

OAC Parent/Guardian Student Dress Code and Handbook

It is important that parents and guardians review this packet as they begin planning for their student's first day at the Opportunity Awareness Center. The principal and assistant principal have the ability to add, remove or modify any of this information at any time during the school year.

All OAC students are required to wear a uniform. The OAC uniform requirements are below.

ID's

- An OAC ID must be worn around the neck on the provided lanyard at all times. Failure to display an ID or using another student's ID will result in disciplinary actions.
- A replacement charge of \$5.00 will be assessed if a student loses their ID.
- A replacement charge of \$1.00 will be assessed for a lost lanyard.
- ID's cannot be altered or defaced.
- Students will not be taking home their ID's. They will leave it in their AM advisory.

Grooming

- Shaving is no longer a requirement.
- Nails must be natural (no acrylic, dip, shellac, etc.) neatly groomed
- Fingernail polish is not allowed.
- Natural fingernails cannot extend more than 1/8 of an inch from the fingertip to the nail tip.
- All tattoos depicting illegal or inappropriate activity must be covered.
- Hair design and color cannot distract from the learning process.
- Hair designs depicting illegal or inappropriate activity are not allowed.
- Hair jewelry is not allowed.
- Students are not allowed to write or draw on themselves, their clothing, or shoes.

Shoes and Socks

- Closed Toed Tennis Shoes.
- Only tennis shoes are allowed.
- Shoes must be laced and tied.
- If they have straps, they must be strapped as designed.
- Shoes cannot have any weapon, drug, or gang affiliated logos.
- Socks (one pair) must be worn and must be solid white, black, brown, gray, or navy with no designs.

Pants, Shorts and Skirts

- Pants must be shorts, full length pants, or a skirt, in khaki, black, gray, or navy.
- Shorts and skirts must meet district requirements for length. No denim. No leggings or jeggings.

Shirt/Top

- Shirts can be collared or uncollared in white, black, gray, or navy. If the shirt is uncollared it must be traditional crew neck t-shirt.
- Shirts must fit properly not tight, oversized, or revealing.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- No halter top, spaghetti strap or strapless style garments are allowed.

- Shirts cannot contain any decorations (i.e. emblems, logos, accent colors, pockets, etc.) - cannot be sleeveless. Must have sleeves.

Belts and Undergarments

- Belts are NOT required, as long as pants fits on the natural waist. If you chose to wear a belt it must be white, black, brown with a plain silver or gold clasp. Designer belts, and belt buckles, are prohibited.
- Belts must be worn through all belt loops.
- Undergarments:
 - They can not be transparent through uniform shirt. Only one solid white, gray, black, or beige. Undershirt/camisole may be worn under the required shirt.
- Logos, designs, and/or writing must not be transparent through the uniform shirt. Shirts cannot contain any decorations (i.e. emblems, logos, accent colors, pockets, etc.) -cannot be sleeveless. Must have sleeves.

Jackets, Coats, Outerwear

- Sweatshirts and pullovers must be solid white, black, gray, or navy with no hoods, no pockets.
- It must be worn over the required uniform shirt.
- All other jackets and coats will be collected at check in and will be returned at the end of the school day.

Jewelry

- Accessories are not permitted. This includes necklaces, bracelets, earrings, watches, rings, sunglasses, gloves or headgear. You may not wear anything on your wrist, which includes scrunchies.
- Facial piercings are not permitted.

General and Miscellaneous

- No see-through clothing or clothing that exposes the midriff.
- Hats, caps, visors, scarves, bandanas, scrunchies, and headbands are not allowed in the building. They must be turned over to a staff member upon request.
- Clothing, shoes, boots, jewelry or grooming styles, accessories, tattoos, hair carvings associated with but not limited to alcohol, smoking, violence, death, Satanism, racism, profanity, nudity, drugs, gangs and non-related groups are not allowed.
- Any other piece of clothing, accessory, symbols, jewelry, or other paraphernalia, which depicts association with a gang shall not be brought to school. Any item associated with gangs brought to campus will result in added days to the student's original placement.

