

NESHOBA CENTRAL
ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

2018-2019
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.

Students are assigned to the Learning Center by either 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/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.

Students that are at The Learning Center as part of the Neshoba County School District Safety Net Program for academics must meet certain criteria before being considered to return to their Neshoba County School District home schools. Sixth and seventh grade alternative education students assigned to The Learning Center have an initial placement of one nine-week grading period. Eighth grade alternative academic students assigned to The Learning Center Academic alternative school students must maintain an overall GPA of 2.4 **AND** earn the set amount of incentive points.

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.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00 – 8:15 Arrival/Breakfast

1. 8:15 – 9:10
2. 9:10 – 10:05
3. 10:05 – 11:00
4. 11:00 – 11:55

Lunch 11:55 – 12:15

5. 12:15 – 1:10
6. 1:10 – 2:05
7. 2:05 – 3:00

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP AT 3:00

The schedule will be adjusted to meet the individual needs of each student.

- Students **cannot** be dropped off at the school before 8:00 a.m.
- 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 should 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.

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.

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 to The Learning Center for an initial 45 day placement or as assigned per handbook policy. 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. Students must be referred by their Neshoba County School District home school for placement at The Learning Center for the Safety Net program as well as the behavior program.

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.**

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

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 _____