de la inhabilidad, o de la edad en su programa o actividades. La High School secundaria de Guillermo Blount ofrece a clases en muchos áreas del programa de la carrera y de la educación técnica bajo su política abierta de las admisiones.

Específicamente, la High School secundaria de Guillermo Blount ofrece las admisiones basadas en criterios selectivos adentro (los programas como aprender Trabajar-Basado, puesto de interno clínico, el etc.) con un proceso de uso separado que sea non-discriminatory. Para más información sobre el proceso de uso y las ofrendas particulares del curso, entre en contacto con la oficina de las admisiones en (865) 984-5500. *[LEP: La carencia del conocimiento de idiomas ingleses no será una barrera a la admisión y participación en programas de la carrera y de la educación técnica.] Han señalado a la gente siguiente para manejar investigaciones con respecto a las políticas del nondiscrimination: El Dr. Impulsión de Grandview del coordinador 831 del título VI de las escuelas del condado de Alisa Teffeteller Blount Maryville, TN 37803 865-984-1212 Alisa.Teffeteller@blountk12.org

FERPA- Student records maintained by the Blount County School System are protected under Section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act. The statute governs disclosure of records maintained by educational institutions which receive federal funds. The statute provides that such institutions must provide parents of students access to official records related to the student an opportunity for a hearing to challenge such records on the grounds that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate; that institution must obtain written consent of parents before releasing personally identifiable data about students from records other than a specified list of exceptions; that parents and students must be notified of these rights; that these rights transfer to students at certain points; and that an office and review board must be established. This office is the Family Policy Compliance Office of the US Department of Education, charged with investigation and adjudication of violations and complaints under the US Department of Education, charged with investigation and adjudication of violations and compliance with Section 438. A copy of the policy and administrative regulations adopted by the Blount County Board of Education in compliance with Section 438 may be obtained by contacting Amanda Vance, 831 Grandview Drive, Maryville, TN 37803, 984-1212.

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WILLIAM BLOUNT HIGH SCHOOL PURPOSE

William Blount High School's purpose is to equip students with skills and knowledge that will maximize their potential and optimize college and career readiness.

G - Graduate students who are college and career ready

O - Provide meaningful opportunities for all students

V - Value all students

S - Strive for success in all we do

OUR MISSION

To educate and motivate students to embrace the values of readiness, responsibility, and resilience.

OUR VISION

Instilling excellence in education for all

Blount County Schools | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

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**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 1990/ SECTION
504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT, 1973**

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by state and local government entities: No qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity.

Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities that receive or benefit from federal financial assistance through the Department of Education: No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States...shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

The Blount County Board of Education has adopted procedural safeguards, including provisions of Section 504 impartial due process hearings with respect to evaluation, eligibility, and placement of students. The procedural safeguards shall be found at www.blountk12.org under Parent Resources.

Those who have ADA related questions may call April Herron at 984-1212 and questions related to 504 may contact Dr. Alisa Teffeteller at 984-1212. Both contacts are at 831 Grandview Drive, Maryville, TN 37803.

STUDENT ARRIVAL

Students should not be dropped off at school prior to 7:30 am Main campus students arriving between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 am must report immediately to the commons or theater. Academy students arriving between 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. must report immediately to the commons.

STUDENT RELEASE

Academy bus riders should report to their assigned bus areas at 3:30. **Academy bus riders are not permitted to load the bus from the main campus.** Academy car riders should report to the back circle. Academy car riders are not permitted to be picked up in the front of the building. Students who do not follow these procedures are subject to disciplinary actions.

Main campus bus riders should report to the bus canopy in the front of the building at 3:30. Eleventh grade car riders should report to the early-dismissal parking lot to be picked up while sophomores should report to the CTE canopy. Main campus car riders are not permitted to be picked up in other staff parking lots or in the bus lane.. Additionally, main campus car riders are not permitted to be picked

up at Laurel Bank Church. No main campus student is allowed to walk to the Academy to ride the bus or be a car rider. Student drivers should report directly to their vehicles and should be off campus by 4:00 pm unless they are participating in a school-sponsored extracurricular activity. Students who do not follow these procedures will be subject to disciplinary actions.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Assembly programs may take place during the school year as needed. Good behavior is essential to the success and educational value of these assemblies. During assemblies, students are asked to follow these guidelines:

1. Take assigned seating quickly and quietly.
2. Be silent when the speaker approaches the microphone.
3. Give full and undivided attention to the speaker or activity.
4. Remain seated until dismissed.
5. No food or drink is to be taken into the auditorium or gym.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must meet all TSSAA guidelines to be eligible to participate in TSSAA contests. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that these requirements are met. Student athletes planning to enter Division I and II colleges and universities must conform to NCAA standards. It is the responsibility of the student to meet with guidance counselors to ensure that these standards are met. This should be done on a year-to-year basis.

ATTENDANCE

Policies and Procedures: A student may not miss more than 10 minutes in any class without being counted absent for that class period. **An absence in the class will be recorded for any student who is more than 10 minutes late or leaves class more than 10 minutes prior to the ending time.**

In addition, students who check-out of a class with less than 10 minutes remaining will be charged with an absence once this occurs 3 times.

When an absence is necessary, the parent or guardian should notify the school in writing of the reason for the absence.

Students are considered truant under the following circumstances:

1. Leaving school without permission and failing to follow procedures for signing in and out
2. Leaving school at lunch
3. Being absent from school without permission from parents
4. Obtaining a pass and not reporting to the specified destination
5. Coming to school but not attending class

Truancy cases will be reported to the attendance supervisor. Truancy offenses may result in a referral to juvenile court.

The school system will acknowledge the following reasons for absences and making up work:

- A. Student personal illness
- B. Death in family (not to exceed 3 days)
- C. Illness in family requiring the student to give temporary help (a physician statement is required)
- D. Religious observances
- E. Absences excused by the principal (if prior to the student's absence the parent or guardian consults the principal and both principal and teacher(s) agree that the absence is legitimate and if requested at least 3 days in advance, the absence shall be excused). Vacations should be scheduled during the summer or school holidays.
- F. Approved school-related activities.
- G. Circumstances that in the judgment of the principal create emergencies over which the student has no control.

Parent's signature or doctor's note will be accepted to justify any of the above seven reasons for *five* classes per block per academic term. The sixth absence and all subsequent absences will need to be either a doctor's note or a court note to be excused. **If a student's absences do not come under one of the above categories, he or she will be given an unexcused absence.** All absences incurred by a student are included in the student's total. All notes should be valid in the judgment of the principal or attendance personnel.

- Students have three days to bring in a parent note, doctor note, or court note.
- The attendance window opens at 8:00 A.M. each morning.
- Excuse notes will not be taken during class.
- Doctor notes/etc. will be verified by the school. *Any note that has been tampered with will be considered invalid, an unexcused absence will be issued, and disciplinary action will be taken.*
- Failure to bring a note will result in unexcused absence(s).