Any article of clothing or grooming the principal or assistant principal determines is a safety issue or a disruption to the learning environment will be prohibited.

Parents will be contacted when a student is in violation of the dress code. Numerous violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary consequences.

If your student arrives out of dress code, they will be given an opportunity to fix the issue. If the student refuses the opportunity to get into dress code, parents may be required to pick up the student or bring appropriate clothes for the student to meet dress code.

Other Important Information

Prohibited Items

- Students are prohibited from bringing cell phones on the bus and to school.
- Students are not allowed to bring gum, chap stick, purses, wallets, backpacks, radios, cell phones, make-up, perfume or any other non-school-related item to school.
- Watches, activity trackers and smartwatches are not allowed.
- Pens and markers are not allowed.

If the above items are brought to school, the item will be confiscated. A parent may be required to pick up confiscated items.

Students may bring keys and a state ID. They may also bring personal earbuds to school for instructional purposes. Over-the-ear headphones are not allowed. The OAC is not responsible if they are lost or missing. Earbuds should be kept out of sight in the hallway.

Money

- Students may only bring \$5.00 to school.

Any money above \$5.00 will be confiscated and the parent will be notified. Money may be placed in their lunch account by parent request or a parent may pick it up.

Early Release Eligibility

Early release is defined as a student's ability to return to their home campus prior to the end of their 45 day assignment. Students will be eligible for early release after 30 days if they have demonstrated:

1. Excellent attendance
2. Excellent behavior
3. Passing grades

Students who return to OAC more than once in the same school year will receive a 75 day placement and are not eligible for early release.

All students will be released back to their home campus at the grading period (progress reports or report card) following their eligible release date.

A student who is required to register as a sex offender and who is placed at the OAC may be placed for a longer period of time as allowed by TEC 37.304 and 37.305.

Physical Contact

- Physical contact of any kind, including handshakes is not allowed.

Communication Guidelines

Students may not talk about drugs, alcohol use, sex, gangs, criminal escapades, violence, or any other subject deemed inappropriate. Students may not have in their possession telephone numbers of other students or exchange them with other students at any time. Students may not exchange notes at any time. Students will not give gang signs or gestures even in greeting or write them on book covers, notebooks, etc.

Food/Drink/Gum

Food and drink are to be consumed in the lunchroom only. Students may not be in possession of food or drink in the hallway or in the classroom unless specifically approved. Students may include candy in their lunch bag, but it can only be consumed in the cafeteria. Students may not be in possession of gum, cough drops, breath sprays, etc.

If a student brings a lunch, it must be in a clear zip-lock bag so the contents may be examined.

Individual Counseling

Students may ask to see a counselor during the day. Students are encouraged to see counselors at times that do not interrupt the student's academic day such as lunch, homeroom, and after school. Work missed while a student is with a counselor on request must be made up. Requests to see a counselor are to be made through the classroom teacher or at a scheduled time as appropriate.

Lunchroom

Students are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their eating area. Students may not share food. Students must follow all oral and written directives while in the cafeteria.

Lunch Money

Students may not borrow money from one another, staff, or from the office. Families qualifying for lunch assistance must be approved through food services. This form needs to be filled out annually and is available online. District cafeteria policy states that a student can no longer charge a breakfast/lunch if funds are not available in the student's account.

Medication

Prescription and non-prescription medications cannot be handled by students. Parents/Guardian must directly hand these to the nurse. All medications must be in their original containers and are to be accompanied by a note from the doctor stating the need for medication and directions for administering. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.** No medication will be administered by any OAC staff unless the doctor's note is current and specific for the student and for the diagnosed illness as stated in the doctor's letter. Students cannot be in possession of any medication throughout the day without a doctor's statement stating a medical need.

Report Cards

Report cards provide the student and his/her parents a cumulative report of the student's progress in each course in which he/she is enrolled. Report cards will be distributed on the same schedule and manner per district guidelines.

