



Hello Cousino families,

Thank you to all of the parents that volunteered at registration, you all were a big help. It was good to see so many new and familiar faces and I look forward to working with you all this school year. As we prepare, I feel that it is important that we review our building expectations and explain some of the changes that have been decided upon (with teacher and student input). Coming off of the pandemic last year, we knew that adjusting to being in school would be tough for some of our students. Even though there were some challenges, a very large number of our students did an amazing job following the expectations that we have here at Cousino High School. Below you will see our building expectations with explanations, as needed:

Dress Code:

- No bare midriffs, revealing tops, see-through clothing, etc.
- No offensive or derogatory words or images allowed on clothing, lanyards, or accessories - this includes alcohol, tobacco, and drug logos and symbols.
- No sleepwear as clothing.
- No slippers
- No sunglasses
- No costumes

We have Cousino Spirit Wear available for students that are in violation of the dress code

Hallway Behavior:

- Students have 5 minutes to move from one class to the next
- Loud, inappropriate language should not be used
- No running

Verbal Altercations:

- Verbal altercations will be worked through with counselors, administrators, or teachers using restorative practices.
- Students involved in verbal altercations will receive a call home explaining what transpired and the expectations moving forward.

- If the verbal altercation requires removal from the building the restorative conversations will be done once the students return.

Physical Altercations:

- Physical Altercations will result in a 10 day out of school suspension, a ticket from the Warren Police Department, and restorative conversations will be done once the students return from suspension.
- Students that continue to have physical altercations will be subject to a disciplinary hearing at the district level.

Cell Phones:

- **Teacher discretion on whether they are a Red/Yellow/Green zone.**
 - **Red Zone** – Cell phones are NOT permitted
 - **Yellow Zone** – Cell phones are permitted at the discretion of the teacher
 - **Green Zone** - Cell phones are permitted
- Hallways and Cafeteria are green zones.
- Phone calls must be made in an office with permission from a staff member.
- At no time should cell phones be disrupting class instruction.
- Failure to abide by individual teacher guidelines will result in disciplinary action.

IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY YOUR STUDENT CAN COME TO ANY OFFICE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL

Tardy Policy:

- 3rd tardy = mandatory detention within 3 days. The classroom teacher will make contact via phone, email, or remind. Failure to serve results in In-school suspension.
- 5th tardy = referral to assistant principal. Call home from assistant principal.
- 7th tardy = referral to assistant principal for 1 day of in-school suspension or another appropriate discipline as determined by the administrator.
- 10th tardy = 2 days of In-School suspension.
- 15th tardy = Out of School suspension

Student ID'S:

- Students/staff must have ID on their person at all times, meaning the ID can be visible or in the student's pocket. If a student does not have an ID, they will be directed to the nearest house office to get one at the cost of \$5.
- Senior students will need to show ID when returning to the building from lunch. ONLY SENIORS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BUILDING FOR LUNCH
- Students will need their ID for lunch and MUST produce their ID if asked by a staff member.

Backpacks:

Backpacks are NOT allowed in any classrooms. Students are to put their backpacks in their lockers when they come into the building

Vaping:

- Students caught in possession and or use of a vape pen will receive the following consequence:
 - 1st offense 3-day suspension and a ticket from the Warren Police Department
 - 2nd offense 5-day suspension and a ticket from the Warren Police Department
 - 3rd offense 7-day suspension and a ticket from the from the Warren Police Department
- A 4th offense **or use of a THC clear pen** will result in a 10-day suspension, a ticket from the Warren Police Department, and a disciplinary hearing at the district level.

Lunch:

- Students must go to their assigned lunch
- 9th, 10th, and 11th graders are NOT allowed to leave the building for lunch
- Students are NOT allowed to order lunch or and have it delivered to the building
- Students must eat lunch in the cafeteria. (Arrangements to make up tests or work with teachers will be considered)

Classroom:

- Classroom rules, as described by the teacher, must be followed by all students (Classroom expectations can vary by teacher).

Dismissal:

- Students have 15 minutes to after dismissal to exit the building
- Students that are in the building after dismissal must be a part of an adult supervised activity
 - Tutoring
 - Athletics/Band
 - Other school approve clubs

Afterschool Activities:

- Students are encouraged to be a part of or attend after school activities
- Inappropriate behavior/language will result in:
 - removal from the activity
 - suspension from future afterschool activities
 - possible school suspension

Reasonable Requests:

Reasonable requests are requests that can be made by ANY staff member in the building. If a student is doing something that goes against the building expectations, staff members have been directed to address the behavior, respectfully, with students. Examples of reasonable requests are:

- Watch your language, please
- It's time to get moving to class,
- Please show me your ID
- No running in the hallway, please
- Do you have a pass

Our expectation is that if a staff member gives a student a reasonable request, that student will follow it. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action up to in school or out of school suspension.

Hats and Hoods:

After staff and student surveys, conversations with staff and students and discussions with other buildings in the area, we have decided to loosen our expectations on hats and hoods. Attached, you will find examples of acceptable head gear at Cousino High School:

[Approved Hat List.pdf](#)

If you are using your hat or hood to cover your face where we are unable to recognize you, you will be asked to remove it.

This list will also be available on the Cousino website.

We will address building expectations early and often to ensure that we are all on the same page. I look forward to working and learning with you all.

Sincerely,

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