

# **CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**



**STUDENT HANDBOOK  
2020-2021**

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## **A WORD OF WELCOME**

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire Central High School staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. We begin this year full of anticipation and excitement for the growth we know we are about to experience. To our seniors, we look to you to continue the example of excellence that has been the legacy left by previous graduating classes. We know you will provide a great example of "Rocket Pride" for the classes that follow you. To our freshman, sophomores, and juniors, we challenge you to make the most of the upcoming school year in preparation for your own senior year when you will have the chance to leave your own legacy.

As your partners in education, your academic success is very important to us. This Handbook is designed to be used as a reference guide as you familiarize yourself with the policies and procedures of CHS and as established by the Board of Education. This Handbook has been compiled with the input of staff, students, parents, and the Board of Education to ensure a safe school environment where learning is of the highest priority. Within this Handbook, you should find the positive values that exemplify the Rocket community.

This Handbook also contains contact information to help you determine where to find assistance or answers to questions. You will also find information about services and activities that are available to you. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to make the most of your time at CHS.

The CHS staff is committed to partnering with you in your preparation for your role in our community beyond high school, be it moving forward with your college and/or vocational education or your participation in the workforce. We look forward to the school year before you and are confident that you will do great things. Always remember, every day is a great day to be a Rocket!

Sincerely,

Christopher Testone  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Engage the mind, empower the learner, inspire excellence, influence the world*



**CENTRAL**  
**UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 301**

## **SCHOOL SONG**

### **“Central Loyalty” (tune of “Illinois Loyalty”)**

We're loyal to you Central High  
We know you're true blue Central High  
We know you're the best of all schools east or west  
And we'll back you with zest  
Central High, (Rah, Rah)  
So crack out that ball Central High  
We're backing you all Central High  
Our team is our fame protector  
On teams for we expect a victory from you  
Central High, (Rah, Rah)

## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to Central High School. We know your educational experience here will be worthwhile. To assist you, we have prepared this Handbook that outlines the opportunities available to students and the policies and procedures of CHS and as established by the Board of Education.

This Handbook is not intended to create a contractual responsibility with the student. Rather, this Handbook is intended to summarize CHS and Board of Education policies and procedures. Items published in this Handbook are subject to change, without notice, by the Administration or Board of Education. The Board policies that govern the operation of Central High School and the District are available to the public on its website at [www.central301.net](http://www.central301.net) or at the District Office.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

### **STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE**

The student services office includes an Assistant Principal of College and Career Readiness, the Assistant Principal for Student Behavior and Environment, a nurse, a registrar, an attendance clerk, school counselors, school social workers, speech pathologist, and a school psychologist who work directly with students, parents, and staff. The objective of Student Services is to help students make the most of high school and to ensure students have the appropriate support to succeed in high school and beyond. Individual and group counseling is arranged with students in the areas of education/career planning and personal and social development.

The District provides a comprehensive school counseling program that provides developmentally appropriate services to all students. Students are assigned counselors alphabetically by last name. The school counseling program focuses on what all students should know, understand, and be able to do within the three main aspects of school counseling as identified by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA); academic development, personal/social development, and career development. The goal is to raise student achievement as well as focus on student outcomes, goal setting, college and career readiness, and to utilize data to inform decision-making.

The ASCA framework for a comprehensive data-driven school counseling program has four tenets:

1. Foundation: A focus on student outcomes and student competencies.
2. Delivery: Services to the students, parents, school staff, and community.
3. Management: Organizational and assessment tools reflective of the school's needs.
4. Accountability: Measurements of how the students are different as a result of the school counseling program.

Student Services is available for consultation on:

1. Orientation to school.
2. Utilizing the Naviance program.
3. Testing information (PSAT, ACT, SAT).
4. Selection of high school courses best suited to the student's abilities and future plans.
5. Assistance through both individual and group counseling with personal and social problems that are impeding the student's abilities and future plans.
6. College and career research.
7. The development of four-year, post-secondary, and career plans, including information about college admission requirements, financial aid, and career information.
8. Referral to agencies outside of school.
9. Attending on campus college visits with college admission representatives.

Students are encouraged to make an appointment in the Student Services office to meet with their assigned counselor.

## STUDENT SERVICES TEAM

Each student services team member may be reached by extension below:

Mrs. Kimberly Lewis	Asst. Principal of College and Career Readiness	ext. 8312
Mr. Terry Stroh	Asst. Principal of Student Behavior and Environment	ext. 8306
Mrs. Melissa Baumgartner	Nurse	ext. 8321
Mrs. Teresa McMahon	Registrar	ext. 8311
Ms. Lynette Smith	Attendance Clerk	(224) 990-7101
Ms. Eliana Toledo	Student Support Services Secretary	ext. 8302
Mr. Brian Melvin	Counselor A-EL	ext. 8317
Ms. Rachel Ginter	Counselor LEEG – RO & Life Skills	ext. 8316
Mrs. Megan Marcinec	Counselor RU – Z & ELL	ext. 8315
Mrs. Elizabeth Covington	School Psychologist	ext. 3005
Mr. Trent Lange	Speech Pathologist	ext. 8319
Mrs. Nina Amin	Social Worker	ext. 3011
Ms. Kara Bussman	Social Worker	ext. 3008
Mrs. Madeline Tomlinson	ALOP Social Worker	

**Note:** School Social Workers are trained mental health professionals who provide services related to students' social/emotional functioning at school. School social workers help assess and address the needs of students, provide individual and group counseling, and provide referrals for community resources. School social workers are the link between the home, school, and community to promote and support students' academic and social success.

**Note:** School Psychologists are uniquely qualified members of school teams who support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach. They apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior, to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. School psychologists can help staff, families, school administrators, and other professionals with, but not limited to: Data collection and analysis, assessment, progress monitoring, school-wide practices to promote learning, academic/learning interventions, behavioral interventions, instructional support, and special education services. School psychologists work to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community.

### Triangle Team

The Triangle Team is a team consisting of the high school counselors, RTI coordinator, and school psychologist. Other team members participate on an as needed basis. Those members include the social worker(s), Assistant Principal for Student Services, school nurse, and one or more teachers. The triangle team exists to identify and assist students at risk due to severe social, emotional, family, mental health, attendance, and/or academic issues. The goal of the triangle team is to be proactive, rather than reactive, providing assistance to students before problems become overwhelming or chronic. The team may refer the student to outside professional agencies when appropriate. Referrals to the triangle team can be made by any member of the team, a staff member, the student him/herself, a fellow student, and/or a parent.

## **HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION (BOARD POLICY 6:150)**

A student who is absent from school, or whose physician anticipates that the student will be absent from school, because of a medical condition may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital. Eligibility shall be determined by State law and the Illinois State Board of Education rule governing (1) the continuum of placement options for students who have been identified for special education services or (2) the home and hospital instruction provisions for students who have not been identified for special education services. A student qualifies for home and hospital instruction when a physician anticipates that the student may be absent due to a medical condition for a total of 10 or more days over the course of the school year. Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than 5 school days after receiving a written statement from: 1. A physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, 2. A licensed physician assistant or 3. A licensed advanced practice registered nurse. Instructional or related services for a student receiving special education services will be determined by the student's individualized educational program.

A student who is unable to attend school because of pregnancy will be provided home instruction, correspondence courses, or other courses of instruction (1) before the birth of the child when the student's physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse indicates, in writing, that she is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction, and (2) for up to 3 months after the child's birth or a miscarriage.

Periodic conferences will be held between appropriate school personnel, parent(s)/guardian(s), and hospital staff to coordinate course work and facilitate a student's return to school.

## **STUDENT RECORDS AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION (BOARD POLICY 7:340)**

### **Student Records**

School student records are confidential. As provided in State or federal law student records do not include:

1. Records kept in a staff member's sole possession.
2. Records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school.
3. Video and other electronic recordings (including without limitation, electronic recordings made on school buses) that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes. The content of these recordings may become part of a school student record to the extent school officials create, use, and maintain this content, or it becomes available to them by law enforcement officials, for disciplinary or special education purposes regarding a particular student.
4. Any information, either written or oral, received from law enforcement officials concerning a student less than the age of 17 years who has been arrested or taken into custody.

Upon request, the District will disclose school student records without a parent/guardian's or student's (if 18 or over) consent to officials of another school district in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any person as specifically required by State or federal law or court order.

## Required Notices and Directory Information

Under the Illinois School Student Records Act (ISSRA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents/guardians and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) have certain rights with respect to the student’s education / school student records.

In compliance with Illinois and federal law, the District shall maintain two sets of student records. The **permanent record** shall include basic identifying information concerning the student, his or her parents’ names and addresses, the student’s gender, date/place of birth, academic transcripts, attendance record, health records required for enrollment, unique student identifier, a certified copy of the student’s birth certificate, and a record of any release of this information. The permanent record may also include honors/awards received and information concerning participation in activities/athletics. No other information shall be placed in the permanent record.

The **temporary record** consists of all other records maintained by the District concerning the student and by which the student may be individually identified. The temporary record must include a record of release of the information contained in the temporary records, scores received on state assessment tests administered in grades K-8, a completed home language survey form, information regarding serious disciplinary infractions (i.e., those involving drugs, weapons, or bodily harm to another) that resulted in punishment or sanction of any kind, information regarding any indicated report pursuant to the *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act*, health-related information, and accident reports. It also may include family background information, intelligence/aptitude scores, achievement test results, psychological reports, honors/awards, athletics/activities, other disciplinary information, teacher anecdotal records, special education records, records associated with Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, participation in extracurricular activities, and/or other information relevant to the education of the student which is not required to be in the permanent record. Information in this record shall reference authorship, position, and date. No person may condition the granting or withholding of any right, privilege, or benefits or make as a condition of employment, credit, or insurance the securing by any individual of any information from a student’s temporary record which such individual may obtain through the exercise of any right secured under State law.