Online Instruction

OAC utilizes a combination of Edgenuity and Canvas to deliver instruction to students. This will allow students to keep pace with the instruction provided on their home campus, while having the opportunity to remain in the courses which they were previously enrolled. Students will be in classrooms with teachers who are certified in the content area and can provide support and enrichment as needed.

Restroom Breaks

Students can go to the restroom at the designated times with supervision. If a student enters the restroom and there is anything out of order (smoke, untidiness, etc.) he/she must report the situation immediately to a staff member. Otherwise, he/she will be regarded as responsible for the situation and will be subject to consequences. Students are not to take writing instruments into the restroom. Students are not to use the restroom or drink water between classes.

Safety

All students will walk through a metal detector and be inspected when they enter the building. Students will be required to remove their shoes and empty their pockets in preparation for inspection. Students will remove socks when directed. A more thorough search may be conducted if we suspect a student is carrying a prohibited item. Students will be required to turn in jackets and coats at the beginning of each day for inspection. Students will be required to have their name or initials written in their jackets/coats for identification purposes. Any other items prohibited by the OAC will be confiscated.

Supplies

Students will only need a pencil, a spiral and a folder on their first day. Teachers will inform students of additional supplies or items needed for instructional purposes. All items must be labeled for identification purposes. Students are not allowed to bring backpacks, pens, markers or liquid paper.

Technology

An integral part of the instructional program in our school is the use of technology. Through the District's electronic communications systems, students have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world. With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. Students are expected to observe appropriate network etiquette and to be responsible users of technology. Inappropriate use of any electronic communications resources may result in loss of the privilege to use this tool and disciplinary consequences.

Telephone and Cell Phones

OAC students are prohibited from possessing cell phones on school property including bus transportation. They are also not allowed to pass their phone to another student on the bus. Students are not to use the school telephone without permission. Students needing to use the school phone may request to see the assistant principal in order to obtain permission.

Trespassing

The Notification of Trespass Laws and Official Warning Form is signed by the student, parent and OAC representative at the Intake Orientation.

OAC Students may not be on any other Katy ISD property or attend any Katy ISD-related functions for any reason at any time during their placement at OAC. This includes evenings, weekends and holidays. Properties include but are not limited to Raines High School, Katy ISD sports stadiums, Miller Career and Technology Center and their respective parking lots. Violation of the Trespass Law may result in a citation from Katy ISD Police.

Transportation

A transportation agreement between the parent and the OAC will be made during the Intake Orientation. Any requests for changes in transportation can be made by contacting the school at 281-237-6350.

The District will provide transportation from designated pick-up and drop-off points to students placed at the OAC.

Bus transportation to OAC is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused.

Students may not drive to school and they cannot park in any of the surrounding neighborhoods or businesses.

Useful Information

Main Number	281-237-6350
OAC School Hours	7:20-2:35
OAC Early Dismissal School Hours	7:20-11:35

We follow the same school calendar as the rest of the District

Useful Numbers

Attendance Clerk	Linda Carr	281-237-6350
Registrar	Kristen Arteaga	281-237-6359
Counselor's Secretary	Alicia Guzman	281-237-6378
Assistant Principal's Secretary	Lynn Brent	281-237-9415
Student Support Specialist	Tara Brooks	281-237-6344
School Counselor	Tim Coleman	281-237-6381
Assistant Principal	Janelle Coleman	281-237-6361

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- ✓ I have been provided with a copy of the OAC Parent/Guardian Student Dress Code and Handbook.
- ✓ I will make sure I am in dress code every day.
- ✓ I will comply with all written and verbal directives.
- ✓ I will comply with all OAC and Katy ISD rules.
- ✓ I will honor and respect my parents/guardians at all times.

Printed Student Name

Student Signature

Date

- ✓ I have been provided with a copy of the OAC Parent/Guardian Student Dress Code and Handbook.
- ✓ I will make sure my student is in dress code every day.
- ✓ I will make sure my student complies with all written and verbal directives.
- ✓ I will make sure my student complies with all OAC and Katy ISD rules.
- ✓ I will update my online information using PowerSchool.

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Printed Katy ISD Representative Name

Katy ISD Representative Signature

Date