MAKE-UP WORK

Students are entitled to make up any work missed. The teacher shall allow a reasonable amount of time for the student to make up his/her work. A reasonable amount of time should be at least a day for each day missed plus one extra day. **It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the teacher regarding make-up work.**

TRUANCY BOARD

Excessive absences at the school level will result in the student being reported to the Blount County Juvenile Truancy Board. Parents are required to attend and review an attendance improvement plan with the board. If attendance does not improve, parents may be required to appear in juvenile court.

Tier One : When a student has accrued 3 unexcused absences, a parent contact is required (phone or meeting). This contact will be made by the school's attendance secretary.

Tier Two : When a student accumulates 5 unexcused absences, the student and parent/guardian will need to meet with a designated school employee (grade coach, guidance counselor, etc.) to create an attendance contract.

Tier Three will result in a referral to the truancy board.

For the more details, please refer to policy 6.2002 at Blountk12.org.

Attendance Incentive

Students may earn semester exam exemption by having four absences or fewer, achieving a passing grade, and having no in-school or out-of-school suspensions

EARLY CHECK-OUTS

*****For a student to leave school early:**

1. All parent notes to check out early for an appointment/personal reasons MUST be turned in between 8:00 - 8:25am at the attendance office (main office for Academy students). Students must bring a parent note stating the following:

- The reason the student must leave
- The time he or she is to be dismissed
- **A phone number where the parent/guardian can be reached**

2. A parent/guardian or authorized contact comes in to the office

3. Phone calls and/or emails to check out students will not be accepted.

All notes will be verified. If the school cannot verify a note by phone, the student will not be permitted to leave. **The student will be given an unexcused absence until an excuse from the parent, doctor, dentist, court, etc., is returned to the school.**

POST-SECONDARY VISITS

While postsecondary school visits are not required, any high school student wishing to participate in a postsecondary school visit during the school year shall submit to the principal/designee prior notice from his/her parent/guardian specifying the date of the school visit. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student shall be responsible for facilitating any postsecondary school visits and for ensuring the safety of the student during the visit.

The principal/designee shall count a student present for no more than two (2) days each school year for students participating in a postsecondary school visit. The student shall be counted present for the day of the postsecondary school visit and shall not be counted present during any travel days.

In order to be counted present for the school day missed, the student shall submit to the principal/designee a signed letter or form from a campus official verifying that the visit to the postsecondary school occurred.

The student shall complete any school work missed due to the student participating in a postsecondary school visit

BANNED ITEMS

William Blount High School will not be responsible for the theft of any item or items whose use is limited on this campus (i.e., cell phones, iPads, laptops, cameras, etc.) The theft of these items will not be investigated by the administration or school resource officer. Working in conjunction with the Blount County Sheriff's Department, William Blount High School will have a school resource officer (SRO) on staff. The officer will assist students and staff in all matters dealing with school safety and the prevention, detection, and adjudication of any criminal activity. Students wishing to talk with the SRO should notify the secretary in any school office.

- ***BLUETOOTH SPEAKERS***
Bluetooth speakers are not permitted on campus. Bluetooth speakers will be confiscated and treated as a cell phone violation. Any cell phone powering a bluetooth speaker is also subject to confiscation.
- **Skateboards and blankets are not permitted on campus.**

BLUE HOLDS/WITHHOLDING REPORT CARDS

When a student owes a financial obligation to the school, a hold is placed on his or her report card and other official records. This is called a "blue hold." Blue holds will be issued for:

1. Fines for overdue library books.
2. Fines for the abuse of school parking privileges and other school rules developed for the safe and efficient operation of the school.
3. Charges for lost, damaged, or destroyed textbooks, library books, workbooks, or other school property.
4. Charges for debts owed to the school.
5. Refundable deposits for locks and other security devices required for protection of school property when used in not-for-credit, extracurricular activities.
6. Cost to participate in non-credit, extracurricular activities, including athletics.

7. Vandalism to school property or bus damage.
The school district provides adopted textbooks at no cost to students. Students who lose or damage a textbook to the extent that it is no longer usable will be charged full replacement cost of the textbook. The grades, grade cards, diploma, and transcript of a student who is responsible for vandalism or theft, or who has otherwise incurred a debt to the school may be held until the student or the student's parent or guardian has paid the damages. Blue holds are kept and should be paid in Student Affairs..

CHROMEBOOK POLICY

The link to Blount County School's 1:World Chromebook Policy can be found at : <http://goo.gl/kR6L50>

BUS INFORMATION

School buses are privately owned property. To ride a school bus is a privilege, not a guarantee. Students who ride buses are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times. Misbehavior on school buses or while waiting at an elementary or middle school bus zone will result in disciplinary action and possible suspension from bus transportation.

For the more details, please refer to policy 6.308 .Blountk12.org.

BUS NOTES

Students who wish to ride home on a bus other than the one they usually ride must provide written documentation of parental permission. **A note from the student's parent must be turned in to the ATTENDANCE WINDOW by 8:25 A.M.** in order to provide time to verify the note. The school reserves the right to deny any request.

SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINARY CODE

According to the Blount County Board of Education Policy Manual, the following disciplinary code is in effect on all school buses transporting students to and from school.

LEVEL I VIOLATIONS:

- Eating or drinking on bus after warning
- Failure to remain seated on the bus after being warned
- Improper boarding/departing procedures after being warned
- Refusing to obey the driver
- Loud, rude, or abusive behavior
- Profane language/obscene gestures
- Any behavior jeopardizing safety or good order on the bus

Consequences may include:

- Warning by bus driver
- Written reprimand/Parent contact
- Bus riding suspension (1-5 days)

- Bus riding suspension (Minimum 5 days for repeat of Level I violations)
- Out-of-school suspension
- Third violation of Level I action to be referred to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

LEVEL II VIOLATIONS:

- Tampering with bus operating or emergency equipment
- Fighting/pushing/tripping
- Bringing articles aboard the bus of injurious or objectionable nature unless approved by driver
- Destruction of property
- Possession and/or use of tobacco products
- Profane language/obscene gestures
- Throwing objects in or out of the bus
- Hanging out bus window

Consequences may include:

- Bus riding suspension (5 days minimum)
- Bus riding suspension (Minimum 10 school days for repeat of Level II violations)
- Out-of-school suspension
- Third violation of Level II action to be referred to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

LEVEL III VIOLATIONS:

- Physical assault/verbal threats of a violent nature, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, directed to driver
- Attempting to set or setting fire to the seat, hair, clothing, etc.
- Possession and/or use of illegal substances
- Possession of a weapon
- Use of chemical substances with the intent to do harm

Consequences may include:

- Referral to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

- Breakfast is served from 7:50-8:20 AM.
- Breakfast cost is \$1.75
- Lunch cost is \$3.00

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH ONLINE APPLICATIONS

Blount County Schools is pleased to announce the availability of applying for Free and Reduced Price Meals online. The process is safe, secure, private, and available 24/7.

- Visit www.schoollunchapp.com
- Follow the easy-to-use, step-by-step screens to enter student and household information
- Click “Apply” to submit your application for meal benefits.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY

Students are permitted to use personal communication devices during the school day for educational purposes. From arrival on campus until the end of the school day, personal communication devices must be in the silent mode and placed in a backpack, purse, or similarly stowed.