The District may release directory information to the general public including local media, military recruiters, district vendors and publish such information in a school directory, school yearbook, or similar District publications. The District has designated the following information as **directory information**: the student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in school-sponsored organizations and activities membership on athletic teams, dates of attendance, and academic awards, degrees, and honors received. Directory information also includes photographs, videos, or digital images of students used for informational or news-related purposes of a student participating in a school or school-sponsored activity, organization, and athletics that have appeared in school publications. However, photographs highlighting individual faces and used for commercial purposes require prior, specific, dated, and written consent of the parent. An image on a school security videotape recording is not directory information. Further, student social security numbers or student identification or unique student identifiers are not directory information.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible students will be given the opportunity to object to the release of directory information prior to its release. A parent/guardian or eligible student may prohibit the release of any or all of the above-designed directory information by providing a written request to the Building Principal.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible students have the right to inspect, copy, and challenge the student's record. In addition, a student less than 18 years old may inspect or copy information in his/her permanent school record. A request to inspect or copy a student's school record shall be made in writing and directed to the Building Principal. Access to the records shall be granted within 15 school days after the receipt of such a request. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may request a qualified professional to be present to interpret the student's records. Access shall not be granted the parent(s)/guardian(s) or the student to the following: confidential letters, recommendations concerning the admission to a post-secondary educational institution; application for employment. For further information, please contact your Building Principal.

Unless the District has actual notice of a court order or a notice of a *parenting plan* under the *Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act*, indicating otherwise: Divorced or separated parents/guardians with and without *parental responsibilities* (formerly custody) are both permitted to inspect and copy the student's school student records. The District will deny access to a student's school records only to a parent against whom an order of protection was issued if the order of protection prohibits the parent from inspecting or obtaining such records. The District shall maintain and destroy student records in accordance with Illinois and federal law. A student's permanent record is maintained for at least 60 years after the student has graduated, withdrawn, or transferred from the District. A student's temporary record is maintained for at least 5 years after the student has graduated, withdrawn, or transferred from the District. Upon graduation, transfer, or permanent withdrawal of a student from the District, the school shall notify the parents/guardians and student, at their last known address, of the destruction schedule for the student's permanent and temporary records. Parent(s)/guardian(s), or the student if at least 18 years of age at the time of the request, may request a copy of the student's records prior to the destruction date for a copying fee.

Students in grades 10-12 or their parent(s)/guardian(s) may deny access to the student's name, address, and phone number to official military and higher education recruiting representatives by submitting a written request to the Building Principal before the end of the student's 10th grade year, or within 30 days of transfer for students who transfer into the high school after that point.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) and eligible students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20202-4605.

### **MEDICAID FEE FOR SERVICES**

Medicaid reimbursement is a source of federal funds approved by Congress to help school districts maintain and improve special education services. If Medicaid eligible, therapy and diagnostic services provided to children are partially reimbursable. With the parent/guardian's written consent, the District will claim Medicaid reimbursement for services provided. These claims will have no impact on the parent/guardian's or student's ability to receive Medicaid funding either now or in the future.

### **EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (BOARD POLICY 6:120)**

The School District shall provide a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment and necessary related services to all children with disabilities enrolled in the District, as required by the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* ("IDEA") and implementing provisions of the School Code, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans With Disabilities Act. The term "children with disabilities," as used in this policy, means children

between ages 3 and 21 (inclusive) for whom it is determined, through definitions and procedures described in the Illinois State Board of Education's *Special Education* rules, that special education services are needed.

It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* ("Section 504") are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be disabled within the meaning of Section 504 even though they do not require services pursuant to the IDEA.

For students eligible for services under IDEA, the District shall follow procedures for identification, evaluation, placement, and delivery of services to children with disabilities provided in the Illinois State Board of Education's *Special Education* rules. For those students who are not eligible for services under IDEA, but, because of disability as defined by Section 504, need or are believed to need special instruction or related services, the District shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards. The safeguards shall cover students' identification, evaluation, and educational placement. This system shall include notice, an opportunity for the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with opportunity for participation by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

The District may maintain membership in one or more cooperative associations of school districts that shall assist the District in fulfilling its obligations to the District's disabled students.

If necessary, students may also be placed in nonpublic special education programs or education facilities.

See [Appendix C](#) for a list of differences in Special Services offered between High School and College.

### **DISTRICT 301 HOMELESS INFORMATION**

Each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, as provided to other children and youths, including a public pre-school education. A "homeless child" is defined as provided in the *McKinney Homeless Assistance Act* and Illinois law.

#### ***For more information, contact:***

Dr. Todd Stirn, District Homeless Liaison (847) 464-6005

Kane County Homeless Liaison: Deborah Dempsey, Kane ROE McKinney/Vento Equal Chance Program (630) 444-2974

Homeless information is also available on the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) website: [www.isbe.net/homeless](http://www.isbe.net/homeless). In addition, contact ISBE through the Homeless Information Hotline at 1-800-215-5379, or the email address [homeless@isbe.net](mailto:homeless@isbe.net).

### **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

See [Appendix B](#) for a list of Community Resources.

## HEALTH SERVICES

### HEALTH SERVICES

A nurse is available to students throughout the school day. A student who needs to see the nurse during the day should first obtain a pass from his/her teacher unless an emergency situation exists. **If a student is not feeling well, he/she must check out in the Nurse's Office and authorization must be given before leaving the building or the absence will be considered unexcused.** When the nurse is not in the building, a student who is ill should report to the Main Office. No student will be excused from school unless a parent/guardian or designated person has been notified and appropriate transportation arranged, including if the student has his/her own car at school. Students shall not use their personal cell phones unless given permission by the nurse.

### HEALTH, EYE, AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS & IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS (BOARD POLICY 7:100)

It is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian to ensure that the required examination and immunization forms are provided to the school at the required intervals and within the required time frames. The below table provides a summary of the required intervals and further information regarding the timeframes is shown underneath the table.

For new students enrolling in the District, prior to the first day of student attendance, the student's parent/guardian must submit the District New Student Health Questionnaire to the school.

Requirements for:	ECSE	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	NEW to IL
Health Exam	X	X						X			X				X
Dental Exam		X		X				X			X				K, 2, 6, 9
Eye Exam		X													X
Immunization Requirements	X	X						X			X			X	X

### Health Examination & Immunizations

- The health examination form, including immunizations, must be submitted to the school by October 15 of the current school year, unless an exemption is submitted for review.
- An IHSA / IESA sports physical does not fulfill this requirement. The ISBE health examination form is required.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) must complete and sign the Health History section on page 2 of the ISBE health exam form.
- New students who transferred from an IL school and have submitted an ISBE 33-78 form shall have 30 days to provide required documentation.
- A student transferring from out-of-state must submit a physical and immunization record before the first day of attendance. Out of state reports may be considered for compliance review only when all of the elements of an Illinois physical are included.

## **Eye Examinations**

- Proof of the required eye examinations must be provided to the school by October 15 of the current school year.
- Exams must have been conducted within one year prior to entering the required grades and within one year prior to entering an Illinois school for the first time.
- Exams must be conducted by a licensed optometrist or a physician licensed to perform eye examinations (such as an ophthalmologist). Screenings conducted in school do not fulfill the requirement.

## **Dental Examinations**

- Proof of the required dental examinations must be provided to the school by May 15 of the current school year.
- Exams must be conducted for the required grades within 18 months prior to May 15 of the school year.

## **Exemptions**

- An exemption must be submitted prior to October 15 of the current school year with the required health examination/immunization form.
- **Medical Exemption:** If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a health examination and/or any required immunizations, written verification must be submitted by the examining physician, physician assistant or advanced registered practice nurse, stating the reason for exemption and for immunizations, provide a schedule for the administration of the immunization(s).
- **Religious Exemption:** A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) must present the IDPH's Certificate of Religious Exemption form to the Director of Student Support Services. When a Certificate of Religious Exemption form is presented, the Director of Student Support Services or designee shall immediately inform the parent(s)/guardian(s) or exclusion procedures pursuant to *Board policy 7:280, (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease)* and State rules if there is an outbreak of one or more diseases from which the student is not protected. The form is available on the ISBE and IDPH websites.

## **Dental & Eye Examination Waivers**

A waiver is available for the required dental and/or eye examinations for students who show undue burden or lack of access to a dentist and/or an optometrist or physician who performs eye exams. The dental examination waiver is due by May 15 of the current school year, and the eye examination waiver is due by October 15 of the current school year. The waiver forms are available on the District's website: [Health Requirements and Information](#).

## **Homeless Child**

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent(s)/guardian(s) is unable to produce immunization and health records normally required for enrollment. See Board Policy 6:120.

### **PRIVACY PRACTICES (BOARD POLICY 7:15)**

Pursuant to Illinois and federal law, school personnel cannot contact a student's physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, nurse, or pharmacist about a student or a student's records, including health records or health-related information, unless the student's parent/guardian gives written consent. If desired, a consent form permitting communication between a student's health care professionals and the school may be obtained through the Student Services Department.

### **COMMUNICABLE AND CHRONIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE (BOARD POLICY 7:280)**

A student with or carrying a communicable and/or chronic infectious disease has all rights, privileges, and services provided by law and the School Board's policies.

### **COVID-19**

Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 or who shows any signs or symptoms of illness should stay home. Families should report possible cases to the school nurse where the individual attends or works to initiate contact tracing. CDC and IDPH guidelines will be followed for students who are suspected of having COVID-19, whether they were tested or not. It is recommended that medically fragile and immunocompromised students consult their medical provider prior to attending school. Any individual within the school environment who shows symptoms will be immediately separated from the school population. Individuals who are sick will be sent home.

Individuals who did not have close contact with the person who is sick can return to school immediately after disinfection.

### **ILLNESS / INJURY**

It is expected that injuries that occur outside of the typical school day will be cared for by parents/guardians prior to arrival at school. Notify the nurse of any injuries that need attention at school.

For the protection of the whole student body, students are not permitted to ride the bus home if they are exhibiting signs/symptoms of a contagious illness or communicable and/or chronic infectious disease. The student's parent/guardian will be contacted by the school and expected to arrange transportation.

