

Academic and Extra-Curricular Information

Standards of Learning

The Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools describe the commonwealth's expectations for student learning and achievement in grades K-12 in English, mathematics, science, history/social science, technology, the fine arts, foreign language, health and physical education, and driver education. These standards represent a broad consensus of what parents, classroom teachers, school administrators, academics, and business and community leaders believe schools should teach and students should learn. In the four core areas of English, Mathematics, Science, and History/Social Science, a curriculum framework is also provided that details the specific knowledge and skills students must possess to meet the standards for these subjects. These are available online at culpeperschools.org and in the instruction department at the School Board Office.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements are set by the Virginia Department of Education. To view the requirements, the different types of diplomas available, and to make sure your child is on the right academic track, please visit www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/index.shtml or contact the guidance department at your child's high school.

Missed Class Work Due to Absence

It is expected that students have good attendance and that students will make up all work missed because of absences.

Procedures for student absences are as follows:

1. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain and complete make-up work.
2. A teacher may determine that the best way for the student to make up the missed work is with an alternate assignment.
3. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule make-up tests with the teacher.
4. All students suspended are expected to make up missed work. If a student is suspended, a request for assignments from the parent/guardian must be made to the school administration or guidance office.
5. The student must complete all missed assignments within the allotted length of time as indicated in the timetable below:

ABSENCES - ALLOTTED MAKE UP DAYS

1 day absence = 2 days to make-up work

2 days absence = 4 days to make-up work

3 days absence = 6 days to make-up work

4 days absence = 8 days to make up work

After 4 consecutive days of absences, the students and/or parents should contact the teacher about creating a plan for making up the missed work.

Field Trips

The Culpeper County School Board recognizes the value of trips for students to extend the learning provided in the regular instructional program, to provide opportunities for performances, exhibitions, or competitions for students in extracurricular programs, and to facilitate connections for students with other educational institutions, government agencies, businesses, or community organizations.

The sponsor of the trip shall notify all parents in writing of the following information regarding the trip: the educational or other purpose(s); the date and time of departure and arrival back at school; the destination(s) and itinerary; the expenses associated with the trip to include admission fees, transportation

fees, meals, lodging, prepayments, deposits, and refund policies; the mode of transportation utilized; supervision requirements (i.e. non-school employees in accompaniment); appropriate dress; or materials necessary for the trip; the use of cameras, electronics, or other items during the trip; any risks associated with the scheduled activities of the trip. Parents (or students over 18 years of age) must give consent in writing for their child's participation in the trip.

Textbooks and Instructional Fees

Textbooks are provided free of charge as are required for courses of instruction for each child attending Culpeper County Public Schools. Only those fees and charges permitted by law or the regulations of the Board of Education may be required of students. These fees are approved by the School Board and are made public on the School Division website and are available in each school office. Families whose household income qualifies, may receive a reduction in fees or be provided a waiver from payment. Students and/or their parents are responsible for paying the cost to replace any lost or damaged textbooks, library books, computers, calculators, or other instructional materials.

Athletic Participation Fees

The Culpeper County School Board imposes an Athletic Participation Fee of \$90.00 for each middle school sport, and \$100.00 for each high school sport. These fees are necessary to keep the middle and high school sports programs in place for our student athletics. Requests for waivers for payment will be heard by principals, or their designee on a case by case basis. Any waivers granted will require the parent and student-athlete to sign a school service agreement by which the student-athlete and/or parent will perform a set number of hours of school service in lieu of payment. The school service agreement will allow the student-athlete to participate in inter-school competitions as long as the terms of the agreement are being met. Contact the school principal or athletic director for more information.

Financial Hardship Claims

Culpeper County Public Schools are committed to providing a free and appropriate educational experience for all students. Students and/or parents who require financial assistance with student fees, fines, and charges should inform the school administration, guidance staff, or teaching staff of their economic need. All requests for assistance will be reviewed and will remain confidential. Parent requests are handled on a case by case basis. Individual pay plans will be developed based on ability to pay. (Policy JN-BR1)

Supplemental School Injury Insurance

Generally, medical costs associated with a student's injuries occurring on school property or at school-related events are the responsibility of the parent. Culpeper County Public Schools will provide parents with information on how to purchase supplemental injury insurance on the division website and have information available in school offices.

School Quality Profile Reports

State, local and school level test data are available to the public online at: schoolquality.virginia.gov You may also visit the Culpeper County Schools website at www.culpeperschools.org and click on the Division tab and select School Quality Reports. A copy is also available for review at the School Board offices located at 450 Radio Lane.

School Handbooks and Student-Athlete Handbooks

In addition to this student/parent information handbook, each individual school will provide a handbook with policies and regulations relative to the school. Each student-athlete at the middle school and high school level will also receive a CCPS Student-Athlete Handbook.

Parent Portal

Parents can access their child's grades and attendance information any time on-line by obtaining a *Parent Portal Account*. This is secure website that requires a user ID and password for access. Please contact your school's counseling office for more information. Parents may also update returning student registration information online through their Parent Portal account.