Students may use their personal communication devices in the classroom for educational purposes *when allowed by the teacher*. The use of personal communication devices is based on teacher discretion. If a teacher does not give permission for the use of the personal communication device and a student chooses to use his/her device, it may be taken up as a violation of this policy. If a student is given permission to use a personal communication device for educational purposes and a student uses the device for personal reasons, it may be taken up as a violation of this policy.

The taking of photos or the recording of videos, whether by cell phone or any other personal communication device, in places where privacy is a reasonable expectation is strictly prohibited. An incident of this nature could result in a sexual harassment violation, suspension, and loss of the personal communication device for the remainder of the school year. Using personal communication devices or cameras to record altercations on school grounds or at school events is prohibited. In such cases, the personal communication device(s) may be confiscated as evidence and other consequences may be assigned by the school administration. A school employee who discovers a student using a personal communication device without authorized permission shall confiscate the device and report the violation to the principal or assistant principal.

The following disciplinary actions will be implemented per Blount County School Board Policy:

a. First offense—parent must pick up device after school; parent and student shall read and sign policy acknowledgment.

b. Second offense and subsequent offenses—device is confiscated for five (5) school days and a parent may pick up the device from the school at the end of the fifth (5th) day.

***Students who refuse to relinquish their device may receive suspension.**

CHEATING

The William Blount High School community highly values the academic and ethical integrity of its people and programs. Because cheating compromises that integrity, it is considered a serious offense. The prevention and elimination of cheating requires the diligence and coordinated efforts of the entire school community. It is the student's responsibility to understand and acknowledge that the policy statements and cheating definitions of each of his or her teachers have been adequately explained. The student should refrain from cheating

and from assisting others in cheating and will face applicable consequences, according to the specifics of his or her teacher's policy. A second cheating offense will result in disciplinary consequences.

CHILD ADVOCACY CONTACT INFORMATION

Helen Ross McNabb Center
244 Calderwood Avenue
Alcoa, TN 37701 (865) 681-6990

New Hope Blount County Children's Advocacy Center
212 Cates Street
Maryville, TN 37801 (865) 981-2000

Pregnancy Resource Center
3028 Old Niles Ferry Rd.
Maryville, TN 37804 (865) 977-8378

Tennessee Department of Children's Services
303 Home Avenue
Maryville, TN 37801 (865) 981-2350

Tennessee Community Health Services (for a variety of mental health & counseling, including drug & alcohol addiction)
359 Ellis Avenue
Maryville, TN 37801 (865) 984-8280

RunAway Hotline
1-800-RUNAWAY (786-2929)

Suicide Prevention
1-800- SUICIDE (784-2433)

24-Hour Crisis Center
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Youth Mobile Crisis
1-866-791-9224

CLINIC

SICKNESS & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- A student should report to class FIRST if he or she becomes ill. The student should notify their teacher that they need to visit the clinic. The teacher will then, at an appropriate time, allow the student to add their name to the clinic visit list using the classroom QR code linked to a Google Form accessed by campus nurses. When a spot in the clinic becomes available, the campus nurse will notify the teacher by phone call that the student may

- come to the clinic.
- Students may remain in the clinic as determined by the nurse.
- The nurse will determine whether the student should be sent home or return to class.
- Students who feel they must leave school due to illness MUST check out from the clinic only after their parents are notified. The nurse will sign the pink note indicating that the parents have been notified and the student has been granted permission to leave.
- The clinic will maintain a daily log of all students who utilize that facility.
- Medical treatment will be rendered if the school nurse is present; if not, the parent may be called for permission for treatment by the appropriate school official.
- All medication that a student must take on a doctor's orders should be registered and left in the clinic by the student's parent. It can be taken as prescribed in the clinic.
- Being sick and/or loitering in a restroom for a whole period IS NOT acceptable as an excuse. Individuals who are sick need to be under appropriate supervision in case of an emergency. Students who fail to follow appropriate guidelines with school nurses may receive disciplinary action.
- See the section on medication.

MEDICATION

Students taking prescribed medication are required to identify themselves to the appropriate school officials. If it is necessary that the medication be taken during the school day, it will be kept and administered by the appropriate officials. All prescribed medication should be brought in by a parent and left with the school nurse. All prescriptions should bear the name of the drug or medication, directions to be followed, and the name of the pharmacy where the prescription has been filled. Intoxication from overuse or abuse of prescribed drugs shall be considered in the same manner as intoxication from illegally obtained substances. **Students shall not be in possession of medication (prescribed or over-the-counter) at school.** Use, possession, or transmission of prescribed or over-the-counter medications is considered a violation of the alcohol and drug abuse policy unless the previous guidelines have been followed. All medication left at the end of the school year MUST be picked up by the PARENT(S) WITHIN FIVE DAYS or the medicine will be disposed of per school district policy.

CLOSINGS

School may be closed due to inclement weather, illness, or mechanical failure. Starting times may be delayed. For information, check local radio or TV stations or call 984-1213. Subscribed WB app users and WB social media users will receive closing notifications.

DELIVERIES FOR STUDENTS

William Blount High School **does not accept deliveries** of any kind (food, flowers, balloons, etc.) for students. There are no exceptions.

DISCIPLINE

BLOUNT COUNTY CODE OF CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE

The staff is authorized to take reasonable measures to establish appropriate school behavior. Any professional employee shall have the authority to control the conduct of any student while under the supervision of the school system. This authority shall extend to all activities of the school, including all games and public performance of athletic teams and other school groups, trips, excursions and all other activities under school sponsorship and direction. A student shall not use violence, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance or any other conduct which causes the disruption, interference or obstruction of any school purpose while on school property, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored activity, function or event, whether on or off campus. Neither shall s/he urge other students to engage in such conduct.

For more details, please refer to BCS policies 6.306, 6.313, 6.316, and 6.317 at blountk12.org

GENERAL RULES FOR STUDENTS

- a. Be in class before the tardy bell rings.
- b. Check your car before getting into it.
- c. All students are to park in their assigned parking spaces
- d. All students should exit the main and CTE buildings by 3:40.
- e. Do not block the hallways.
- f. Do not go to a car during school-related activities.
- g. Do not leave books or purses unattended at any time.
- h. Do not return to the parking areas after entering the school building.
- i. Do not sit in your car in parking areas.
- j. During lunch period, all students remain in the cafeteria
- k. Keep car doors locked in parking areas.
- l. Keep the restrooms clean for the use of your fellow students.
- m. Leave valuables and excessive amounts of money at home.
- n. No student shall use the elevator unless he or she has a pass.
- o. Playing cards (and/or trading cards), hacky sacs, and other toys are prohibited.
- p. Promote SAFETY at all times—no horseplay.
- q. Report any suspicious activity or strangers to the main office.
- r. Return cafeteria trays with dishes and utensils to the provided area and dispose of all litter into the disposal cans.
- s. Student couples are to conduct themselves in a proper manner. No public display of affection will be allowed (holding hands, hugging, kissing, etc.).
- t. Only one student should be in the bathroom stall at a time.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

- Conference with the dean or principal
- Parent conference
- Detention
- Restricted lunch
- Restorative practices, RTI2B, multi-tiered system of supports, and/or behavior intervention plan (when applicable)
- Alternative Interim Setting (WBHS In-school suspension) **Main Campus** located in the library, **Academy** room 206
- Suspension Center—located on the Everett School Campus at 1500 Jett Rd., Maryville. Students who attend the suspension center can make up the work they miss and receive 100% of the grade. Parents must provide transportation to and from Everett. Daily school hours are 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and students must take their lunch.
- Out-of-school suspension—Students who have serious disciplinary problems will be given out-of-school suspension. Out-of-school suspension is also used when students refuse other forms of disciplinary action.
- Probation contract
- Disciplinary Hearing with possible remand to the Alternative School
- Expulsion

DETENTION

Main Campus:

- Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, from 8:00-8:20 a.m. (teacher and location TBD). Detention will be assigned on a particular day, preferably the next day detention is offered.