In the event of serious symptoms or injury, paramedics will be called and a parent/guardian contacted. In emergency situation, school officials will be guided by the information provided by parents/guardians on the registration documents filled out annually. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide accurate contact information to the school in case of illness, injury, or emergency, and notify the school of any updates to the information. For safety and well-being, parents/guardians must select emergency contacts who are likely to be available to pick up their child in a timely manner, within the hour, if they are unable to do so. Students will not be permitted to ride home with fellow students, other than a sibling, in case of an illness or emergency.

If a student exhibits any of the following during the school day, the student's parent/guardian will be contacted and the student must be picked up from school to go home:

- Fever (temperature of 100 degrees or above)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea (2 episodes, unable to manage, blood in stool)
- Excessive cough and/or unable to manage secretions

- Suspicious Rash
- Loss of consciousness

A student should not return to school after he/she has been out of school due to an illness until there is evidence that the student is no longer contagious. This may include a release from the student's physician, absence of symptoms for over 24 hours, or documentation of treatment. These determinations will be guided by the nurse.

Students who come to school with mobility devices (such as crutches, walking boot/shoe, wheelchair, splints or casts) for an acute episode need to submit a note from the doctor that states the activity restriction that warrants the use of the device at the school, including the time frame for the restriction.

## **EXCUSES FROM PE (BOARD POLICY 7:260)**

### **Excuses for Medical Reasons**

Students healthy enough to attend school are generally considered healthy enough to attend physical education (PE) class. Notes to excuse students from PE classes for medical reasons are to be presented to the Main Office. Office staff will notify the PE teacher of the excuse. A parent note excusing the student from physical activity can be accepted for up to two days for an injury or illness. A maximum of two parent notes per semester will be accepted. Any duration of time beyond two days will require a signed statement from the student's healthcare provider licensed under the Medical Practice Act that verifies the medical reason for the restriction. If the length of time is undetermined or "until further notice," a new note from the healthcare provider will be needed every three months until the student is released from the restriction.

If the student is allowed limited or modified participation, the healthcare provider's note should list specifically what activities/modifications are allowed. A modified physical activity form is available in the Nurse's Office.

Long term P.E. excuses presented within the first two weeks of a semester can be accommodated with a schedule change. Please contact the Nurse's Office and the Student Services Office.

### **Excuses for Religious Reasons**

An excuse based on religious reasons must include a signed statement from a member of the clergy that corroborates the religious reason for the request. Notes to excuse students from PE classes for religious reasons are to be presented to the Building Administrator.

## **MEDICATION POLICY (BOARD POLICY 7:270)**

Whenever possible, the parent/guardian should make arrangements for medication to be administered at home, before or after school hours and not at school or school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for a student to take medication during school hours or school-related activities, the student's parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the student and school district guidelines must be followed for dispensing or administering the medication. The District may reject requests for administration of medication.

No school district employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed school Medication Authorization form (SMA Form) is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in Board policy and its implementing procedures.

1. Medication is defined as either prescription or non-prescription drugs.
2. Medication will not be given by a school employee to a student without the completion and submission of a Med-A form, and other documentation if required, signed by both the parent/guardian and the student's licensed health care provider.
3. Specific forms are required for students with asthma, diabetes, allergies, and seizures. Forms and packets can be obtained in the Main Office or Nurse's Office or on the District website. Parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student with asthma are requested to submit an Asthma Action Plan for the student. If provided, the Asthma Action Plan will be kept on file by the Nurse. The District's Asthma Emergency Response Protocol is available from the Main Office or Nurse's Office.
4. The Med-A form must be completed annually for each medication and updated upon any changes.
5. Students may not transport medication to and/or from school. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to personally deliver the medication to school and to pick up any "left over" medication at the close of the school year. Any medications left at the school at the end of the school year will be disposed of in a safe and appropriate manner.
6. Medications must be in their original containers and the containers must include the student's name, the medication's name, dosing information (the amount to be dispensed and the time at which or circumstances under which the medication is to be administered), and expiration date. No medication will be given by school personnel if the medication arrives at the school in an envelope or improperly labeled bottle/inhaler.
7. Medications at school will be stored in a locked cabinet in the Nurse's Office or in the school nurse's refrigerator, if required.
8. When necessary, the school nurse will provide appropriate staff members with information concerning the medications being taken by students (i.e., side effects, other medical implications, etc.).
9. Medication dispensing guidelines include:
  - a. Medications will be dispensed to one student at a time.
  - b. The designated school employee will transfer the indicated dosage from the container to the student.
  - c. The designated school employee will document the administration.
10. Administration of Medical Cannabis – The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act allows medical cannabis infused product to be administered as designated within the Board policy.

### **Administering Medication to Students**

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

The Building Principal shall include this policy in the Student Handbook and shall provide a copy to the parents/guardians of students.

### **Self-Administration of Medication**

A student may possess an epinephrine auto-injector and/or asthma medication prescribed for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed a "School Medication Authorization Form." The School District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication or epinephrine auto-injector or the storage of any medication by school personnel. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or medication, or the storage of any medication by school personnel.

### **Self-Carry & Self-Administration of Medication**

A student may possess ("self-carry") an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen®) prescribed for immediate use at the student's discretion, provided the completed Med-A form and other required forms (available in the Nurse's Office and on the District's website) are signed and returned to the Nurse's Office.

The School District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication or epinephrine auto-injector or the storage of any medication by school personnel. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or medication, or the storage of any medication by school personnel.

A student's possession, distribution, or use of any medication (including non-prescription drugs) without proper authorization is in violation of the school policy relating to drug use, and the student may be subject to discipline.

### **Field Trip Medications**

Only "daily" medications and "emergency" medications are to be sent on field trips. A Med-A form, and other documentation if required, must be on file in the Nurse's Office to ensure those medications are taken on the field trip. Medications designated "as needed" are not taken unless pre-arranged by a parent/guardian and the School Nurse.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **BULLETINS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It is our goal to inform students of events and happenings at CHS. Therefore, announcements will be communicated to students daily. If students would like to include something in the daily announcements, it must be approved in the Main Office.

### **BUS TRANSPORTATION (BOARD POLICY 7:220)**

Illinois law requires that the District provide transportation to and from school for all students living 1 ½ miles or more away from their school of attendance. All students who reside outside of the walking boundaries (greater than 1.5 miles from school) are assigned District 301 transportation to/from school using their home location to designate the bus assignment. If a serious safety hazard exists along the walking route of students who lives less than 1 ½ miles from their school of attendance, the District will follow the State of Illinois guidelines.

### **Instructions to Parents**

Busing information for the current school year is available on the District's website through the Bus Information link. This is a web-based program that will provide the most current busing information, such as bus time, bus stop location, and bus number.

If your child needs to start District 301 transportation, does not require District 301 transportation or you need to make arrangements for busing to/from an alternate location within your child's attending school boundaries please complete the *Student Transportation Information* found in Skyward under the Custom Forms tab. Students are allowed only one inbound bus and only one outbound bus to the same location (Accommodations cannot be made for different buses on different days.). Please allow 2 school days to process any changes to your student's transportation. Transportation will send you an email confirming the changes are approved or denied.

### **Instructions to School Bus Riders**

**The school bus is an extension of the classroom; therefore, all school rules apply on the school bus.** The District's Transportation Handbook, which is included in this Handbook, governs school bus conduct.

School bus riders, while in transit, are under the jurisdiction of the school bus driver and any adult designated by the Board of Education to supervise bus riders. Any student who violates the following regulations or school rules while riding the bus may be reported to the Administration. The student may be subject disciplinary consequences. Transportation guidelines are in addition to District policies and procedures, including those outlined in this Handbook.

## **Safety Regulations and Guidelines**

1. Students may only ride their assigned school bus.
2. Arrive at designated bus stop 5 minutes prior to your scheduled pickup time. Be careful in approaching the place where the bus stops. Do not move toward the bus until the bus has been brought to a complete stop.
3. Remain in your assigned seat while the bus is in motion.
4. Always be alert and listen for any instructions given by the driver.
5. Keep windows at or above the white safety line at all times. Do not throw anything out of the windows. When you are on the bus, keep hands and feet inside the bus at all times.
6. Refrain from making abrupt, loud noises, and/or causing any unnecessary confusion that could divert the driver's attention from safely driving the bus. Be absolutely quiet when approaching and crossing a railroad track.
7. Refrain from littering, defacing, or destroying bus property. Never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
8. Cell Phones and other electronic devices may be used responsibly on the school bus. Any misuse of these items will result in disciplinary action. Bus drivers are not responsible for devices lost, damaged or stolen. Examples of misuse include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Using device as a camera
  - b. Displaying inappropriate images/website
  - c. Use of inappropriate language
  - d. Use of device for harassment or intimidation
9. Music Devices are allowed on the school bus as long as students use earbuds or headphones and the listener is still able to hear emergency directions.
10. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times. Eating, drinking, or gum chewing is not allowed in the bus.
11. Do not bring any animals on the bus, unless a service animal.
12. Respect the driver, fellow pupils, other riders, and yourself.
13. Do not ask the driver to stop at places other than regular assigned bus stops. The driver is not permitted to alter their route or drop students off anywhere except for designated bus stops without proper authorization from a CHS administrator.
14. Walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus if you must cross the street after being dropped off and wait for the driver to signal to cross the road. Never run in front of a car or bus.
15. If the students' homebound bus is at the High School at dismissal, the student must board their homebound bus and not another transfer bus.

If necessary, students may have to sit 3 in a seat on a school bus due to the number of students riding the bus.

It is imperative that all students actively observe and support these transportation regulations and actions. The same rules and regulations apply on all bus trips, including for school sponsored trips as well as between home and school. Students who are unable to abide by the rules and expectations in order to maintain a safe environment when riding a school bus may face disciplinary consequences depending on the severity of the action.

