

Student Handbook



Cosby High School
Cosby, Tennessee

School Year
2023-2024

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Welcome to CHS

July 27, 2023

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to welcome your family back to Cosby High School for the 2023-2024 school year. Our faculty and staff have worked hard this summer preparing for the new year. We continually work on improving our academics, programs, and facilities in preparation for the most important part of CHS – your children.

Our goal is to provide an environment where students feel welcome and connected. The faculty and staff are prepared to help students grow, to overcome challenges, and to celebrate accomplishments of all kinds.

Education in general is ever-evolving. This year students will have opportunities to learn in various ways. Of course direct instruction from teachers is the primary mode of teaching here at Cosby. Also, all students will work online and will be assigned a chrome book. These laptops are now a tool provided to students and are assigned like textbooks. Please sign and return the documentation for the chrome book so that your student will not fall behind on classwork. We need your support in making sure your student brings the chrome book to school each day and keeps up with the provided charger.

Daily attendance is a goal for every student. While some work may be done at home, no online program can assist in learning as well as the teacher in the classroom can. We will be working closely with families to maintain regular attendance.

CHS will continue to communicate using the Remind app, phone calls and the school website (cosbyhighschool.weebly.com)

We are excited to get started and hope this, the 111th year on The Hill, is the best year yet!

Gratefully,

Shawna Coggins Murrell, Principal

Cosby High School Mission Statement

The mission of Cosby High School is to establish a strong foundation for lifelong learning. We provide students with a comprehensive array of skills to achieve local, state, and federal academic requirements. Consequently, students become responsible, productive, and respectful citizens.

Vision Statement

Our commitment is that all of our students develop morally, mentally, and physically in accord with their individual needs and talents in preparation for their future societal roles.



Important Dates

(Please stay connected with all important school dates and events on our website <https://cosbyhighschool.weebly.com> and through various social media platforms.)

First Day of School
August 1, 2023

January 4, 2024

NO SCHOOL
September 1, 2023

Martin Luther King Day
January 15, 2024

Labor Day
September 4, 2023

No School
February 16, 2024

Fall Open House
September 13, 2023

President's Day
February 19, 2024

Fall Break
October 2-6, 2023

Spring Open House
TBA

NO SCHOOL
October 16, 2023

NO SCHOOL
March 5, 2024

EARLY DISMISSAL at 1 pm
November 21, 2023

Spring Break
March 25-29, 2024

Thanksgiving Holiday
November 22-24, 2023

No School
April 1, 2024

End of 1st Semester (dismiss at 1 pm)
December 15, 2023

Last Day of School (dismiss at 1 pm)
May 21, 2024

First Day of Second Semester

**Assessment Calendar
2023-2024**

Purpose	Platform	Subjects	Testing Date Range
RTI Universal	aimsweb	Reading, Math & Language Arts	August 9, 2023
Intervention Diagnostic	Exact Path (in class)	Reading & Language Arts (RTI-Shults)	August 16, 2023
ASVAB	paper/pencil	Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery - 11th/12th grades	TBD
Standards Based Assessment	MasteryView Benchmarks	English, Science, Social Studies, Math (YL and semester)	TBD
ACT	online	State Graduation Requirement - senior retake	TBD
Common Formative Assessments	MasteryView	English, Science, Social Studies, Math (YL and semester)	TBD
End of Course (EOC)	online	Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, English I & II, US History, Biology	Nov. 27 - Dec. 14, 2023
Final Exams	various	All non-EOC courses	December 14 & 15, 2023
RTI Universal	aimsweb	Reading, Math & Language Arts	January 10, 2024
Intervention Diagnostic	Exact Path (in class)	Reading & Language Arts (RTI-Shults)	January 17, 2023
ACT/ASVAB	online/paper-pencil	State Graduation Requirement - juniors Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery - 10th grade	TBD
Standards Based Assessment	MasteryView Benchmarks	English, Science, Social Studies, Math (YL and semester)	TBD
Common Formative Assessments	MasteryView	English, Science, Social Studies, Math (YL and semester)	TBD
RTI Universal	aimsweb	Reading, Math & Language Arts	April 10, 2024
End of Course (EOC)	online	Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, English 1 & 2, US History, Biology	April 15 - May 3, 2024
Stand Alone Field Test	online	English I, II, & III	May 13-20, 2024
Final Exams	various	All non-EOC courses	May 20 & 21, 2024

TCAP End-of-Course (EOC)

Fall Testing Window: Nov. 27 - Dec. 14, 2023

Spring Testing Window: April 15 - May 3, 2024

Stand Alone Field Test (English I, II, & III): May 13-20, 2024

Courses include:

Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry

Biology

English I, English II

United States History

2023-24 Coker County Secondary Schools Exam Dates

High School Courses without an End of Course Exam

Students who miss three or fewer days are exempt from the final exam.