Academy:

- Tuesday-Thursday mornings 8:10-8:28 a.m.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (AIS)

Main Campus: Portable B

Academy: 207

AIS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Students are expected to arrive on time to their respective AIS destinations.
- If a student misses a day of AIS, he or she is expected to make the day up the next time AIS is offered.
- Any student who intentionally skips AIS or refuses to serve the suspension will be given a day of out-of-school suspension.
- Any student who receives a disciplinary referral or refuses to cooperate with the AIS instructor will be assigned a day of out-of-school suspension.

SUSPENDABLE OFFENSES

The first violation of the following may warrant a suspension or referral to the Discipline Hearing Authority. Any subsequent violation may result in a referral to the DHA:

- Bus disruption
- Class truancy
- Disrespect
- *Excessive* tardiness
- Extortion—obtaining something from someone through force or threat
- Fireworks or explosive devices (see weapons)
- Forgery
- Giving false information on school records or to school personnel
- Harassment, bullying, cyberbullying, and/or hazing
- Insubordination—defiance of authority
- Leaving school grounds without permission
- Misbehavior in bathrooms (multiple people in stalls, in wrong bathroom, etc.)
- Minor destruction of school property; students will also pay for any damages
- Misuse of computers/internet
- Profane language or suggestive signs
- Rebel flag: “Wearing or promoting the Rebel flag on his/her person, car, lockers, folders, etc.”
- Use of cell phone or any other electronic device other than as allowed in the Blount County Schools policy
- Violation of parking contract
- Abuse of faculty
- Fighting
- Inappropriate behavior on school trip
- Inappropriate gestures or behavior in school pictures, yearbooks, etc.
- Obscene gestures
- Possession and/or use of fireworks or explosive devices
- Stealing and/or possession of stolen articles
- Tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco and vapor products and other associated paraphernalia)
- Vandalism of Blount County School employee's property
- Vandalism of school property

SAFE RELOCATION OF STUDENTS

Teachers who are directly responsible for a student’s education or other employees who interact with students on a professional basis may relocate a student from the student’s present location to another location when such relocation is necessary for the student’s safety or the safety of others.

1. If relocation is necessary, the process will comply with all special education laws. Such employees may also intervene in a physical altercation between two (2) or more students or

- between a student and a district employee. Reasonable or justifiable force may be used to physically relocate or intervene in a conflict if a student is unwilling to cooperate.
2. If an employee is unable to resolve the matter with the use of reasonable or justifiable force, the student shall be allowed to remain in place until local law enforcement officers or school resource officers can be summoned to relocate the student or take the student into custody until a parent/guardian can retrieve the student.

In the event that physical relocation becomes necessary, the employee shall immediately file a brief report of the incident with the principal. If the student's behavior constitutes a violation of the Board's zero tolerance policy, the report shall be placed in the student's permanent record. Otherwise, the report shall be kept in the student's discipline record and not become a part of that student's permanent record. The principal/designee shall notify the employee involved of the actions taken to address the behavior of the relocated student. 1

The Director of Schools shall develop administrative procedures regarding the safe relocation of students consistent with state law. Each principal shall fully support the employees' authority to relocate a student and ensure appropriate implementation and reporting.

BOMB THREAT/FIRE ALARM

Any student who makes a bomb threat or maliciously pulls a fire alarm shall be suspended and referred to the Discipline Hearing Authority. The DHA shall suspend for a minimum of a one-year period. Legal action will be taken.

GANG ACTIVITY OR ASSOCIATION

The use of hand signals, graffiti, or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessories, or manner of grooming that by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any attribute, which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group, presents a clear and present danger.

TOBACCO & TOBACCO "LOOK-A-LIKE" PRODUCTS (INCLUDING E-CIGARETTES; ELECTRONIC/BATTERY OPERATED DEVICES AND VAPOR PRODUCTS)

Students shall not use or possess tobacco or tobacco products including vape products on school property or school buses. This policy shall be in effect during the school day, while riding the bus to or from school, while waiting on a bus at any school and, also, while participating in or attending extracurricular or other school-sponsored activities. Violation of the tobacco/vape policy will result in suspension from school. The penalty for the first violation will be suspension for one day. The penalty for the second violation will be suspension for two days. The third violation may result in a five-day suspension. The fourth and subsequent violations will result in a

referral to the Disciplinary Hearing Authority. **Public Chapter 354** requires that a law enforcement official or principal issue a juvenile court citation for students who unlawfully possess tobacco products.

ZERO TOLERANCE OFFENSES

The designation of these offenses as zero-tolerance offenses means that violations of this policy will not be tolerated and that violators will receive certain, swift, and reasoned punishment. TCA 49-6-4216(b) (1). These zero-tolerance offenses will be divided into two (2) categories based upon the punishment for these offenses.

CATEGORY 1: ZERO TOLERANCE OFFENSES CARRYING A MANDATORY ONE (1) CALENDAR YEAR EXPULSION

1. Bringing to school or to be in unauthorized possession on school property of a “firearm” as defined in 18 U.S.C 921
2. Committing an aggravated assault as defined in TCA 39-13-102 or commits assault that results in bodily injury to any school personnel
3. Unlawfully possessing any drug including any “controlled substance” as defined in TCA 39-17-403 through 39-17-415, or “legend drug” as defined by TCA 53-10-101. Said drugs include, but are not limited to, opiates, opium derivatives, hallucinogenic substances, depressants, stimulants, cocaine, marijuana, and any drug which federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription from a licensed medical professional.

CATEGORY 2: OTHER OFFENSES

The following zero-tolerance offenses shall require and receive certain, swift, and reasoned punishment designed to correct student behavior and promote a positive learning environment.

1. Possessing, handling, transmitting, using or attempting to use any dangerous weapon in the school building or on school grounds at any time or in school vehicles and/or buses on or off school grounds at a school-sponsored event. Weapons include, but are not limited to, a bowie knife, hawkbill knife, ice pick, dagger, slingshot, switchblade knife, blackjack, brass knuckles, and other similar weapons
2. The consumption, possession, distribution, marketing, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages in school buildings or on school grounds, in school vehicles/buses, or any school-sponsored activity at any time, whether on or off campus

To see the complete zero-tolerance policy, please refer to BCS policy 6.309 at blountk12.org

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

"Directory information" means information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to the student's name, address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level, enrollment status (e.g., undergraduate or graduate; full-time or part-time), participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, and the most recent educational agency or institution attended. Student directory information for 11th and 12th graders shall be made available upon request to persons or groups which make students aware of occupational and educational options, including official recruiting representatives of the military forces of the State and the United States. The student becomes an "eligible student" when he/she reaches age 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school, at which time all of the above rights become the student's rights.

DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT AND BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING/INTIMIDATION OF STUDENTS

HARASSMENT

It is the policy of Blount County Schools to maintain a learning work environment that is free from harassment because of an individual's age, race, color, sex, national origin, or disability. The school district prohibits any and all forms of harassment because of age, race, color, sex, national origin, and disability. It shall be a violation of district policy for any student, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel of this district to harass a student through conduct of a sexual nature, or regarding age, race, color, sex, national origin, or disability, as defined by this policy. This includes (1) sexual harassment, (2) harassment based on skin color or race, (3) harassment based on nationality or ethnicity, or (4) harassment based on disability.

BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING/INTIMIDATION

Students shall be provided a safe learning environment. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student to bully, intimidate, or create a hostile educational environment for another student. Bullying does not have to take place on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event be a violation of the policy. If the bullying creates a reasonable fear, causes emotional stress, and/or leads to a hostile educational environment, perpetrators will be subject to disciplinary measures, despite where the offending behavior takes place (including through social media or other electronic means).

HAZING

Students have the right to participate in extracurricular activities without being subjected to hazing. Coaches, other employees of the school district, and students shall not encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate hazing activities.

For the complete policy, please refer to BCS policy 6.304 at blountk12.org

REPORTING AND INVESTIGATIONS

Any student who believes he/she has been the victim of harassment, bullying, cyberbullying, and/or hazing is encouraged to immediately report the alleged acts to an appropriate school administrator or counselor. Upon receipt of a report or complaint alleging harassment, bullying, cyberbullying, and/or hazing, the administration will begin an investigation. The investigation may consist of personal interviews with the complainant, the individual against whom the complaint is filed, and others who have knowledge of the alleged incident or circumstances giving rise to the complaint. The investigation shall be completed and appropriate intervention taken within twenty (20) calendar days from receipt of the initial report.

MINIMUM CONSEQUENCES:

1st Offense Five days Out-of-School suspension and student/parent conference and Sensitivity Training for student

2nd Offense Ten days Out-of-School suspension and referral to Disciplinary Hearing Authority

For the complete policy, please refer to BCS policy 6.305 at blountk12.org

For more information or to make a referral, contact:

Blount County Schools
Title VI Coordinator
831 Grandview Drive
Maryville, TN 37803 865-984-1212

Tennessee Department of Education
The Office for Civil Rights
6th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243 615-253-1550

United States Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Suite 19T70
Atlanta, GA 30303 404-562-6350
Dress Code

DRESS CODE

The dress code for students at William Blount High School requires students to dress and groom in a clean, neat, and appropriate manner so as not to distract or interfere with the operation of the school. When, in the opinion of the principal, assistant principal, teacher, or school employee, a student is dressed in a manner which causes disruption to learning or interference with the operation of the school or in a manner that violates the developed guidelines, appropriate actions may include, but are not limited to, a wardrobe change, parent notification, and/or suspension.

- Pants must be worn at the waist, must be appropriately sized, and at a safe length.
- Tears, rips, or holes must be at or below mid-thigh (inseam to knee).
- Leggings and other compression-style pants must be of sufficient length to cover the student's bottom and with comparable coverage in the front.
- Shirts and tops must completely cover the abdomen and back.
- Students should have no midriff visible when the student is standing, walking, sitting, or bending.
- Shirts or tops that are extremely tight or have very low necklines are prohibited.
- Shirts may not be worn which extend below the bottom hem of skirts or shorts.
- Undergarments must not be visible including sports bras, bralettes, and boxers.
- Shorts should be appropriately fitted with length at least comparable to popular athletic shorts (i.e., approximately 5-inch inseam).
- Shorts should be worn with their intended design (e.g., athletic shorts should be worn without rolling up the hemline or rolling down the waistband.)
- Compression-style shorts may only be worn under skirts, dresses, or shorts that meet the dress code guidelines.
- Skirts and dresses should be of appropriate fit and not be shorter than just above the knee.
- Earrings and nose studs are the only visible piercing jewelry allowed to be worn at school.
- Head apparel, except for religious or medical reasons, must not be worn in any campus buildings. Failure to adhere to this guideline will result in confiscation of the head apparel, and will require a

parent to pick up after school hours in the school office between 3:30-4:00 pm.

- Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor or outdoor physical activity.
- Prohibited items include:
 - large, long, and/or heavy chains;
 - studded or chained accessories;
 - sunglasses when indoors, except by prescription or doctor's note;
 - sleepwear and blankets.

Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, patches, jewelry, notebooks, and tattoos must not display racial or ethnic slurs/symbols, gang affiliations, vulgar, subversive, or sexually suggestive images; nor should they promote alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.

The school administration reserves the right to determine whether the student's attire and appearance are within the parameters of the dress code policy. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail.

If a student cannot comply with the dress code based on special conditions or religious beliefs, his/her parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the director of schools or his/her designee, with a copy to the principal. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis.

For the complete policy, please see BCS policy 6.310 at blountk12.org

DRIVER'S LICENSE COMPLIANCE & 1010 FORMS

Any person between the ages of fifteen and seventeen shall present to the Department of Safety a Certification of Compulsory School Attendance form to be eligible to receive a driver's license or permit. A student must not have 15 or more unexcused absences in a term or 10 or more consecutive unexcused absences.

The following information comes from TCA 49-6-3017 and may be beneficial.

1. Notice will be given to the Department of Safety of any students 15 and older who withdraw from school (10 days consecutive or 15 cumulative unexcused absences per term).
2. Once notice is received, students may have their driver's licenses suspended.
3. If a student has his/her driver's license suspended twice due to truancy before he/she turns 18, he/she loses it until his/her eighteenth birthday.
4. When a student's name is turned in to the Department of Safety and a driver's license has not been issued, the notice will go on record, and that student will be charged a fee in addition to defray

- other costs involved for the privilege to obtain a license.
5. The Department of Safety will send notification to the student requesting that he/she surrender the license. If the license is not received by the Department of Safety, the student will be charged a fee in addition to other costs involved to have the license reinstated.
 6. Out of school suspensions are to be counted as unexcused absences for purposes of this law. Students may pick up 1010 forms in the Student Affairs Office after 8:15 a.m.
 7. For a student to regain compliance, he/she cannot have 10 consecutive unexcused or 15 total unexcused absences in the semester. Reinstatement forms cannot be given until the end of the next semester to ensure students are in compliance.

DUAL ENROLLMENT - DUAL CREDIT

Dual Enrollment courses offer students the opportunity to take college-level courses while still enrolled in high school. Many Career Technical (CTE) courses offer dual enrollment towards TCAT hours while Pellissippi State and Maryville College offer classes for college credit. There is a state grant available for tuition waivers. See your school counselor for more information.

