

**EVANGELINE CENTRAL ALTERNATIVE POSITIVE  
PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS  
(ECAPPS)**

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**Student Handbook**

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## PHILOSOPHY

The Evangeline Parish School System is committed to providing an education for all students so that academic, social and civic potential can be achieved. Creating a safe environment that is conducive to learning will be the focus of every school. Each student should develop a degree of self-discipline and mutual respect for themselves and others while at school and in the community. It is recognized that a systematic approach is essential to have a successful plan that continues educational services for those students resisting compliance. Therefore, to help maintain a positive educational atmosphere, alternative methods must be implemented that promote acceptable behavior and keep students off the streets.

It is our belief that school personnel, parents, and students must be committed and willing to work toward the overall goal of eventually returning these students to the academic and social mainstream of education.

It should be emphasized that all policies and procedures of the EPSB and the Evangeline Central Alternative Positive Program for Students will be strictly enforced. **Any student who fails to comply with any policy or procedure will meet with stringent disciplinary actions. There will be zero tolerance for habitual non-compliance and classroom disruption.**

## DRESS CODE

All components of the EPSB Dress Code shall be adhered to at all times by students. In addition, the following standards will also be adhered to:

- No facial hair; faces must be cleanly shaven daily. Sideburns to the middle of the ear are allowed.
- No jewelry (earrings, watches, rings, chains, etc.) is allowed. Any such confiscated items will be held until the student is dismissed from the ECAPPS program.
- Hair ribbons can only be solid black, white or brown.
- Inappropriate tattoos must be covered at all times.
- No distracting hair styles or unnatural colors. (i.e. blue, green, etc.)
- No excessively long or pointed fingernails. Must be closely trimmed.
- Only sneakers or rubber sole shoes as footwear because of the participation in physical training.
- Solid white, blue, or grey undershirts only (no pictures or writing should be seen).
- Belts must be black or brown with standard buckles only (no studs or big buckles, no skull & crossbones).
- No negative or potentially vulgar or offensive pictures allowed on clothing or shoes (i.e. skull & cross bones)
- No pullover sweatshirts, zip-up jackets only.

## **GENERAL RULES**

### ***Arrival and Search***

- Students will be searched daily. Metal detectors may be used as well as pat down searches. Any item in a student's possession will be confiscated, recorded, and returned only to a parent or legal guardian. Designated pick up day will be every Friday before 2:15 p.m.

### ***Upon Arrival to ECAPPS***

- Students will raise their hand to be acknowledged to speak throughout the day. The only time students will be allowed to speak is when permission has been granted by an authority figure.
- If a student is called upon to speak, the appropriate response should be either "Sir, Yes Sir, No Sir or Ma'am, Yes Ma'am, No Ma'am" depending on the gender of the staff member being spoken to and the context of the statement.

### ***Attendance / Tardies***

- Any student who arrives late without a valid excuse (as stated in Student Code of Conduct) will meet with disciplinary action in addition to being subject to prosecution of becoming truant.

### ***Checking Out***

- Administration maintains discretion in decisions relative to students checking out of school as related to punitive consequences.

### ***Personal Vehicles***

- Students will not be allowed to drive personal vehicles to or from the alternative program site.

### ***Breakfast / Lunch***

- Absolutely no food or drink of any kind will be allowed on campus. \*Exceptions will be made for students with documented medical issues.