

Curriculum at Bigfoot Alternative Center

Students are placed in an individualized academic program as similar to their home school program as possible. Each student's demonstrated performance levels will determine remediation or acceleration in course work. All classes are highly structured and discipline-oriented. Course work focuses on the four core academic areas: English, Math, Social Studies, and Science. The "A+" computerized program provides self-paced computer-assisted instruction for the core subject areas, as well as credit recovery when deemed appropriate by the student's home campus. A Building Trade vocational program is part of the center's curriculum. All students must pass safety tests on the use of equipment prior to actual use of the tools. Physical Education is part of the center curriculum.

BIGFOOT ALTERNATIVE CENTER STUDENT DRESS CODE

Required Uniform

- **Fitted Khaki pants.**
- **Proper length belt with standard buckle.**
- **Solid navy blue crew neck T-shirt or polo shirt with no writing or graphics. No low cut (V-shaped) neckline shirts.**
- **Shirt must be firmly tucked in with the belt clearly visible. Shirts must be long enough to remain tucked in at all times. Only short-sleeved navy blue or white undershirts are allowed.**
- **Jacket or coats may be worn to school but cannot be worn in the classroom.**
- **On cold days, students may wear long sleeve, pull-over, navy blue sweatshirts without hoods, zippers or pockets (no writing or graphics) in the classroom.**
- **Steel-toed footwear, slippers, and flip-flops are not allowed. Shoes with laces and/or Velcro straps will be tied, fastened and secured.**
- **No jewelry of any kind. This includes, but is not limited to: watches, rings (ear, tongue or facial), bracelets, necklaces, or any item deemed inappropriate by the principal.**
- **Headgear is not allowed. This includes caps, bandanas, hats, and hair nets.**
- **Hair must be kept clean and neat and meet home districts standards.**
- **Students are not allowed into class with facial hair. Boys will remain clean-shaven.**
- **Only prescription eyewear or contact lenses are allowed.**
- **Upon leaving Bigfoot, students will remain in dress code until they have arrived at their bus stop.**

The final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the principal and cannot be appealed.

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Transportation Rules

Each school district in the Bigfoot Education Co-op will provide transportation for its own students to and from school. However, transportation is a privilege and is not guaranteed for an Alternative Education Center.

1. Students will be at their assigned pick-up points in their school district on time; the driver will not wait for the students.
2. Students will sit in their assigned seats and remain seated at all times.
3. Students will keep their hands, feet and head inside district vehicles at all times.
4. Students will not bring or use any items that make noise of any type. These include radios, headsets, CD or tape players.
5. Students will not talk loudly, scream, use profanity, yell out of windows, make obscene gestures, or throw any objects while on the bus.
6. A parent must sign a transportation referral before the student is allowed back on a district vehicle.

DISCIPLINE PLAN

Students must follow/obey the rules and regulations of the **Bigfoot Alternative Center** and of **their home school district** in order to meet criteria and return to their home campus. Failure to do so will result in immediate disciplinary action. (Students will refer to their home campus **Student Code of Conduct** for any further information.) The rationale for this plan is based on the fact that most students who are assigned here have already gone through some form of a discipline management plan and have not successfully followed the system at their home campus. Bigfoot students will be expected to make immediate changes that will result in positive and appropriate behaviors.

The following discipline management plan is designed to help students in this process.

Teacher's Actions

1. Verbal warning with reminder of rules.
2. Written warning.
3. Discipline referral to Principal.

Possible Consequences

1. Counseling/Conferences;
Individual/Group work contract with parent contract, and/or
2. Suspension with a required parent conference for re-entry into school.
3. A hearing for Expulsion from Home school district.

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RULES / REGULATIONS CONTRACT

Students assigned to Bigfoot Alternative Center will follow / obey the rules and regulations of this campus and of their home school district. Failure to do so will result in immediate disciplinary action. Students will refer to their home campus **Student Code of Conduct** for any further information.