FEES

1. **1:WORLD TECHNOLOGY FEE:** The 1:World fee allows students to take their chromebook home. The fee can be paid in a single payment of twenty-five dollars, or two fifteen dollar payments, one each semester.
2. **COURSE FEES**– Certain courses require fees to cover materials used by the student in that course.
4. **INSURANCE – (Optional)** – Insurance can be obtained by each student to cover the school day (direct route to school and back), or twenty-four (24) hour coverage. Student insurance claims should be filed with the main office as soon as possible after an accident.
 - All athletes are required by the school board to have insurance that will cover them in their sport. The regular school policy does not cover athletic participation.
 - Fee waiver request forms and free/reduced lunch request forms are available with the school lunch information and should be obtained from homeroom teachers or by going online to www.schoolunchapp.com

FERPA

A cumulative record shall be kept for each student enrolled in school. The folder shall contain a health record, attendance record, and scholarship record; shall be kept current; and shall accompany the student through his/her school career. All records shall be remitted in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

(FERPA). For the complete policy, please refer to BCS policy 6.600 at blountk12.org

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The pattern of courses which shall be required of all students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Education and the Board of Education.

READY CORE:

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health, physical fitness, and wellness	1.5
Personal finance	.5

The 4 units of math must be taken 1 per year and must include at a minimum Algebra I and Algebra II, Geometry, and another mathematics course beyond Algebra II.

Students must complete Biology I, Chemistry or Physics, and a third lab science.

To complete graduation requirements, all students are required to complete a focused program of study, including an elective focus of no fewer than 3 credits.

All students (except in limited circumstances that must be approved) will complete 2 years of a foreign language and one fine art course.

To graduate with honors, a student must meet or exceed all ACT College Readiness Benchmarks:

- English: 18
- Math: 22
- Reading: 22
- Science Reasoning: 23

Before graduation, every student shall:(1) achieve the specified 22 units of credit; (2) take the required end of course exams; (3) have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct, (4) take the ACT or SAT in the 11th grade; and (5) pass a United States civics test. Blount County Schools requires the completion of the minimum state requirements plus locally required additional elective course work for a total of 28 credits to receive a William Blount High School diploma. Students in Blount County high schools may be awarded a state diploma when the minimum state graduation requirements are met (including required credits and state-mandated tests). The state diploma may be awarded upon completion of the minimum requirements in effect for the individual student, with written agreement of the parent/guardian (or the student if over age 18). Regular diplomas are awarded to those students meeting state and

local requirements in effect at the beginning of the year the student entered ninth grade. *For the complete policy, please refer to BCS policy 4.605 at blountk12.org*

READY GRADUATE INDICATOR

The Tennessee Department of Education's Ready Graduate indicator is a statewide accountability measurement that shows the percentage of students who are on-track for college and career success, as demonstrated by their enrollment in rigorous Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPSOs) and their achievement scores on national exams like the ACT, SAT, or ASVAB.

In order for a student to be considered a TN Ready Graduate, they must complete at least one of the following criteria:

- ACT Composite Score of 21 or higher (SAT 1060 or higher)
- Four EPSOs
- Two EPSOs & Pass an Industry Credential
- Two EPSOs & 31 or higher on the ASVAB

When students engage in rigorous instruction centered on their unique academic interests, students are more prepared to enter college and career with confidence.

TENNESSEE UNIFORM GRADING SYSTEM

For specifics on course weighting for honors classes, see the WBHS curriculum guide.

NUMERICAL GRADE	LETTER GRADE	GRADE POINTS
100 - 90	A	4.0
89 - 80	B	3.0
79 - 70	C	2.0
69 - 60	D	1.0
0 - 59	F	0

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Students must be enrolled at the home base school to be eligible for recognition among the top high school seniors.

All grades earned for high school credit through the first term of grade 12 will be counted toward the grade point average and the rank in class. Students graduating early will be included in ranking the year

they exit.

Honor roll students will be determined by standards approved by the Board. Students who meet these standards, and who do not request otherwise, will have their names submitted to the principal for release to the news media. A GPA of 3.0 is required for an Honors Diploma. The designation of Honors will be given to students who reach all four (4) ACT Benchmarks, as specified by the State Board of Education.

Each school department or club which presents honors or awards or conducts contests will file with the principal the name of the honor, award, or contest; the basis for the selection of the award or honor; the method of participation; and the reason for the contest.

In addition to the recognition of students required by the Tennessee State Board of Education, Blount County Schools will recognize graduates in the following manner:

For the graduating class of 2022 and beyond:

The weighted GPA will be calculated on all coursework as outlined in Blount County Schools policy.

Blount County Schools shall not rank students numerically, and a valedictorian and salutatorian will not be named. Instead for the purpose of honors recognition BCS will use the following Latin System:

Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors): 4.35 and above

Magna Cum Laude (with high honors): 4.175-4.34

Cum Laude (with honors): 3.95-4.174

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT & COUNSELORS

Guidance counselors are trained to assist students with personal problems, discuss career objectives, choose the right college program or technical school, and work with parents. Students should feel free to make an appointment. Transcripts of school records are acquired through the guidance department.

HALL PASSES

Students are expected to be in their assigned classes. Wandering around the campus or in the halls and loitering in the restrooms will not be tolerated during class hours and will be considered as cutting class/truancy, which may warrant suspension. Students who have permission to leave their class must sign out and wear a hall pass.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

The state of Tennessee requires all school systems to conduct yearly blood pressure, height, and weight screening on all students in grades K, 2, 4, 8 and one high school grade level. Vision and hearing screenings are conducted for new students and for those suspected by their teacher of having a vision or hearing problem. Occasional lice

screening will be conducted on an as-needed basis. Parents should send a note to their student's homeroom teacher if they do not want their child to participate in blood pressure, height, or weight screening. Please include the student's name, school, grade, teacher, and parent/guardian signature.

HOMELESS POLICY

Homeless students are individuals who lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. Each homeless student shall be provided services comparable to services offered to other students in the district. The district's homeless coordinator is Kelly Roberts, 1500 Jet Road, Maryville, TN 37804, 681-6410.

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE POLICY TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE

Acceptable use: The use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with educational objectives of the school system. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material that is protected by a trade secret. Use for commercial activities is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

- 1. Privileges:** The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The school system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may suspend privileges at any time.
- 2. Net Etiquette:** Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following: Avoid offensive or inflammatory speech. Be courteous and polite. Use appropriate language. Profanity or obscenities are not permitted at any time. Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the work of others. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property. Users may not quote personal communications without the author's consent.
- 3. Vandalism:** Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- 4. Exception to terms and conditions:** These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements and understandings of the parties.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found for the main campus is located in the hallway between the maintenance office and the cafeteria dish room. The Academy lost and found is located in the Academy office. All items that have been found should be turned in at these locations. Inquiries about lost possessions should be made at this location also. The school is not liable for stolen property. Students should keep personal belongings with them at all times.

MEDIA ACCESS TO STUDENTS

The media may interview and photograph students involved in instructional programs and school activities including athletic events. Such media access shall not be unduly disruptive and shall comply with Board policies. Each year parents/guardians will be given the option to withhold permission for public news media interviews or photographs of their child at school.