Students who are suspended from the bus and who do not have alternative transportation to school will be provided the opportunity to make up any missed work for full academic credit pursuant to the "Makeup Work" rules set forth in the Attendance and Truancy Policy of this Student Handbook. It is the responsibility of the student's parent to notify the school principal or other administrator that the student does not have alternative transportation to school to ensure the student receives appropriate make up work.

## **Late Academic Bus**

Any student that does not sign up for the Late Academic Bus prior to the scheduled cut off time will be denied transportation, unless approved by both the School Administration and Transportation.

## **CAFETERIA**

Central High School offers a USDA Reimbursable Value Meal and extra à la carte food items for sale to all its students. Each student may go through the line and choose from a variety of hot and cold foods. Each food item is priced individually so the student pays only for what he/she selects. The cost of the menu items in the daily Value Meal are set at a meal price. So the system can work efficiently for all students, we ask that students observe the following rules:

1. Purchase food only during their scheduled lunch time or during late start times.
2. Do not bring any drinks and/or food items through the lunch line. Move through the lunch line making selections quickly and then proceed to the cashier.
3. Pick up all lunch debris from the table and floor and empty lunch trays into trash bins and return the trays to the kitchen.
4. Put lunchroom materials appropriate for recycling in specified recycling containers.

Every student has a lunch account based on his/her Student ID Number. Money can be placed in the account by giving cash or check to the cashiers during any lunch period, or by activating an account through [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). (There is a \$2.49 service fee charged by myschoolbucks.com for each lunch account deposit.) All checks brought to a cashier must be credited to the student's lunch account. There is no charge for utilizing the cashier for this service. A student may not receive money back from a check given to a cashier to credit his/her lunch account. The only method by which a student may purchase lunch or à la carte food items is by scanning or entering his/her Student ID card number into a Pin Pad.

Central 301 Schools' Food Service Department is committed to serving lunches to all students. Due to varied circumstances, students may not have money to purchase a lunch. If there is no money in the student's account, they will still receive a Value Meal. (Ala Carte snacks can not be charged.) The negative balance is communicated with the parents through letters sent to the home and weekly emails sent to the parents from the Food Service Office. Once lunches have been served without money in the account, it is the parents' responsibility to respond to the negative balance letter or email by depositing money in the student's account. This can be done by depositing money into the student's [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) account or by sending cash or a check to the school.

A student's eligibility for free or reduced priced meals shall be determined by Family Size /Income Guidelines set annually by the U.S.Department of Agriculture and distributed by the Illinois State Board of Education. Parents may access the current Free/Reduced Family Application **after July 1** of each new school year on the Food Service website. Each family submitting an application will be notified in writing of their status.

Beverages in a closed, non-breakable container and snacks will be allowed in hallways, and in classrooms with teacher approval. Open containers of food and beverage are not to be stored in lockers.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES (BOARD POLICY 6:235)**

The District's electronic networks, including the Internet, are part of the District's instructional program and serve to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Use of all electronic devices allowed as part of the District's Bring Your Own Device ("BYOD") program and the District issued Chromebook must be consistent with District policies and procedures. Such electronic devices may be used during instructional time only for educational purposes as approved by the Administration or teacher (Please refer to [Appendix A - Student Device Handbook](#)). Personal devices may be used by students during non-instructional time, such as during passing periods, lunch, and before or after school. Students may not place or receive phone calls during school day hours (6:20am to 2:46pm).

Use is a privilege, not a right. Students and staff members have no expectation of privacy in any material that is stored, transmitted, accessed via the District's electronic networks. The District's rules for behavior and communications apply when using the electronic networks. Refer to the Chromebook Handbook issued by the district.

## **EMERGENCY DAY - SCHOOL DISMISSAL DUE TO WEATHER**

At times during the winter, severe snow conditions may make bus transportation impossible or unsafe and all schools in the District will be forced to close or have a delayed starting time. In such cases, local radio stations will be notified prior to 7:00am. If weather conditions are questionable, tune your radio to WRMN in Elgin (1410 AM or 94.3 FM), WGN (720 AM), WLBK in DeKalb (1360 AM or 92.5 FM), or to WFXW in Geneva (1480 AM). The school may also utilize School Reach via phone and/or email to notify parents.

Also, on occasion during the school day, weather conditions may become severe and it may be advisable to close school early. Since it is impossible to notify parents when this is done, it is suggested that parents arrange with their child in advance where he/she should go if any early dismissal is deemed necessary.

Many bus routes have areas where buses are required to turn around in a driveway. At these points, during times with considerable snow and drifting, it may be advisable for the bus to stay on the main route and to eliminate all points where backing is necessary. Parents are requested to give their bus driver full cooperation and to provide transportation to and from the bus in all cases where snow conditions are bad.

## **FUNDRAISING**

All fund raising by classes and school organizations, during the school day to the student body, must have prior approval of the Athletic and Activities Director.

School classes, organizations, or clubs must complete a form requesting the following information:

- Class, Organization, or Club hosting the fund raiser
- Date and Time For Selling
- Person in Charge
- Item(s) to be sold and dollar amount

If food and beverages are being sold as a fundraiser, during the school day to the student body, the food item must meet the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards. The District Food Service Director will assist teachers and students in choosing healthy fundraising ideas. School classes, organizations, or clubs may sell food items that do not meet the nutritional

standards for USDA Smart Snacks in Schools on certain exempt fundraising days. CHS has a maximum of 9 exempt fundraising days per school year. The District's procedures are subject to change, as are the number of exempt fundraising days set by the Illinois State Board of Education. Fundraising for outside organizations will not be permitted during the school day (7:15 a.m. - 2:46 p.m.)

### **HALL PASSES**

Students may be in the hallways during class only with a proper pass. This pass must include: student's name, date, time, destination, and teacher signature. Alternative passes may be issued by the teacher.

### **ID CARDS**

An ID card will be given to each student and should be carried or worn by him/her throughout the school day. If a staff member asks a student for his/her ID, the student should be able to present his/her ID at that time. An ID card will be required for student admission to certain home and away co-curricular events. Students will need their Student ID in order to purchase food items.

### **LOCKER POLICY (BOARD POLICY 7:140)**

Students are personally responsible for the contents of the locker to which they are assigned. Lockers are the property of the District. For the safety and security of the entire school community, school authorities may inspect and search lockers, as well as personal effects left there by a student, without notice to or the consent of the student. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in lockers or in their personal effects left there. District officials may request the assistance of law enforcement officials for purpose of searching student lockers for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials. Students should not change lockers unless authorized to do so by the Administration. Restitution costs may be assessed for defacing or damaged lockers. Students will have an assigned PE locker and lock in the PE locker room. Valuables should not be stored in PE lockers. The District may dispose of any materials left in any school locker at the end of the school year.

*Due to current COVID-19 protocols, high school lockers will not be utilized until schools are reopened for full-time, in person learning. Once we assign lockers to students, District and building policy and rules will apply.*

### **LOST AND FOUND**

All lost and found items should be turned in at the Main Office. The District may dispose of any items left in the lost and found at the end of the school year.

### **SALE OF OBJECTS**

No objects or materials of any kind may be sold on school property without authorization of the Administration.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY**

The safety of our students and staff is our first priority at CHS. During school hours (6:20am to 7:00am and 7:25am to 2:46pm) all exterior doors are kept locked and access to the building will be limited. Students are not to open any door to permit entry for anyone with whom they are not familiar and are not to permit anyone from the outside to enter the building. Additionally, the propping or opening doors to anyone from the outside is prohibited. All visitors should be directed to the Main Office. Failure to abide by this policy may result in disciplinary consequences.

## **SAFETY DRILLS**

Periodically during the school year, safety drills will be held as required by Illinois law. When the alarm is sounded, students and teachers should proceed immediately according to appropriate procedures. Procedures for safety drills and school emergency and crisis response plans are posted in all classrooms.

## **SEARCH OF VEHICLES (BOARD POLICY 7:140)**

School authorities may inspect and search vehicles parked on school property, as well as personal effects therein, without notice, without suspicion of wrongdoing, or the consent of the student. The area of search may include the passenger compartment, engine compartment, trunk, the undercarriage and all containers (locked or unlocked) or personal effects left in the vehicle. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in their vehicles when parked on school property or in their personal effects left therein.

## **STUDENT PARKING PERMITS & DRIVING REGULATIONS**

To be eligible for a parking permit, students must hold, maintain, and provide proof a valid Illinois Driver's License, valid car insurance and has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Senior applications will be distributed at least 2 weeks prior to Junior applications. Eligible Sophomores can only apply after all Junior and Senior students have been offered parking spots, with spots being given out on a first come first served basis pending availability of spaces.

**\*\*Any student who falls below the GPA needed to maintain his/her parking permit may lose his/her parking permit.\*\***

If granted a parking spot, students must park in their assigned, numbered spot for the remaining school year. Parking Permits must be displayed from the inside rear view mirror. Parking permits cannot be shared among students (except siblings when both qualify for a parking permit). Students must request permission from the Main Office to return to their vehicle during the school day.

Students who are not issued a regular parking permit may be issued a temporary parking permit by the Administration when a family emergency or unusual circumstance exists. The parent/guardian of the student will need to contact Administration and receive approval before the student drives to school.

Student parking at Central High School is considered a privilege and with parking privileges come certain responsibilities that must be assumed by the student. A student is expected to practice safe driving at all times. Students are expected to be on time to class. Therefore, if a student fails to drive safely, shows patterns of tardiness and/or is otherwise unable to demonstrate mature and responsible behavior at school, on school grounds, or at school activities or events, the student may face disciplinary consequences in addition to the loss of parking privileges. Parking permits can be revoked at any time by the Administration. A parking permit is a privilege and may be suspended or revoked without refund of fee as a result of student misconduct or disobedience. Students must follow the terms and conditions stated in the parking permit application.