1. When students arrive at school, they are to walk quietly from the unloading area to their assigned area.
2. Students will walk in an orderly manner from one area to another. There will be no talking.
3. When students enter a classroom, they will go to their assigned area. Students will remain awake and alert throughout the entire school day.
4. Students will complete all work assigned by the teacher. Failure to complete assignments will place the students into the discipline management process.
5. Talking is limited to classroom discussion.
6. Students will talk to staff members and each other in a courteous manner. Profanity is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
7. Students must have staff permission to use the restroom. Only one student is allowed in each restroom at a time. Students will sign the restroom sign-in-sheet in the office before and after they go to the restroom.
8. Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their assigned classroom.
9. If a student is absent, they must bring a note from a parent, legal guardian, or doctor within three (3) days of their return. All missed work must be made up in order to receive credit for the absence(s).
10. The student must make up all days that they are absent from Bigfoot DAEP. Students will be required to make up excused absences. If the absence is **unexcused**, the student will be required to make up the absence **plus** an additional day will be **added** to their assigned time.
11. Students who do not earn criteria because of unexcused absences, inappropriate behavior, and/or failing grades, shall get more days added to their assigned time.
12. Students who are assigned to Bigfoot will not be allowed to participate in or attend extra curricular, school-sponsored or school related activities on or off school property. (TEA Code 37.006)
13. Students assigned to this school are required to stay off their home school campus at all times. Students may be allowed limited access to their home campus with special permission from the administrators.
14. The Bigfoot Alternative Center is a tobacco/smoke free facility. Students may not bring tobacco products, lighters, or matches to school. These items will be confiscated and the student will be suspended.
15. Possession of any illegal substance, alcohol or weapons will result in immediate recommendation for expulsion. The Frio County sheriff will be notified.
16. There will be no "horseplay" and touching of any student or staff member is not allowed.
17. Fighting will result in immediate recommendation for expulsion from home campus. Frio county sheriff will be notified.

18. Defacing or destruction of school property will be considered vandalism and the Frio County sheriff will be notified.
19. Inappropriate hand gestures, tagging, writing, and graphic designs will result in disciplinary action.
20. Gum, candy, or any other food items are not allowed.
21. Pagers, phones, or other communication devices are not allowed. These items will be confiscated and will be returned to parents only on the first offense. **On each succeeding offense, a \$15.00 fine must be paid before the cell phone is returned to the parent.**
22. Personal grooming products (make-up, combs, brushes, perfumes, etc.) are not allowed. Personal items will be confiscated and returned only to the parent.
23. Book bags, fanny packs, wallets, or purses are not allowed.
24. Students are not allowed to bring money except what is needed to pay for breakfast and lunch.
25. Bigfoot Alternative Center staff members will not tolerate disruptive, inappropriate, and non-cooperative behaviors. Persistent misconduct will result in suspension (1,2, or 3 days) and may result in recommendation for expulsion. Suspension will result in minimum of one (1) week added to the assigned time at Bigfoot DAEP.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Students receive weekly Progress Reports from their teacher(s) every Thursday. These reports represent a compilation of information on each student's academic and behavioral progress for that week. Parents are to sign the weekly Progress Report and students are to return the signed forms the following day (Friday).

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE

Students assigned to the Bigfoot Alternative Center have a responsibility to the citizens of Bigfoot. A portion of a student's education at this school will involve service projects not only to the school, but also to the community. Time will be allowed periodically for such projects. This school has made a good name for itself in this community. Students are expected to display good manners and conduct themselves as responsible community members.

FOOD SERVICE

The Devine ISD, a member district of the Bigfoot Education Co-op, will provide food service. Both breakfast and lunch will be provided for the students assigned to this school.

Breakfast prices:
Full pay - \$.80
Reduced - \$.30

Lunch prices:
Full pay - \$1.75
Reduced - \$.40