For the complete policy, please refer to BCS policy 6.604 at blountk12.org

MILITARY RECRUITER ACCESS

Parents have the right to request that their child's name, address, and telephone number not be released to a military recruiter without written consent. Additionally, Military Recruiters do not have the authority to remove students from class for visits/meetings.

PARENT INFORMATION

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments in advance to visit the school for conferences. Please call a secretary to schedule conferences with administrators or guidance counselors (984-5500). Please contact the teacher to schedule a conference with the teacher. A conference with a teacher can be scheduled during his or her planning period or from 8:10-8:30 a.m. or 3:30-3:45 p.m. and with principals or guidance counselors during the school day from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

PARENTAL AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

The board is committed to increasing and ensuring the involvement of parents and other family members in the education of students. Families and community members should be engaged in the education of students based on the following standards:

- Families are welcomed into the school community;
- Families and school staff should engage in regular and meaningful communication about student learning;
- Families and school staff work together to support student learning and development;
- Families are informed and encouraged to be advocates for students;

- Families are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families; and
 - Community, civic, and business resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.
- For the complete policy, please refer to BCS policy 4.502 at blountk12.org*

PARENTS' RIGHT TO REVIEW TEACHER/PARAPROFESSIONAL

QUALIFICATIONS

Parents of students may request information about the highly qualified qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals who instruct their child.

PARKING

STUDENT PARKING

Driving an automobile to school is a privilege, not a right.

Students who drive to school must register all vehicles with the Student Affairs Office.

- Failure to register a vehicle will result in suspension of driving privileges.
- A reserved parking permit is required for that area and may be purchased for \$25.00 in the Student Affairs Office.
- The parking permit is a hang-tag and must be placed on the rear-view mirror where it is visible through the windshield.
- All parking is reserved.
- Ninth-grade students *are not* permitted to drive to the Ninth-Grade Academy.
- Students should exit their vehicles and enter the school building immediately upon arrival at school.
- Students must park in their assigned parking spaces
- Students not participating in school sponsored after school activities should be in the process of leaving campus by 3:40.
- Students are not permitted to ride in the bed of pickup trucks.
- Violation of the terms of the vehicle registration contract or parking violations will result in the following:
 - 1st Offense - \$5 Fine
 - 2nd Offense - \$10 Fine
 - 3rd Offense - Loss of driving privileges through end of semester.
- Driving privileges will be suspended for:
 - a. reckless driving;
 - b. excessive tardiness;
 - c. leaving campus without permission;
 - d. taking any student off campus without permission;
 - e. improper parking; or
 - f. lack of registration.

NOTE: Violations of the vehicle registration policy may result in other forms of disciplinary action. Working in cooperation with the Blount County's Sheriff's Department, William Blount High School students who receive traffic citations may have their driving privileges

suspended. Automobiles are subject to search by school authorities, in accordance with state law.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal is a feature of the PowerSchool Parent Portal that allows parents and guardians real-time access to information about their students. It will provide another communication tool for teachers, parents, and guardians in Blount County Schools. Parent Portal is free, easy to use, web-based, and secure. As a parent or guardian, you will have instant access to your child's report card grades, daily grades, and classroom assignments. You can also monitor their attendance, discipline, progress, and performance. Teachers can be contacted through email links on the Parent Portal screen. You can get information about Parent Portal only through your child's school. Please contact the school with any questions about the Parent Portal system. Parents must send an email to stephanie.arritt@blountk12.org to request a login/password. Ninth grade parents need to email kimberly.hipps@blountk12.org.

REPORT CARDS

Grade reporting occurs two times during the eighteen-week term: at the end of the first nine weeks and at the end of the term. Progress reporting occurs at the midpoint 4 1/2 weeks of each nine-week period. Progress reports will be given by each teacher to be taken home for a parent or guardian's signature. Term exams are held at the end of each semester. All students, excluding second-semester seniors who meet requirements, will be required to take term exams. Term exams will count 20% of the grade for that term. If the class requires an End of Course state-mandated test, that test will count as 15% of the student's final grade, and the term exam will count as 5%.

SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUEST POLICY

When the parent or guardian of a student moves the permanent residence from one school zone to another and wishes to transfer to a new school, the checkout list from the previous school must be completed, indicating that all school property has been returned. The checkout list must be submitted to the principal's office of the receiving school. Once a student enrolls in a school within the system, he or she shall not be permitted to transfer to another school until the end of the current school year (TCA 49-6-3105) without a corresponding change of address, except in extenuating circumstances as determined by the attendance supervisor or his/her designee. It is recommended that transfers not be completed until after the end of a grading period in order to avoid interruption of academic progress. Students whose families transfer their residence to another school zone after the first month of school may complete the current grading period at their former school if the family provides transportation from the new residence. These students may also request to remain at

the current school for a longer period of time. Students who provide evidence that the family will relocate during the school year and who desire to enroll in the new school in the new zone may do so by submitting a written request for change of school zone. Approval of transfer requests will be determined on an individual basis by the principal of the receiving school.

Transfer Application Process

Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year, but actual transfers will not be allowed until the end of a grading period, except in extenuating circumstances. Approval of transfer requests will be determined on an individual basis by the principal of the receiving school.

For more details, please refer to BCS policy 6.206 at blountk12.org

SEARCH AND INTERROGATION OF STUDENTS

Students may be questioned by teachers or principals about any matter pertaining to the operation of a school and/or the enforcement of its rules. Any student answering falsely, evasively, or refusing to answer a proper question may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension.

Interrogations by Police (at Administrator's request): If the principal has requested assistance by the police department to investigate a crime involving his/her school, the police shall have permission to interrogate a student suspect in school during school hours.

Police-Initiated Interrogations: If the police deem circumstances of sufficient urgency to interrogate students at school for unrelated crimes committed outside of school hours, the police department shall first contact the principal regarding the planned interrogation and inform him/her of the probable cause to investigate within the school.

Any principal, or his/her designee, having reasonable suspicion may search any student, place, or object on school property or in the actual or constructive possession of any student during any organized school activities off campus, including buses, vehicles of students or visitors and containers or packages if he/she receives information that would cause a reasonable belief that the search will lead to the discovery of

1. Evidence of any violation of the law;
2. Evidence of any violation of school rules or regulations or proper standards of student or faculty conduct;
3. Any object or substance which, because of its presence, presents an immediate danger of harm or illness to any person.

A student may be subject to physical search or a student's pocket, purse, or other container may be required to be emptied because of the results of a locker search, or because of information received from a teacher, staff member, or other student if such action is reasonable to the principal. *For the complete policy, please refer to BCS policy 6.303 at blountk12.org*

SEMESTER TESTS

Students must remain in class for the entire class period. Students who utilize the make-up day must have a doctor's note.

SOCIAL MEDIA

For the latest information on William Blount events, sports, transportation, and school closings, be sure to follow us on social media.

- Twitter: @WBHSGovernors
- Facebook: William Blount High School
- WBHS school app: search William Blount High School in your phone's app store to download

For county-wide information, please follow Blount County Schools.