## **STUDENT DRESS (BOARD POLICY 7:160)**

1. Students are expected to be appropriately dressed for school and wear clothing that will not disrupt the educational process, constitute a health or safety hazard or violate civil law.
  - a. Coats, gloves, hats, caps, bandannas, handkerchiefs, and other head coverings, as well as dark glasses, should not be worn during school hours and should be left in the student's locker or backpack.
  - b. Clothing imprinted with profanity, obscenity, and/or the display of words, pictures, or symbols associated with alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, weapons, or violence are prohibited.
  - c. Shoes must be worn at all times.
  - d. The entire middle of the body must be covered; sides as well as front and back, and underwear must not be visible at any time. Any combination of tank tops with any width of strap may be worn but must still cover the sides, front, and back of the body as well as undergarments in accordance with the principles of good taste. Shorts, skorts, or skirts that do not extend past the student's middle knuckle, of the middle finger, when their arms are extended down at their sides, should not be worn.
  - e. Chains are not to be brought to school. This includes chains on wallets, choker chains, etc.
  - f. Pants/jeans/dresses/skirts cannot have holes, rips, or see through material above the fingertips when standing.

Any student not in accordance with the above-mentioned dress expectations during school hours (6:20am to 2:46pm) may be subject to disciplinary consequences, including changing into appropriate clothes or making immediate arrangements for appropriate clothing before returning to class. If appropriate clothing is not available, the high school will lend the student a uniform from the physical education department.

2. Students may carry a bag or purse as long as it does not disrupt the learning environment or pose a safety threat.
3. PE uniforms may NOT be altered in any way (for example, cut-off sleeves or shortening of shorts).
4. Students are allowed to wear costumes on days approved by administration. Students that need to wear a costume for an activity in class, are expected to remove the costume when the class is over.

## **Guidance for Face Coverings**

In accordance with guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education, all individuals, including students, staff and visitors, must wear a face covering when present in school. Any individual not wearing a face covering will not be permitted to enter any Central 301 facility. All persons on a bus must wear a face covering, in addition to, present a pre-certification form as part of a lanyard they will be wearing.

In accordance with the guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), face coverings must completely cover the nose, mouth and:

- Be snug but comfortable against the sides of the face
- Need to be secured with ties or ear loops
- Must allow breathing without restriction
- Be able to be washed and machine dried without damage or change to the shape (Medical grade surgical masks that are disposable daily is the exception)

Any mask that incorporates a valve or is designated to facilitate easy exhaling is not a sufficient face covering as they allow droplets to be released from the mask and are NOT permitted.

Masks may NOT include:

- Masks with openings, holes, vents, visible gaps in the design such as Bandanas, Plastic PPE face shield with no mask underneath
- Bandanas, or coverings that do not fit securely around the mouth, or are open around the mouth.
- Lace masks, bead masks, knit masks made of yarn

\*All face coverings must meet school dress code guidelines in terms of logos, images, and language.

Face coverings should be discarded and replaced when:

- They no longer cover the nose and mouth securely
- Have stretched out or have damaged ties or straps
- Can no longer stay on the face, or over the nose
- Have tears or damage in the fabric

Face coverings are not required outside if social distancing is maintained. This means individuals are remaining 6 feet apart from each other and are not congregating. Individuals may temporarily remove their face covering while eating and drinking when they are spaced at least 6 feet apart.

#### Key Points About Face Coverings

- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth while wearing face coverings to prevent potential contamination.
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use hand sanitizer before putting on a face covering or face shield.
- Remove your face covering or face shield carefully and wash your hand thoroughly after removing or use hand sanitizer
- Wash the face covering after each use daily.
- Do not reuse disposable masks
- Label the mask/face covering with your child's name using a permanent marker.
- Consider purchasing multiple masks to utilize over the course of the week.
- Consider sending an extra mask in a plastic bag to school with your child as a backup.
- Wearing a face covering does not replace the need to continue frequent hand washing, avoiding touching the face and practicing social distancing, which are our best tools to help prevent the spread of illness.

#### Bandanas

Bandanas do not provide the same coverage as a cloth mask. Since cloth masks provide more protection than bandanas. The use of bandana face covering will not be allowed as a medical accommodation for individuals who are unable to wear a face mask.

## Face Shields

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has determined that face shields cannot be used as substitutes for face masks. There may be a small minority of individuals who have a medical accommodation related to face masks. If face shields can be tolerated, face shields might be utilized in these situations. Face shields have limitations and there is a need for heightened need for strict adherence to social distancing.

### **Exceptions for Face Covering**

Persons with a medical condition that prevents them from safely wearing a face covering may seek a reasonable accommodation. Exceptions will not be considered for persons who have a personal objection, or preference. Exceptions must come in the form of a medical exception and must include a written letter signed by a medical doctor, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, outlining that wearing a face covering poses a medical risk to the individual's physical well-being and is medically contraindicated.

Face covering exceptions pose a risk to other individuals and will only be granted when accommodations can be made to protect the safety of others. All exception requests will be considered on a case-by-case and individual basis if a person's medical needs can be safely accommodated. All exceptions, if granted, will require strict compliance with an individualized safety plan and may exclude the individual from certain activities that may pose an increased risk to others. Safety plans are determined based on feedback from the medical professional in collaboration with the school nurse and/or building administrator.

Exception Considerations include:

- The ability to protect the safety of others
- Whether the person's medical condition is conducive to in-person attendance, or if student needs would be best met remotely.
- The person's behavior and capacities, including to control secretions, cover mouth/nose when sneezing and coughing.
- The person's ability to maintain a six foot physical distance from others at all times.
- The person's ability to tolerate wearing a face covering (May consider the option of an alternative face covering such as a face shield)
- The person's ability to wash hands with/without assistance and ability/safety of use of hand sanitizer.
- Exclusion of the person when any symptom of illness is present, regardless of cause which includes allergies.
- Wearing a face covering or face shield does not replace the need to continue frequent hand washing, avoiding touching the face and practicing social distancing.

Any student who refuses to wear a mask will be:

- a. Removed from the classroom with parent contact
- b. Removed from the classroom with parent contact and will be sent home.
- c. Placed in remote learning for the remainder of the semester after the 3rd offense.

## TELEPHONES

In case of emergency, students will be allowed to use the office telephones. If needed, a message can be delivered to students at the end of the school day.

## VISITORS

Visitors will be restricted to authorized personnel only. Visitors to any building must always wear an appropriate and approved face covering and report directly to the main office for a wellness screening, including a temperature check. Visitors will remain in the main office or other designated area for the duration of the visit. Students or staff will be asked to meet the visitor to conduct business as needed. Visitors will not have general access to the building in order to maintain physical distancing.

All visitors entering the building must participate in the screening process in addition to typical sign-in procedures:

1. Has the visitor washed their hands or used alcohol-based hand sanitizer on entry?
  - a. YES—Proceed to step 2.
  - b. NO—Please ask them to do so and proceed to step 2.
2. Ask the visitor the following questions:
  - a. Do you have any signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing? Do you have fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea? LAST UPDATED JULY 20, 2020 | Central CUSD 301 Reopening Plan | 2020–21 | 9 This is a draft document and is subject to change as conditions and guidance from government agencies is updated.
  - b. Are you taking any medication for any signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection , such as fever, cough, or sore throat (e.g., Advil, Aspirin, Tylenol)? (This does not apply to medications taken for other purposes.)
  - c. In the last 14 days have you been in contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19?
  - d. In the last 14 days, have you tested positive for COVID-19?
  - e. Have you traveled from a destination that requires you to stay home for 14 days after travel? YES to any of the above—Restrict the visitor from entering the building. NO to all—Continue to step 3.
3. Check the visitor's temperature.
  - IF 100.4° F or higher —Restrict the visitor from entering the building.
  - IF UNDER 100.4° F—Continue to step 4.
4. Allow visitor entry to the building if necessary or have guest wait for staff or student to meet them at the office and remind the individual to:
  - a. Wash their hands or use hand sanitizer throughout their time in the building.
  - b. DO NOT shake hands, hug, or have other physical contact with individuals during the visit.

## ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY POLICY

Our attendance policy is based upon the firm belief that students are most successful when they are present in class and in school:

1. In accordance with Illinois compulsory attendance requirements, it is the District's policy that students shall attend school on a regular basis. We believe that daily attendance, timeliness to class, and preparedness and participation in class will increase the student's probability for successful performance and fosters the development of self-discipline and responsibility. It is the intention of the instructor of each course to not only teach the subject matter, but also to encourage the positive attribute of regular attendance, punctuality, and participation.
2. Students are expected to attend every class, whether remote or in person. The following structures for instruction will be used:
  - Combined In-person and Remote (A/B Schedule)
  - Full-time Remote

The school has an obligation to inform both students and parents/guardians of the student's progress and attendance in all classes, both for in-person and remote learning days. Parents/guardians are to follow proper procedures to inform the school when their child is absent and to provide a reason for the absences.

It is important to note that while students are Remote Learning, they should follow teacher procedures to login into the class for instruction. Students are expected to attend all Remote Learning sessions provided by the teacher, and if they are not in attendance, they will be marked absent.

### ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

#### **Steps to Follow When Absent From School**

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to call the attendance clerk and give the reason for the absence. The parent/guardian is requested to call **prior to 7:25am** the day of the absence. The attendance clerk's phone number is 224-990-7101.

Parents/guardians who cannot call must write a note explaining the reason for the absence. The note should be written by the parent in its entirety and signed. If this occurs on a remote learning day, the note can be scanned and emailed to the attendance secretary or turned in at the main office on the next in-person instruction day.

Refer to the Categories of Absences to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. If there is a question about the type of absence contact the Assistant Principal for Student Behavior and Environment.

## **Leaving School Early**

Students who need to leave school early must bring a note to the Attendance Office before leaving school. The note must be written by the parent in its entirety. The note should include: (1) the requested dismissal time, (2) the reason the student needs to leave early, and (3) a parent/guardian signature.

Parents/guardians will pick up the student at door 8. Parents/guardians will need to present photo identification to pick up a student without prior notification.

If a student is ill during the day, the student must check out in the Nurse's Office before leaving the building. Students should not arrange for parents/guardians to pick them up, or to leave school using their own car, without first having been seen by the Nurse. When the Nurse is not in the building, a student who is ill should report to the Main Office.