This applies to each class.

First Semester

December 14 - 2nd and 4th Block Exams

December 15 - 1st and 3rd Block Exams

Second Semester

Senior Exams - TBD

May 20 - 2nd and 4th Block Exams

May 21 - 1st and 3rd Block Exams

ACT State Test Dates

Fall Senior Retake (Class of 24)

TBD

Spring Junior Test Day (Class of 25)

TBD

COCKE COUNTY SCHOOLS 2023-2024 CALENDAR

TYPE OF DAY & DATES

ADMINISTRATIVE DAY	July 28, 2023	January 2, 2024	January 3, 2024	May 23, 2024	
INSERVICE DAYS (FULL)	July 27, 2023	July 31, 2023	September 1, 2023 SE Day	October 16, 2023	February 16, 2024 SE Day
INSERVICE DAYS (FULL)	March 5, 2024 SE Day	April 1, 2024	May 22, 2024		
ABBREVIATED DAYS (LEAVE AT 1 PM)	November 21, 2023	December 15, 2023	May 21, 2024		

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Important Dates

August 1, 2023 First Student Day	September 4, 2023 Labor Day	October 2-6, 2023 Fall Break	November 21, 2023 1 pm Dismissal	November 22-24, 2023 Thanksgiving Break	December 15, 2023 1 pm Dismissal
Dec. 18, 2023-Jan. 1, 2024 Christmas Break	January 4 2024 Students Return to School	January 15, 2024 Martin Luther King Day	February 19, 2024 President's Day	March 5, 2024 Super Tuesday	March 25-29, 2024 Spring Break and Good Friday
May 21, 2024 1 pm Dismissal	May 27, 2024 Memorial Day				

Bell Schedules

Daily Bell Schedule

1st Block 8:15 - 9:45
2nd Block 9:51 - 11:21
3rd Block 11:27 - 1:40

1st Lunch 12:07 - 12:35
2nd Lunch 12:40 - 1:10
3rd Lunch 1:15 - 1:40

4th Block 1:45 - 3:15

Early Dismissal Schedule

1st Block 8:15 - 9:15
2nd Block 9:21 - 10:21
4th Block 10:27 - 11:27
3rd Block 11:32 - 1:00

1st lunch + 1/2 of 2nd
12:00 - 12:30
3rd lunch + 1/2 of 2nd
12:30 - 1:00

Final Exam Schedule

1st Block 8:15 - 9:45
2nd Block 9:51 - 10:20
4th Block 10:25 - 11:00
3rd Block 11:32 - 1:00

1st lunch + 1/2 of 2nd
12:00 - 12:30
3rd lunch + 1/2 of 2nd
12:30 - 1:00

1 Hour Delay

1st Block 9:15 - 10:20
2nd Block 10:25 - 11:30
3rd Block 11:35 - 1:40

1st Lunch 12:07 - 12:35
2nd Lunch 12:40 - 1:10
3rd Lunch 1:15 - 1:40

4th Block 1:45 - 3:15

2 Hour Delay

1st Block 10:15 - 11:05
2nd Block 11:10 - 12:00
3rd Block 12:05 - 1:45

1st Lunch 12:07 - 12:35
2nd Lunch 12:40 - 1:10
3rd Lunch 1:15 - 1:40

4th Block 1:45 - 3:15

Attendance

School attendance matters. The Cocke County Schools Attendance Office lives by that slogan because being present plays a significant role in learning. Research shows that the more times a child is absent from school, the more difficult their climb to academic success becomes. We have a dedicated staff of educators at Cosby High School who are prepared to deliver quality instruction daily to our students. However, it's hard to teach an empty seat.