- Twitter: @BC_Schools
- Facebook: Blount County Schools

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

All disabled students between the ages of three and twenty- one (inclusive) shall receive the benefit of a free, appropriate public education. This provides the assurance that these students will be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate and should be placed in separate or special classes only when the severity of the disabled is such that education in regular classes cannot be achieved satisfactorily. Eligibility standards and options of service for special education services will be based upon the criteria for disabling conditions specified in Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards, Tennessee State Board of Education. Students receiving special education services shall not be restrained, except as permitted by law.

STUDENT EQUAL ACCESS

(Limited Public Forum)

Schools may allow students to form clubs or groups that meet before, during, and/or after the school day. Requests to form such clubs or groups shall not be denied based upon the religious nature or beliefs of the proposed club or group. If permitted, school administrators shall ensure that all clubs and groups have the same abilities to access facilities and advertise their meetings. No funds shall be expended by the school for any such meeting beyond the incidental costs associated with providing meeting space.

For the complete policy, please refer to BCS policy 4.802 at blountk12.org

TARDINESS

Students are considered tardy to class if they are fewer than ten minutes late. All tardies are unexcused unless a student has been given a note to class by a school staff or faculty member. Tardies will be handled as follows:

***First and second tardies are warnings.
Third and subsequent tardies will result in a short form to administration.***

Testing Programs

State-mandated student testing programs shall be undertaken in accordance with procedures published by the State Department of Education. ***High School End of Course Exam scores will be included in students' final grades as follows – 15% of the student's final average.*** The director of schools may exclude (EOC) scores from students' final grades if scores are not received by the district at least five (5) instructional days before the end of the course. *For the complete policy, refer to BCS policy 4.700 at blountk12.org.*

TEXT-A-TIP LINE

To report a crime or concern, text your tip to 274637. Start your message with WBHS. The Text-a-Tip program has expanded to include the TipSoft text messaging and email alert messaging system. It is similar to the county's reverse 911 system used by law enforcement to communicate with the public via traditional land telephone lines. Blount County is the first county in Tennessee to implement TipSoft. Free registration is required to use the system. To register, visit www.tipsoft.com and click on the link for Citizen Sign Up page.

TEXTBOOKS AND CLASSROOM MATERIALS

Students will be required to pay for lost or damaged textbooks and class materials as well as pay for damage to textbooks. The school will assume no liability for stolen, lost, or vandalized textbooks. Once books are issued, the student is responsible for them. Students must purchase a lock from the Student Affairs Office to secure their locker.

TORNADO AND FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

At specified times during the school year, fire, tornado, or evacuation drills shall be practiced. During these drills, students will leave the school building and follow all directions given by the classroom teacher. Students are expected to perform all aspects of the drill in a safe and orderly manner.

UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY

Under the Tennessee State Board of Education's Unsafe Schools Policy, any public school student who is the victim of a violent crime as defined in TCA 40-38-111(g) or the attempt to commit one of these offenses as defined under Tennessee Code Annotated 30-12-101, shall be provided an opportunity to transfer to another grade-level appropriate school within the district.

VISITORS

Students are not permitted to have visitors at school. **All persons entering the school must report to the main, Academy, or CTE office to obtain a visitor's pass**, which must be worn above the waist while in the building.

WITHDRAWAL OR TRANSFER

Any student who plans to withdraw or transfer from William Blount High School for any reason should report to the main office with a parent. The correct procedure will be explained to the student. All obligations such as turning in books, paying fees and/or fines, etc., must be taken care of before withdrawing or transferring to another school. Transcripts will not be forwarded until all obligations are cleared.

1:WORLD TECHNOLOGY LINKS

1:World Handbook for HS Take-Home devices

https://docs.google.com/a/blountk12.org/document/d/1JzIP8G33gV7CdqxlC4rrYBP_2J3wLcRcROQJj_ivpQk/edit?usp=sharing

Parent 1:World Video can be found on the Parents page:

<https://sites.google.com/a/blountk12.org/blountk12web/parents>

direct link:

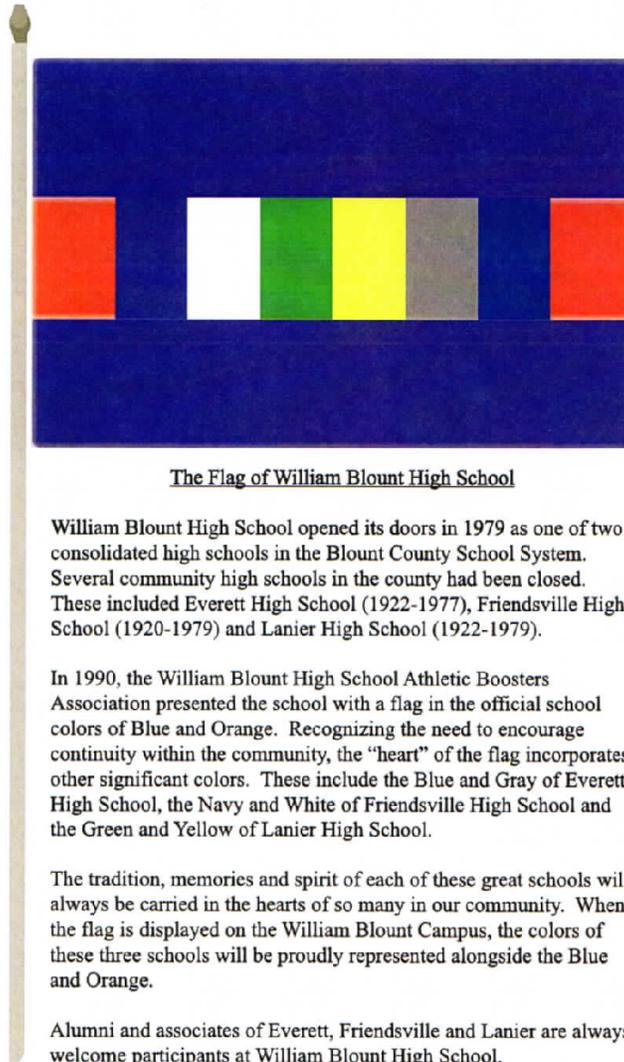
<https://sites.google.com/a/blountk12.org/blountk12web/1-world-parent-video>

Student Video

<https://youtu.be/aft342xCnF8>

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL BCS POLICIES, PLEASE VISIT WWW.BLOUNT12.ORG

**Some policies may be altered or amended pending developing health and safety circumstances.*



The Flag of William Blount High School

William Blount High School opened its doors in 1979 as one of two consolidated high schools in the Blount County School System. Several community high schools in the county had been closed. These included Everett High School (1922-1977), Friendsville High School (1920-1979) and Lanier High School (1922-1979).

In 1990, the William Blount High School Athletic Boosters Association presented the school with a flag in the official school colors of Blue and Orange. Recognizing the need to encourage continuity within the community, the "heart" of the flag incorporates other significant colors. These include the Blue and Gray of Everett High School, the Navy and White of Friendsville High School and the Green and Yellow of Lanier High School.

The tradition, memories and spirit of each of these great schools will always be carried in the hearts of so many in our community. When the flag is displayed on the William Blount Campus, the colors of these three schools will be proudly represented alongside the Blue and Orange.

Alumni and associates of Everett, Friendsville and Lanier are always welcome participants at William Blount High School.