Students will sign out with the dean assistant at door 8.

**Tech Prep or Middle College:** Students who leave school early to participate in the work program should leave the building after their last academic class, unless given prior permission from Administration. All students participating in the Tech Prep or Middle College programs are required to check out with the dean assistant at door 8 prior to leaving the school. Attendance issues related to this program will be addressed on an individual basis.

**Fox Valley Career Center Students:** Students enrolled in classes through the Fox Valley Career Center are responsible for attending those classes and are expected to attend class daily. All students participating in the Fox Valley Career Center program shall sign in upon arrival to Central High School with the dean assistant at door 8. Attendance issues related to this program will be addressed on an individual basis.

## **ABSENCES (BOARD POLICY 7:70)**

### **Three Categories of Absences**

1. Excused absences
2. Unexcused absences
3. Truant absences (after the 9th unexcused absence)

### **Excused Absence**

Central High School will recognize an excused absence as:

1. A student's personal illness;
2. A death in the immediate family;
3. A family emergency;
4. Observance of a religious holiday;
5. Medical appointment\*;
6. Vacations up to 5 school days
7. Other circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent/guardian for the student's safety or health;

8. Other situations beyond the control of the student (e.g., court appearances);
9. Other reasons approved by the Superintendent or designee.

A physician's note may be required to excuse a student and/or for returning to school after the third consecutive day of being reported ill. If medical documentation is not provided, the absence may be marked "unexcused."

Students who have 9 or more days of absences due to being sick may be required to provide a doctor's note to excuse the absences.

School work missed because of excused absences must be made up in accordance with the Make Up Work section below.

### **College and Vocational Visits, and Military Exams**

Central High School recognizes the importance of college visitations, job interviews, and military exams. Upperclassmen may be excused two school days per college visitation, job interviews, or military exams for up to three college visits during a school year. Whenever possible, these visits should be scheduled during non-school time; however, in the event they cannot be, students must complete the following:

- Students and parents are responsible for completing the "College and Vocational Visit, or Military Exams" Form prior to the absence. The form must be signed and completed by all of the student's teachers.
- Students are required to submit, on college/university /business/military letterhead, documentation of their visit for the absence to be considered excused.
- School work missed because of a college visit, job interview, or military exam must be made up in accordance with the Make Up Work section below.

### **Unexcused Absence**

An unexcused absence is defined as an absence from school for a reason other than those listed above as an Excused Absence and/or an absence not authorized by the student's parent/guardian or the Superintendent or designee. When a student's absence is unexcused, the parent/guardian may recognize the absence as being valid or legitimate; however, the school does not. The following are unexcused absences (even with parental/guardian consent):

1. Working
2. Missing the bus
3. Car not starting
4. Cutting class (in-person or remote)
5. Vacations 6+ school days
6. Needed at home
7. Other avoidable absences

School work missed because of unexcused absences must be made up in accordance with the Make Up Work section below.

## **Truant Absences**

Truancy is defined as absence without valid cause for one or more periods of the student's school day. A truant absence is an unexcused absence. After the 9th school day (5% of regular attendance days) on which a student is absent without valid cause, he/she is deemed to be truant under Illinois law. Interventions to address truancy may include attendance letters, parent-teacher/administrator conferences, student counseling, and/or involvement of the Kane County Truancy officers and/ or local law enforcement. No punitive action, including out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, or court action will be taken against a chronically truant student unless available support services and other school resources have been provided to the student, or offered to the student and refused. Any person who has custody or control of a child subject to compulsory attendance who knowingly or willfully permits the child to persist in truancy, if convicted, is guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and may be subject to up to 30 days imprisonment and/or fine up to \$1,500.

### **Vacation Absences**

The District strongly encourages families to plan vacations to coincide with the school calendar so as to avoid taking valuable educational time away from their students. Students may ask their teachers to provide advance assignments. However, it is up to the individual teacher to determine whether he/she can honor the request. School work missed because of unexcused absences must be made up in accordance with the Make Up Work section below.

### **Class Cut**

A class cut is defined as an absence from part (15 minutes or more) or an entire class period, without permission from the student's parent/guardian or approval of school officials. A class cut is an unexcused absence and may result in disciplinary consequences.

Students who arrive after 7:30am and do not have an excused absence will be marked unexcused for the periods missed. This is considered a class cut for which the student may receive disciplinary consequences.

### **Tardiness**

Students are expected to be in class on time, so they may maximize their learning opportunities. Teachers and the Administration will monitor student's tardies. Students may be considered tardy if they arrive after the bell has rung. Students who arrive between 7:15am and 7:30am will be marked tardy to 1st period. On the 4th tardy to school per semester, students may receive disciplinary consequences for excessive tardies.

### **Make up Work**

Students who are absent from school (in-person or remote) will be allowed to make up work for equivalent academic credit. The time allowed to makeup work will generally be one school day for every school day missed, starting with the first day the student returns to school (in-person or remote). In extenuating circumstances a student may ask his/her teacher, school counselor, or the principal for additional time to make up work. It is the responsibility of the student (and his/her parent/guardian), not the teachers, to get the assignments, complete them, and turn them in, and to arrange a time with the teacher to make up any missed quizzes or tests. Incomplete work or failure to do the work may result in a lowering of grades.

The makeup rule applicable for students who are receiving home or hospital instruction is set forth in the Student Services of this Handbook under the heading Home and Hospital Instruction.

## ACADEMICS

If students and/or parents/guardians have questions related to the policies or procedures of the instructional process at CHS, the student and/or parent/guardian should first contact the assigned classroom teacher. Many times this communication clarifies the situation. The second step is to arrange a conference with the student's counselor. A list of counselor assignments is included in the Student Services section of this Handbook. If, after such a conference, there is a need to talk to the Administration, please contact the Main Office.

### GRADING

Parents and students are encouraged to monitor student progress throughout the semester by logging on to Skyward. All grades are available and viewable in the Skyward However, final semester grades are the only grades that will appear on a student's permanent record and transcript.

**CHS Grading Policy:** Grading practices at CHS will be consistent within each department by course. For example, all students enrolled in U.S. History will be assessed using the same grade categories and weights regardless of instructor.

1. Continuous Semester Method: Teachers will determine semester grades on the basis of grades earned on course work for the entire semester. Quarter grades are not final grades that will be used for averaging; but, rather, they are mid-semester grade reports to students and parents. Quarter 2 and Quarter 4 grades reflect final grades for the semester, in conjunction with the final semester exam. Final grades can be found via your student's Skyward Portfolio.
2. At the beginning of each course, each teacher will review the grading policy to inform the students in his/her class of the grading policy and its implementation within the course. With Administrative approval, teachers may incorporate an attendance requirement into their grading policy.

Student work will be evaluated using the following letter grades:

A – Superior	P – Pass
B – Excellent	W – Withdrawn (no credit and no grade)
C – Average	
D – Below average	
F – Fails to meet required standards	

\*A teacher may issue an incomplete grade to a student who has experienced prolonged periods of absence during the grading period. All incompletes must generally be cleared within two weeks of the end of the semester. At the conclusion of the two week extension, teachers will calculate the student's grade with a score of zero entered for any assignments/assessments not completed. The resulting grade will be recorded in place of the incomplete. (If extenuating circumstances exist, the Principal or designee may exercise discretion in extending the two week deadline.)

## WEIGHTED GRADES

1. **Advanced Placement (AP):** AP courses approved by the College Board will be given weighted credit. Additionally, honors courses designated in the course catalogue will be given weighted credit based on at least five of the seven characteristics listed below:
  - a. The course includes college level content or syllabus.
  - b. The quality of learning activities, projects, and assignments in the course is significantly more than in other courses.
  - c. The ideas and concepts studied in the course are significantly more complex than in other courses.
  - d. The pace is accelerated in comparison to standard courses.
  - e. The course includes assessments in the areas of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.
  - f. The time required outside of regular class period is significantly more than in other classes.
  - g. The course completes the sequence of classes/programs.

Grade	Unweighted Courses	Weighted Courses
A	4	5
B	3	4
C	2	3
D	1	1
F	0	0

2. **Transfer Credits:** Transfer students will receive weighted credit only for the courses that are given additional weight at Central High School. The weight given to each transfer grade will be the same as the weight given to courses at Central High School.

## GPA / CLASS RANK

CHS will track both weighted and un-weighted grade point averages and class ranks.

A student's grade point average (GPA) is calculated by dividing the total quality points earned by the number of credits attempted. Letter grades with "+" and "-" are recorded on quarter grade reports to provide additional information to students and parents/guardians; however, the letter grade with a "+" or "-" will not appear on transcripts. Quality points are not affected by a "+" or "-" to letter grades.

Class rank shall be based upon GPA computed to three decimal places. All course grades, except Pass/Fail courses, will be used to calculate each student's GPA. Only end of course semester grades will be used to compute GPA and class rank. Freshmen class rank will be computed at the end of freshmen year, not at the end of first semester.

**Requesting Transcripts:** For college applications, transcripts must be requested through Naviance and will be sent by the Registrar.

## REPEATING COURSES

1. The course must be labeled as a "repeatable course" in the course catalogue.
2. The course must be repeated prior to the student taking any course for which it is a prerequisite.

## **SEMESTER EXAMS**

1. All students must take final exams on the designated date and time established by the school unless an Alternate Exam Form has been completed and approved by Administration.
2. Students are expected to be in attendance for the entire length of their final exam time.
3. All students are required to take a final exam for any correspondence or online course they are enrolled in.
4. A senior may be exempt from a second semester final exam if he/she:
  - a. Has at least a B average for the second semester in the specific class.
  - b. Has had no after school detentions, Alternative Learning Environment placements, or Out of School Suspensions during the second semester.
  - c. Has missed no more than four unexcused absences during the second semester.
  - d. Correspondence or online courses will be required to take final exams.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Graduation from Central High School is dependent upon completion of required courses and accumulation of credits. To be considered eligible for graduation, a student must have completed a minimum of the credits listed below, unless exempted, as determined by year of graduation.