The Attendance Office at the Central Office works with school administrators and their attendance teams to implement Board of Education policies related to school attendance. We monitor school attendance regularly, work with students and their families to get to the root cause of absenteeism and develop plans to prioritize school attendance. With changes in state laws regarding school attendance in recent years, we aim to ensure all students and their family members are aware of the attendance policies and the corrective measures required of school districts across Tennessee.

Tips for Good School Attendance

- Become familiar with the school calendar so you can avoid planning family trips or other activities on school days. The current school year calendar and calendars for future school years are posted on the Cocke County Schools website.
- Avoid scheduling appointments during the school day when possible.
- Be sure your child's school can easily contact you at all times during the school day. Remember to share any changes in phone numbers and other contact information with the school. Also, remember to keep emergency contact information updated with your child's school.
- Keep the lines of communication open between you, your child, and school officials.
- Part of consistent school attendance includes developing a daily routine for bedtime and early mornings. Small things like laying clothes out and getting the backpack ready for the next day can help prepare everyone for the expectation of another school day. It also will help reduce stress during the hectic morning time before school.

- Be aware of school attendance policies, including the start time for your child's school. Your Student Handbook includes school absenteeism and what constitutes being tardy to school. Arriving at school on time is also a critical element of school attendance. Instruction begins at the start of the school day. Students who arrive late miss valuable time and can disrupt the class.
- Encourage your child to attend school and actively participate in their education. The most important partner in your child's education is your child. Let them know how important it is to be there and engaged in learning.

Tardies/Absenteeism/Leave Earlyies

A student accumulating five unauthorized absences from school will be cited to the Truancy Board. Authorized absences require a doctor's note that lists the excused dates. Each student may use parent notes totaling **five days for the entire school year**. All parent notes must be brought to the office for review. Students who have excessive tardies to school will be subject to disciplinary action.

Attendance Personnel

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Attendance - Coker County School System
Every student counts, everyday
Goal: every student in school, every day, all-day

Attendance is a key factor in student achievement, and therefore, students are expected to be present every day school is in session. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) includes requirements around disclosing non-academic data, specifically Chronic Absenteeism. Chronic Absenteeism is defined as any student missing ten percent (10%) of the school year for any reason. Tennessee law requires that children under the age of eighteen attend school. It is the parent and guardian's responsibility to insist that the child attend school. Truancy is an absence for an entire school day, a major portion of the school day, or any class, study hall, or activity during the school day for which the student is scheduled. Coker County School System will be participating in making September Attendance Awareness Month. The law says that students are to be in school for one hundred and eighty days (180) per year. We look forward to having your students in our school system. We must have the correct information for each student in our school systems, such as phone number, address, and parent or guardian. If this information changes, please contact the school with the new information. The school will try to contact each parent or guardian anytime the student is absent, tardy, or dismissed during a school day. When a student misses five (5) days unauthorized, they will need to meet with the principal to have meaningful communications to determine the underlying causes of the unauthorized absence. If necessary, the principal will develop an attendance contract to improve the student's attendance.

A questionnaire is given out at the first of the school year to help us identify students living in the following conditions:

- Staying in a shelter, FEMA trailer, or waiting for foster care placement
- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, similar reason; doubled-up
- Living in a car, park, campground, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing or similar
- Temporarily living in a motel or hotel due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason
- Unaccompanied Youth - student with an adult that is not a parent or legal guardian, or alone without an adult

We hope every student has a very successful school year.

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Welcome to the beginning of another school year. We hope you had an enjoyable summer break from school and that you have begun another exciting school year. This letter is written to stress to you the importance of attending school.

We take compulsory school attendance very seriously. Tennessee law requires that children under the age of eighteen attend school. It is the parent and guardian's responsibility to insist that the child attend school. Truancy is an absence for an entire school day, a major portion of the school day, or any class, study hall, or activity during the school day for which the student is scheduled. Make-up work should be completed within the number of days after the absence the school policy gives you. Even authorized absences may become excessive, and if the child is not in school regularly, they are missing valuable instruction time.

Annually, the Director of Schools/designee will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) that school attendance is required. Students shall be present at least fifty percent (50%) of the scheduled school day to be counted present. Students may attend part-time, alternating days, or for a specific amount of time as indicated in their Individualized Education Plan or 504 Plan and shall be considered present for school attendance purposes. If a student is required to participate in a remedial instruction program outside of the regular school day where there is no cost to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the school district provides transportation, unexcused absences from these programs shall be reported in the same manner.⁷

One absence shall be recorded for unauthorized tardies, leave earlies, or any combination equaling three (3) that the student receives.

