

Waxahachie DAEP

Quick Reference Handbook

Mission

- DAEP: Guide at-risk students to develop responsibility, social skills, and academic success.
- **DAEP:** Support student growth for responsible decision-making and successful reintegration into home campuses.

Academics

- Core Subjects: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Character Education.
- **Electives:** Provided by home campus; work returned for grading.
- **Counseling:** Academic, social, and personal support available; parents encouraged to contact counselors.
- Report Cards: Issued by home campus every nine weeks.

Attendance

- Tardies: One extra day for every 3 tardies.
- Arrival: Must arrive by 8:20 a.m. to receive credit; late arrivals require documentation.
- School Hours: 8:10 a.m.–3:40 p.m.; cannot arrive before 7:30 a.m.; pick up by 4:00 p.m.
- **Student Vehicles:** Park in south lot, last row; unsafe parking/driving = loss of privilege.

Meals

- **Breakfast/Lunch:** Provided; outside restaurant food prohibited.
- Allowed Lunch: Sandwich, chips, fruit, sealed water or Gatorade in clear, labeled bag.
- Prohibited: Soft drinks, energy drinks, candy, gum, and opened containers.

Behavior & Expectations

Unsuccessful Day Offenses

- Gum, candy, body contact, sleeping, profanity, misbehavior in P.E. or personal time
- Graffiti/tagging (may add a week)
- Disrespect toward staff or others
- Violations of WISD Discipline Code
- Sagging pants = suspension

Hallway: Walk single file, hands behind back, two-tile spacing, no talking. **Cafeteria:** Talk only at the table, leave the seat with permission, dispose of trash when instructed.

Restroom: Four scheduled breaks, never together, verify cleanliness, report damage immediately.

Medications & Health

- Nurses may refuse if not in the student's best interest; parent/physician authorization required.
- Only medication that cannot be scheduled outside school hours administered.
- Must be in original, labeled container; parent/physician note required.
- Asthma medications may be self-administered with authorization.
- Fever ≥100.4°F → excluded until 24 hours fever-free without medication.

Bullying

- Includes written, verbal, electronic, or physical actions causing harm or fear.
- Examples: hazing, threats, teasing, name-calling, rumors, property damage, cyberbullying.
- Report immediately to staff; retaliation prohibited.

Discrimination, Harassment & Retaliation

- **Prohibited:** Discrimination or harassment based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, or other protected class.
- Sexual/Gender-Based Harassment: Includes inappropriate touching, sexual advances, jokes, or relationships between students and employees.
- Retaliation against reporters or investigation participants is prohibited.
- Appeals: Board Policy FNG (LOCAL).

Conferences & Visitors

- **Conferences:** Call **972-923-4695**; staff may request meetings for academic or behavioral concerns.
- Visitors: Enter through the front office, show ID for Raptor V-Soft badge, return upon exit. Only listed contacts may receive student info.

Emergency Procedures

- Follow staff directions, telephones unavailable.
- Fire Drills: Monthly; follow posted instructions.
- Tornado/Lockdown Drills: Periodic as needed.

Mentoring

- Students select a trusted home campus teacher for transition support.
- Teacher and Director communicate regarding the student's success post-DAEP.

Dress Code

Shirts:

- Solid collared or round neck; tucked in; no scoop necks.
- Elementary (1st 6th Grade): **Green**, 7th–8th: **Black**, High School: **Grey**.
- Max 2 shirts; undershirt white, black, or outer shirt color; no designs.

Jeans:

- Clean, blue denim; fit at waist; no sagging, bleach, tears, frays, or extra pockets.
- Belt required (plain black/brown, ≤2" buckle).
- · No additional garments underneath

Shoes:

- sneakers/tennis shoes required Black and or white.
- Crocs are allowed Black and or white.

Outerwear:

Coats/jackets stored in locker; no hoods indoors.

Athletic Wear: Prohibited (sweatpants, shorts, spandex, overalls, elastic waistbands).

Grooming:

- Hair natural color; tied back if long.
- No makeup, fingernail polish, false eyelashes, eyebrow slits, piercings, visible tattoos with offensive content.

Jewelry:

Not permitted; confiscated items returned at exit.

Searches:

 Daily metal detector: pockets emptied, shoes/socks off, jeans pulled up to the knee; belt removed.

Supplies & Electronics

- No personal items (purses, backpacks, ID badges, pens, markers).
- **Electronics:** Phones, headphones, radios, recorders prohibited; confiscated until exit; fines apply.

Exiting DAEP

- Receive the exit form signed by the Director and the student.
- Report to home campus with form next school day.
- Good conduct required: WISD Student Code of Conduct applies; Class I–III offenses may add days.
- Class IV offenses may lead to expulsion; communicated in writing and the parent contacted.
- Goal: Return students to home campus as soon as possible.