### **Minimum Credits**

4.0	English	1.0	Elective (art, music, foreign language, or vocational education) and Consumer Education
3.0	Math		
2.0	Science		
2.5	Social Sciences		
4.0	PE (unless on a waiver) and Health		

In addition, students must successfully complete/pass the following in order to graduate:

1. All district graduation requirements that are in addition to the State requirements.
2. All courses as provided in School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-22
3. All minimum requirements for graduation as specified by Illinois State Board of Education rule.

### **Credits required by year of graduation:**

23.5 credits

Counselors will review credits of students in Fox Valley Career Courses and Transfer students. The number of credits required for graduation may be adjusted if necessary.

## **PARTICIPATION IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY POLICY**

Participation in the graduation ceremony and other senior-related activities is a privilege. Seniors who demonstrate inappropriate behavior and conduct, or exhibit poor attendance may be denied the privilege of participating in graduation ceremonies and other senior related activities.

All requirements for graduation must be completed prior to graduation. If a student does not (1) complete all requirements prior to graduation, (2) attend the graduation practice, and (3) follow the dress code guidelines for the graduation ceremony, the student may not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony.

### **EARLY GRADUATION (BOARD POLICY 6:300)**

1. Students must complete 7 semesters of high school.
2. A request for early graduation must be approved by the student's parents/guardians and Administration.
3. Students requesting early graduation must have the Early Graduation form completed and turned in to their assigned counselor by October 1 of their Senior Year.
4. All correspondence work must be completed and final grades must be reported to the school by December 1. If coursework is not completed by that date, the student will be ineligible for early graduation.
5. All school fines, fees, and materials must be paid and returned by the student's last day of school.
6. The student must have met all graduation requirements of Central High School and District requirements for early graduation.
7. As an early graduate of Central High School, the student relinquishes student privileges and assumes adult privileges. Early graduates may be invited to attend Prom, senior breakfast, and other such senior activities that might be scheduled.
8. Seniors graduating early will be permitted to participate in graduation events, provided they are in accordance with the District's graduation policy.

### **CORRESPONDENCE / ONLINE CLASSES**

A student seeking graduation from Central High School may submit to the school a certificate of successful completion of an appropriate correspondence or online course as two Carnegie Units of credit toward graduation according the following conditions:

1. Courses must have prior approval of the school counselor and Assistant Principal of College and Career Readiness.
2. A student enrolled in any correspondence or online course may receive high school credit for work completed provided:
  - a. The course is offered by an institution accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, NCATE, or the equivalent approved by the Superintendent or designee.
  - b. The student assumes responsibility for all fees, including tuition, textbooks, and other fees.
3. Grades earned in approved courses will count toward a student's grade point average, class rank, and eligibility for athletic and co-curricular activities.
4. All students are required to take the final exam for the correspondence or online course.

## **COURSE SELECTION AND SCHEDULE CHANGES**

1. Students will be permitted to make changes to their schedule for the following school year until 30 days after registration for the following year has begun. (I.e. If registration opens on April 1st, students would have until May 1st to request changes to their schedule.) Students should contact their counselor by phone or e-mail to request such changes.
2. Unless a schedule change is necessary because a student either failed a course, or a student needs a course in a particular area to graduate, all other requests to change a student's schedule after 30 days after registration has begun will not be permitted.
3. Students may access a copy of their schedule during the summer by using Skyward.

## **SCHOLASTIC AWARDS**

1. A valedictorian award is given each year to the graduate who has maintained the highest cumulative weighted grade point average upon his/her completion of high school. To qualify for this valedictorian award, a student must have been in attendance at Central High School for two years or more.
2. A salutatorian award is given each year to the graduate with the second highest cumulative weighted grade point average. To qualify for this salutatorian award, a student must have been in attendance at Central High School for two years or more. In the event there is more than one valedictorian, no salutatorian will be named.
3. Students will graduate with honors if they have earned at least a 3.40 G.P.A., but less than a 3.75 G.P.A. for their high school work. Students will graduate with high honors if they have earned at least a 3.75 G.P.A. for their high school work.
4. Perfect attendance for each year will also be recognized at the end of each school year.

## **DRIVER'S EDUCATION**

Classroom and behind-the-wheel driver training is offered to students at the high school level. To enroll in Driver Education, the student must have earned a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0 or a 2.0 GPA or higher in the previous semester. Students may enroll in Driver's Education during their senior year, regardless of their GPA provided they have passed at least 8 courses during the two semesters immediately preceding enrollment. The student also must pay the applicable Driver Education fee. This course is offered in cooperation with the State of Illinois Driver's Education Program. Policies for the two areas of driver education instruction are as follows:

1. Classroom Instruction
  - a. Classroom instruction shall be open to all students who reach their 15th birthday on or before the first day of classroom instruction.
  - b. Students will be enrolled in Driver Education according to their age in relation to others eligible to be enrolled. Students who are 16 years old during or shortly before 1st semester will be enrolled during the first semester.
  - c. 30 hours of classroom instruction is required by law to pass.
2. Behind-the-Wheel
  - a. No student may begin behind-the-wheel driving until he/she has been enrolled and started in the classroom portion of the program.
  - b. Six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel experience is required by law.

Students who complete the classroom instruction and whose 16th birthday is after December 1 the following school year will not be enrolled for behind-the-wheel driving until the first semester the following school year.

Due to the classroom and behind-the-wheel hour requirements for passing Driver Education, student attendance is important and students are expected to be present and be on time. An unexcused absence may result in disciplinary consequences, up to and including receiving an automatic fail.

In the event a student fails the Driver Education classroom or behind-the-wheel portion(s), the student will need to re-enroll and pay the Driver Education fee again.

## **DISCIPLINE**

### **PHILOSOPHY OF DISCIPLINE**

It is the sincere desire of the District that each student practices self-discipline, so that discipline actions by teachers, administrators, and the Board of Education may be avoided. It is the desire of CHS to promote positive citizenship and a constructive school environment. General rules of conduct have been formulated to ensure that all students have the opportunity to realize their potential through education, and to promote mutual respect and responsibility among students and staff members. Adults at Central High School are expected to show care and respect towards young people. Students are expected to exhibit that same care and respect towards staff members and other students. In the event that a student violates the guidelines set forth in this Handbook, teachers, staff members, and administrators may take disciplinary measures as a means to address the student's behavior.

Disciplinary consequences and interventions will be made to ensure that all students receive a high quality education in a positive, non-threatening environment and assist with the development of productive members of society. Students, parents, administrators, faculty, and staff will cooperate in the creation of the discipline policy, its periodic review, and its fair and consistent enforcement.

### **STUDENT BEHAVIOR POLICY (BOARD POLICY 7:190)**

The goals and objectives of this policy are to provide effective discipline practices that: (1) ensure the safety and dignity of students and staff; (2) maintain a positive, weapons-free, and drug-free learning environment; (3) keep school property and the property of others secure; (4) address the causes of a student's misbehavior and provide opportunities for all individuals involved in an incident to participate in its resolution; and (5) teach students positive behavioral skills to become independent, self-disciplined citizens in the school community and society.

### **When and Where Conduct Rules Apply**

A student is subject to disciplinary action for engaging in prohibited student conduct, as described in the section with that name below, whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including, but not limited to:

1. On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any time;
2. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school;
3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
4. Anywhere, if the conduct interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including, but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

### **Prohibited Student Conduct**

The school administration is authorized to discipline students for gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to:

1. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco or nicotine materials, including without limitation, electronic cigarettes.
2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence of an alcoholic beverage are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling, or offering for sale:
  - a. Any illegal drug or controlled substance, or cannabis (including medical cannabis, marijuana, and hashish).
  - b. Any anabolic steroid unless it is being administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
  - c. Any performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association's most current banned substance list unless administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
  - d. Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a physician or licensed practitioner, or when used in a manner inconsistent with the prescription or prescribing physician's or licensed practitioner's instructions. The use or possession of medical cannabis, even by a student for whom medical cannabis has been prescribed, is prohibited.
  - e. Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance: (a) that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system; or (b) about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system. The prohibition in this section does not apply to a student's use of asthma or other legally prescribed inhalant medications.
  - f. Any substance inhaled, injected, smoked, consumed, or otherwise ingested or absorbed with the intention of causing a physiological or psychological change in the body, including without limitation, pure caffeine in tablet or powdered form.
  - g. "Look-alike" or counterfeit drugs, including a substance that is not prohibited by this policy, but one: (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy; or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy.
  - h. Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to: (a) ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and (b) grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances.

Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had the prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.

4. Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a “weapon” as that term is defined in the Weapons section of this policy, or violating the Weapons section of this policy.
5. Using or possessing an electronic paging device.
6. Using a cellular telephone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), or other electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of a computer, electronic communication device, or cellular phone.

CCUSD301 issues each student a Chromebook for educational purposes. All electronic devices (cell phones, radios, iPods, MP3 players, iPads, portable DVD players, gaming devices, and/or similar devices) may be used during passing periods, lunch, before or after school, or in a classroom setting with either administration or supervising teacher’s discretion, if specified within the student’s individual education program (IEP) or 504, or is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff or other individuals.

7. Using or possessing a laser pointer or cell phone flashlight unless under a staff member’s direct supervision and in the context of instruction.
8. Disobeying rules of student conduct or directives from staff members or school officials. Examples of disobeying staff directives include refusing a District staff member’s request to stop, present school identification, or submit to a search.
9. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing (see [Appendix B – CHS Plagiarism Policy](#)), wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, altering report cards, and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.
10. Intentionally providing false information to a staff member or knowingly assisting another student provide false information. This includes assisting another student to hide/remove prohibited substances, devices, or weapons.
11. Engaging in hazing or any kind of bullying or aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to a staff person or another student, or urging other students to engage in such conduct. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying (as described in Board policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), bullying using a school computer or a school computer network, or other comparable conduct.