When the school contacts the parent, the secretaries can greatly assist in viewing the attendance page and questioning the parent as to whether they have excuses they have not provided. If they have not used their five (5) parent notes, encourage them to provide them at this time, but also advise them to use them wisely in case they are needed later. If the parent does not turn in the parent notes or cannot be reached, the school will use the parent's notes before referring them to the Tier II part of the plan.

A student who is absent five (5) days without adequate excuse shall be reported to the Director of Schools/designee, who will, in turn, provide written notice to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student's absence. If a parent does not provide documentation within adequate time excusing those absences, or request an attendance hearing, then the Director of Schools/designee shall implement the progressive truancy plan described below before referral to juvenile court.

*Progressive Truancy Intervention Plan*⁸

Prior to referral to juvenile court, the following progressive truancy intervention plan will be implemented.

Tier I

Tier I of the progressive truancy intervention plan shall include the following:

1. Letters to all students at the beginning of each school year;
2. Letter, call, or communication to student, parent, or guardian when three unexcused absences occur.

3. Letter, call, or communication to a student, parent, or guardian when four (4) unexcused absences occur.
4. Letter, call, or communication to student, parent, or guardian when five (5) unexcused absences occur.

Tier II

Tier II of the progressive truancy plan shall include but is not limited to the following:

At the fifth unexcused absence, the attendance clerk calls the student into the office to talk to a student about absences and gives them three (3) days to have a parent, guardian, or another person in parental relation contact the school to set up a parental conference, or a conference call meeting in which the parent and student can meaningfully participate.

1. A conference with the student and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s);
2. Based on the conference, an attendance contract is signed by the student, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and an attendance supervisor or designee. The contract shall include
 - a. A specific description of the school's attendance expectations for the student.
 - b. The period for which the contract is effective; and
 - c. Penalties for additional absences and alleged school offenses, including additional disciplinary action and potential juvenile court referrals; and
 - d. Give the parent a copy of the contract and attendance report
3. Regularly scheduled follow-up meetings to discuss the student's progress.

Under this tier, a school team member shall conduct an individualized assessment detailing the reasons a student has been absent from school. The team member may refer the student to counseling, community-based services, or other services to address the student's attendance problems. (Family Resource, Coordinated Health School Nurse, RTI, etc.)

4. If a student does not show up for the conference:
5. After at least two attempts to meet with the student, the student will be subject to Tier III

Tier III

This tier shall be implemented if the truancy interventions under Tier II are unsuccessful.

Truancy Board referral

A team formed by the district shall determine these interventions. The interventions shall address student needs in an age-appropriate manner. Finalized plans shall be approved by the Director of Schools/designee.

Make a referral to the TN Dept. of Children's Services FCIP (if needed).

Make a referral to any other community-based services (if needed).

The contract will be aimed at addressing students' attendance problems.

6. If a student or parent does not show up for the Truancy Board:
After at least two attempts to meet with the student or parent, the school may document that the student's parent or guardian is unwilling to cooperate with the truancy intervention plan. The director of schools or designee may report the student's absences to the appropriate judge.

If a student, parent/guardian fails to comply with Tier III:

1. Referral to Juvenile court
2. Accompanied by a statement from the student's school certifying that
3. The school applied the progressive truancy interventions adapted to the student,
4. The progressive truancy interventions failed to address the student's school attendance meaningfully.

If your child is expelled from school for any reason, your child is still subject to the compulsory school attendance law if under eighteen. It becomes the parent's obligation to obtain and pay for a private educational program for the child. The child may be placed into state custody if this is not done.

This letter is not intended to single out any person and is not for most parents or their children. It reminds those who do not see the importance of attending school and behaving appropriately while there.

If you begin to experience a problem with your child attending school, please contact the Attendance Supervisor, Dennis Balch, or your Juvenile Court Youth Services Officers, Jennifer Shelton or Martha Newman. They have resources and advice that may be beneficial. Our goal is for children and parents not to be petitioned to a court or arrested. We believe in utilizing preventive measures before the matter goes too far.

