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**NESHOBA CENTRAL**  
**ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL**

**The Learning Center**

**2023-2024**  
**STUDENT**  
**HANDBOOK**

The Learning Center is designed to optimize your child's full potential both academically and socially. Students at The Learning Center are required to meet certain criteria before being considered to return to their respective Neshoba County School District home schools.

Neshoba County School District has two alternative education programs designed to combat the dropout rate. Students in alternative education programs in the Neshoba County School District are serviced at The Learning Center.

Students are assigned to the Learning Center by either a principal, committee, or parental placement for behavioral and/or academic deficiencies.

Students that are at The Learning Center due to behavior have an initial placement of **45 school days or otherwise assigned per handbook policy** (does not include weekends or holidays as designated in the Neshoba County School District calendar). Each student must serve the total number of days assigned regardless of why the absence took place. The Learning Center staff and the home school principal will decide if absences will need to be made up or if they will be forgiven. Students are required to earn a set number of incentive points within this time period. Incentive points earned by a student may reduce the number of days the student is placed at the Learning Center.

The Learning Center of the Neshoba County School District is a safety net school for academic and behavior purposes. Alternative behavior students from grades 4-12 may be assigned. Alternative academic students from grades 6 and 7 may be assigned to The Learning Center for an initial placement of one nine-week grading period. Eighth grade alternative academic students may be assigned to The Learning Center for an entire school year. Eighth grade alternative academic students assigned to The Learning Center must maintain an overall GPA of 2.4 **AND** earn the set amount of incentive points. **Students assigned to the Learning Center are not exempt from semester exams and must be present all day during exam week.**

### **Behavior Modification Program**

The purpose of the behavior modification program is to provide students with the necessary skills to help them modify behaviors that often impede their ability to be successful in the traditional classroom setting. Students enrolled in the behavior modification program will be required to meet all exit criteria prior to transitioning back to their school of origin. **Students who fail to meet the exit criteria prior to**

**the end of the school year will be required to return to The Learning Center at the beginning of the next school year to satisfy the exit requirements. Points earned during the previous school year will be forfeited in the event that a student does not meet the exits requirements during the current school year.**

### **DAILY SCHEDULE**

8:00 – 8:20      Arrival/Breakfast

8:20 to 11:30      Academic Work

11:30 – 12:00      Lunch

12:00 – 3:00      Academic Work

- Students that arrive by car **cannot** be dropped off at the school before 7:45 am. and must be picked up by 3:00 pm. **Students must be dropped off in front of the Learning Center.**
- Students that arrive at school by car after 8:15 **MUST** be checked in by a parent/guardian or another adult (18 years of age or older).
- Car riders **MUST** be signed out. They **MUST** be picked up no later than 3:00.
- Students can only be checked in, checked out, or signed out by adults (18 or older) that are on the student's information card that is completed during the enrollment process at The Learning Center. A picture ID will be required.
- Students cannot drive to school. They must ride the bus or be brought and picked up.

### **The following rules will apply to students riding the bus.**

1. Students will sit on the front seat to the right of the driver.
2. First discipline referral from the bus...5 days off the bus.
3. Second discipline referral from the bus...10 days off the bus.
4. Third discipline referral from the bus...CAN NO LONGER RIDE THE BUS.
5. Students will be let off in front of the Alternative School and loaded before the Middle School is dismissed.
6. Students caught wandering around campus will be suspended.

### Uniform Requirements:

Students will be required to wear a uniform. Khaki pants, no shorts, and a white shirt will be required. The white shirt does not have to be a collared shirt. It can be a T-shirt, with no logos, as long as an undershirt is worn beneath the T-shirt.

**Student must wear tennis shoes.** Jackets and pullovers may be worn but no hoods are allowed. **Students' heads must remain uncovered.**

**All handbook rules of the students' home school will still apply.**

In addition, the following rules will apply at the Alternative School:

1. NO CELL PHONES
2. NO BACK PACKS
3. NO BOOTS, FLIP FLOPS OR SLIDES
4. NO SHORT PANTS
5. Any food items brought from home will only be eaten during lunch.
6. No gum or candy will be allowed.
7. Major infractions shall lead to expulsion see policy (JCBH, JCDAE(2), and JDE)
8. If a student is suspected to be under the influence of illegal drugs, the student may be required to take a drug test. See policy (JADAC)

**Remember that students attending The Learning Center for academic or behavior purposes are not allowed to attend any extracurricular activities on any Neshoba County School District campus during their placement at The Learning Center.**

## **HANDBOOK NOTIFICATION RECEIPT**

### **STUDENT'S RECEIPT OF HANDBOOK**

I have received and read this copy of the Neshoba Central Alternative School Handbook. I understand that this handbook is to be given to my parents or legal guardian(s) so that they may read it and be fully informed regarding policies and procedures regarding NCAS.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read a copy of my child's handbook.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_