Sincerely,

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Cocke County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: School Admission	Descriptor Code: 6.203	Issued Date: 09/11/03
		Rescinds: 6.203	Issued: 11/11/99

Any student entering school for the first time must present:

1. A birth certificate or officially acceptable evidence of date of birth at the time of registration;¹
2. Evidence of a current medical examination.² There shall be a complete medical examination of every student entering school for the first time. This applies to kindergarten, first grade and other students for whom there is no health record; and
3. Evidence of state-required immunization.³

The name used on the records of a student entering school must be the same as that shown on the birth certificate unless evidence is presented that such name has been legally changed through a court as prescribed by law. If the parent does not have or cannot obtain a birth certificate, then the name used on the records of such student will be the same as that shown on documents which are acceptable to the school principal as proof of date of birth.

A child whose care, custody and support has been assigned to a resident of the district by a power of attorney or order of the court shall be enrolled in school provided appropriate documentation has been filed with the district office.⁴

A student may transfer into the school system at any time during the year if his/her parent(s) or legal guardian moves his/her residence into the school system.

Parents, guardians, or legal custodians of students who enter school who have been judged delinquent for an offense involving murder, rape, robbery, kidnapping, aggravated assault or reckless endangerment shall notify the principal by providing the abstract of record required by law or other similar written information. This information shall be shared only with school employees who have responsibility for classroom instruction of the student. Such information is otherwise confidential and shall not be released to others except as required by law. The written notification shall not become a part of the student's record.⁵

Exceptions to this may include students experiencing homelessness, students in foster care, immigrant students, migrant students, and English Language Learners. There will be no barriers to enrollment for these student groups.

Legal References:

1. TCA 49-6-3008(b)
2. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(a); TCA 49-6-5004(a)
3. TCA 49-6-5001(c)
4. TCA 49-6-3001(c)(6); TCA 37-1-131(a)(2)
5. TCA 49-6-3051

Before School

Students arriving before school are to report to the cafeteria or the gymnasium. Students must have written permission from teachers or club sponsors to enter the building for tutoring or club meetings.

After School

Students attending club meetings, athletic practices, or tutoring sessions have permission to be inside the building after school is dismissed. Students are not allowed to hang out on school grounds after school has been dismissed for the day. Car riders may wait at the pavilion near the cafeteria or in front of the school near the gym or office lobby.

Tardies/Leave Earlys

Students who arrive at school after 8:15 must go to the office and sign in. Students will receive a tardy slip allowing them to enter class late. Upon a student's eleventh tardy to school, the student will turn in his/her cell phone to the secretary. The student may pick up their phone after the 3:15 dismissal bell.

A parent or guardian must call the school if students need to leave school early. Students will then be called out at the appropriate time. Callers will be verified.

Leaving School Grounds

Students must check out of school through the main office. Under no circumstances are students to leave campus without permission once they arrive on campus. Leaving school without permission is a serious offense as it poses a safety risk to the student.

Lunch

Students are to eat lunch in the cafeteria and remain there for the entire lunch period. Exceptions are made only by a school administrator. Seniors may eat on the pavilion if the area is kept clean.

Class Change

Use your time wisely when changing classes. Students have six minutes to change classes. Students will be referred to the office if they have class tardy issues.

Hall Passes

Students must have a hall pass if they are out of class. Students must fill in the hall pass with the time and destination. Teachers need to initial the pass for the student. The individual teacher determines hall pass usage. Only one student is allowed out of a classroom at a time.

Student Parking

All drivers must have a parking permit visible in their cars. These permits cost \$10 and may be purchased in the school office at the beginning of the school year. Student parking is not reserved. There are two lots on campus - one at the bottom and one behind the school. Students are not allowed to park at the shop. Failure to comply with these requests may result in a loss of driving privileges.

Medicine

All medicines must be turned in to the office. Medicine information should include the student's name, the amount to be dispensed, and when the medication needs to be taken. Students should never possess prescription medications at any time during the school day. No Cosby High School faculty or staff member will provide student medication.

Safety

The students and staff of Cosby High School will promote a culture of safety at all times. All exterior doors are locked, and most require a teacher access card to enter. Doors are not to be propped open. Do not open exterior doors for people who do not have an identification badge. Please be familiar with the different types of evacuation and lockdown procedures. Teachers will review these with you.

Lockers

Each student may be issued a locker. Students are responsible for the upkeep and contents of that locker.

Cell Phones

At the beginning of each class, students will place cell phones in a secure location as directed by the teacher. Students may use their phones only with the teacher's permission. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.

Report Cards

Report cards will be issued twice a semester (9 and 18 weeks). Dates are subject to change. Report cards may be held if students have outstanding debts to the school.

Term 1: 08/01/2023 - 10/11/2023

Term 3: 01/04/2024 - 03/12/2024

Term 2: 10/12/2023 - 12/15/2023

Term 4: 03/13/2024 - 05/21/2024

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be issued twice a semester (4 ½ and 13 ½ weeks). Please have your parents/guardians sign these and return them to your teachers.

Fall

4 ½ weeks: August 31, 2023 (distributed on September 7, 2023)

13 ½ weeks: November 10, 2023 (distributed on November 17, 2023)

Spring

4 ½ weeks: February 5, 2024 (distributed on February 12, 2024)

13 ½ weeks: April 19, 2024 (distributed on April 26, 2024)

Grading Scale

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 59 and below

Aspen

Go to <https://sis-cocke-county.tnk12.gov/aspen/logon.do> or search Aspen Cocks County. If you lose your login information, see Ms. Jones in room 113.

Dress Code

The school dress code aims to establish standards replicating workplace expectations. The Cocke County School Board approved this dress code's content.

1. Garments (Shirts, Blouses, Tunics, and Dresses) must not be cut below the normal armpit and must not come below the top of the breasts. All garments must cover the torso at all times.
2. Garments must have sleeves or a shoulder strap at least two inches wide. Halter and midriff tops are not permitted as outer garments. Garments that reveal any skin in the midriff are not permitted. Sleeveless tops apply equally to males and females, but neither student is to wear the "A" undershirt, often referred to as a "wife beater." No shirts with ripped out or removed sleeves.
3. Students may wear shorts, skirts, and dresses no shorter than four (4) inches from the top of the knee.
4. Opaque tights or leggings (opaque tights/leggings are not transparent; skin color is mostly unable to be detected) are worn beneath garments long enough to cover the front and rear genitalia while the student's arms are down by their sides.
5. Spandex shorts or loose-legged ("gym shorts") are not permitted.
6. House slippers are not permitted as acceptable shoes.
7. Shorts or leggings must be worn beneath holey jeans; holes are allowed four inches from the top of the knee, and the holes cannot be located in the genital area. Additionally, clothing may not have patches on or around the genital area, and covering inappropriate holes with tape, paper, etc., is not permissible.
8. Suspenders are to remain on the shoulders.
9. Excessively baggy pants are not permitted. Pants must be secured at the waist, not worn below the hips.
10. All necessary undergarments must be worn and not be visible beneath the outer garment.
11. No clothing or accessories imply or promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, violence, gangs, racial slurs, or offensive language.
12. No clothing or accessories may contain messages, slogans, or symbols that promote discord.
13. Hats are permitted. However, students must comply with the teacher's request to remove hats in the classroom. No hoods are to be worn on the head during the school day.
14. Blankets are not permitted.
15. Bandanas are not permitted either as clothing or as hair accessories.
16. **Any Clothing item in question will be addressed at the discretion of an administrator.**

School Board Policies

Visit the Cocke County Schools website at www.cockecountyschools.org for more information concerning school board policies.

Visitors

Visitors are not permitted in the cafeteria or classrooms during the school day. Only the school administration can approve exceptions to this policy.

Technology

Most teachers now use online instruction as a daily lesson plan. So that they may participate in class, each student will be assigned a Chromebook. A parent or guardian will come to the school and sign for the computer. A designated time has been set for distribution; however, if this time does not work for you, please contact Ms. Jones at (423) 487-5602.

Students enrolled in a math course at CHS may be assigned a TI-84 graphing calculator to use throughout the semester. Parents' signatures are not required for calculator distribution. Students are responsible for the care and return of a school issued calculator in the same manner as a textbook.

Communication Tools

There are several ways to communicate with the teachers and staff at Cosby High School. Most teachers do not have a personal extension number, so email is the best way to reach them. All faculty and staff emails are listed on the school's website: <https://cosbyhighschool.weebly.com>. Most teachers also use the remind app and Google Classroom.