12. Engaging in any sexual activity, including without limitation, offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure (including mooning), and sexual assault. This does not include the non-disruptive: (a) expression of gender or sexual orientation or preference, or (b) display of affection during non-instructional time.
13. Teen dating violence, as described in Board policy 7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited.
14. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property.
15. Entering school property or a school facility without proper authorization.
16. In the absence of a reasonable belief that an emergency exists, calling emergency responders (such as calling 911); signaling or setting off alarms or signals indicating the presence of an emergency; or indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, school bus, or at any school activity.
17. Being absent without a recognized excuse; State law and School Board policy regarding truancy control will be used with chronic and habitual truants.
18. Being involved with any public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, by: (a) being a member; (b) promising to join; (c) pledging to become a member; or (d) soliciting any other person to join, promise to join, or be pledged to become a member.
19. Being involved in gangs or gang-related activities, including displaying gang symbols or paraphernalia.
20. Violating any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, vandalism, and hazing.
21. Making an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel if the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.
22. Operating an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or drone for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event unless granted permission by the Superintendent or designee.
23. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

### **Additional Examples of Prohibited Misconduct and Gross Disobedience**

Additional examples of prohibited misconduct and gross disobedience include but are not limited to: inappropriate drawings; insubordination; parking violations; profanity or obscenity; transportation violation; the inappropriate use of the district's network or district's devices.

For purposes of this policy, the term "possession" includes having control, custody, or care, currently or in the past, of an object or substance, including situations in which the item is: (a) on the student's person; (b) contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of, the student, such as in the student's clothing, backpack, or automobile; (c) in a school's student locker, desk, or other school property; or (d) at any location on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

Efforts, including the use of positive interventions and supports, shall be made to deter students, while at school or a school-related event, from engaging in aggressive behavior that may reasonably produce physical or psychological harm to someone else. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the parent/guardian of a student who engages in aggressive behavior is notified of the incident. The failure to provide such notification does not limit the Board's authority to impose discipline, including suspension or expulsion, for such behavior.

No disciplinary action shall be taken against any student that is based totally or in part on the refusal of the student's parent/guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

### **Disciplinary Measures**

School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and, where practicable and reasonable, shall consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline before using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions. School personnel shall not advise or encourage students to drop out voluntarily due to behavioral or academic difficulties. Potential disciplinary measures include, without limitation, any of the following:

1. Verbal Warning.
2. Detentions.
3. Notifying parent(s)/guardian(s).
7. Disciplinary conference.
8. Withholding of privileges / removal of privileges.
9. Temporary removal from the classroom.
10. Return of property or restitution for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
11. Alternative Learning Environment. The Building Principal or designee shall ensure that the student is properly supervised.

12. After-school detention or Saturday detention provided the student's parent/guardian has been notified. If transportation arrangements cannot be agreed upon, an alternative disciplinary measure may be used. The student must be supervised by the detaining teacher or the Building Principal or designee.
13. Peer Jury. Both the student and parent/guardian must agree to the Peer Jury terms and conditions.
14. Community service with local public and nonprofit agencies that enhances community efforts to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs. The District will not provide transportation. School administration shall use this option only as an alternative to another disciplinary measure, giving the student and/or parent/guardian the choice.
15. Seizure of contraband; confiscation and temporary retention of personal property that was used to violate this policy or school disciplinary rules.
16. Suspension of bus riding privileges in accordance with Board policy 7:220, Bus Conduct.
17. Out-of-school suspension from school and all school activities in accordance with Board policy 7:200, Suspension Procedures. A student who has been suspended may also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.
18. Expulsion from school and all school activities for a definite time period not to exceed 2 calendar years in accordance with Board policy 7:210, Expulsion Procedures. A student who has been expelled also shall be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.
19. Transfer to an alternative program upon written agreement with the student's parent(s) or following a Board of Education hearing.
20. Notifying juvenile authorities or other law enforcement whenever the conduct involves criminal activity, including but not limited to, illegal drugs (controlled substances), "look-alikes," alcohol, or weapons or in other circumstances as authorized by the reciprocal reporting agreement between the District and local law enforcement agencies.

The above list of disciplinary measures is a range of options that will not always be applicable in every case. In some circumstances, it may not be possible to avoid suspending or expelling a student because behavioral interventions, other than a suspension and expulsion, will not be appropriate and available, and the only reasonable and practical way to resolve the threat and/or address the disruption is a suspension or expulsion.

Corporal punishment is prohibited. Corporal punishment is defined as slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for students, staff, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property.

## **Weapons**

A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of at least one calendar year but not more than 2 calendar years:

1. A firearm, meaning any gun, rifle, shotgun, or weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 921), firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the *Firearm Owners Identification Card Act* (430 ILCS 65/), or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (720 ILCS 5/24 1).
2. A knife, brass knuckles, or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including “look alikes” of any firearm as defined above.

The expulsion requirement under either paragraph 1 or 2 above may be modified by the Superintendent, and the Superintendent’s determination may be modified by the Board on a case-by-case basis. The Superintendent or designee may grant an exception to this policy, upon the prior request of an adult supervisor, for students in theatre, cooking, ROTC, martial arts, and similar programs, whether or not school-sponsored, provided the item is not equipped, nor intended, to do bodily harm.

This policy’s prohibitions concerning weapons apply regardless of whether: (1) a student is licensed to carry a concealed firearm, or (2) the Board permits visitors, who are licensed to carry a concealed firearm, to store a firearm in a locked vehicle in a school parking area.

## **Re-Engagement of Returning Students**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a process to facilitate the re-engagement of students who are returning from an out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or an alternative school setting. The goal of re-engagement shall be to support the student’s ability to be successful in school following a period of exclusionary discipline and shall include the opportunity for students who have been suspended to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit.

## **Required Notices**

A school staff member shall immediately notify the office of the Building Principal in the event that he or she: (1) observes any person in possession of a firearm on or around school grounds; however, such action may be delayed if immediate notice would endanger students under his or her supervision, (2) observes or has reason to suspect that any person on school grounds is or was involved in a drug-related incident, or (3) observes a battery committed against any staff member. Upon receiving such a report, the Building Principal or designee shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency, State Police, and any involved student’s parent/guardian. “School grounds” includes modes of transportation to school activities and any public way within 1000 feet of the school, as well as school property itself.

### **Delegation of Authority**

Each teacher, and any other school personnel when students are under his or her charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, expulsion, corporal punishment, or in-school suspension, that is appropriate and in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers, other certificated [licensed] educational employees, and other persons providing a related service for or with respect to a student, may use reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property. Teachers may temporarily remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

The Superintendent, Building Principal or Assistant Building Principal is authorized to impose the same disciplinary measures as teachers. In addition, provided the appropriate procedures are followed, the Superintendent, Building Principal or Assistant Principal may issue in-school suspensions; may issue out-of-school suspensions to students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct (including all school functions) for up to 10 consecutive school days; and may suspend students from riding the school bus for up to 10 consecutive school days. The Board may suspend a student from riding the bus in excess of 10 school days for safety reasons.

### **Student Handbook**

The Superintendent, with input from the parent-teacher advisory committee, shall prepare disciplinary rules implementing the District's disciplinary policies. These disciplinary rules shall be presented annually to the Board for its review and approval.

A student handbook, including the District disciplinary policies and rules, shall be distributed to the students' parents/guardians within 15 days of the beginning of the school year or a student's enrollment. Students and their parents/guardians must acknowledge receipt of the student handbook in some form upon receipt of the handbook.

## **MISCONDUCT BY STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (BOARD POLICY 7:230)**

### **Behavioral Interventions**

Behavioral interventions shall be used with students with disabilities to promote and strengthen desirable behaviors and reduce identified inappropriate behaviors. The School Board will establish and maintain a committee to develop, implement, and monitor procedures on the use of behavioral interventions for students with disabilities.

### **Discipline of Special Education Students**

The District shall comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Illinois State Board of Education's Regulations when disciplining students with disabilities. No student with a disability shall be expelled if the student's particular act of gross disobedience or misconduct is a manifestation of his or her disability.

## **ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS**

### **Detentions**

A detention is a period of time to be made up before school, after school, or during lunch. A detention may be assigned by school staff or an administrator.

### **Alternative Learning Environment**

Administrators may temporarily assign a student to an alternative learning environment on school grounds as a consequence for gross disobedience or misconduct. During this time, students are restricted from participating in their scheduled classroom activities and, instead, report to the alternative learning environment for an amount of time determined by the Administration. Students will be provided an opportunity to complete their academic work or given an alternative assignment for equivalent academic credit.

### **Saturday School**

Saturday School will be held periodically throughout the school year to serve as a disciplinary consequence for a student's gross disobedience or misconduct. Saturday school half sessions run from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, and full sessions run from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Students who fail to attend, arrive late, or are removed from Saturday School due to gross disobedience or misconduct will be considered to have missed the session and may be subject to further disciplinary consequences.

### **SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

The school/community service program is an alternative disciplinary agreement between a student, his/her parent/guardian, and the Administration. Administrators retain the discretion to determine whether the school/community service program will be offered as an alternative disciplinary consequence and, if so, the nature of the school/community service program. Students who participate in the school/community service program may be assigned a service for the school or community.

### **OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION (BOARD POLICY 7:200)**

An out-of-school suspension is a temporary exclusion from school due to a student's gross disobedience or misconduct. School officials may impose out-of-school suspensions of one (1) to ten (10) school days. Longer suspensions may be imposed by the Board of Education. The District's suspension procedures are set forth in Board Policy 7:200.

When a student is suspended from school, he/she may not participate in or attend any District activity or event and is prohibited from being on District property.

A suspended student will have an opportunity to make up any missed work for equivalent academic credit. The work missed during the student's absence due to a suspension from school must generally be made up within a period of school days equal to the number of days missed due to being suspended.

Students who are suspended from school for five (5) or more school days will be informed of what, if any, appropriate and available support services will be provided to the student during the his/her suspension from school. These services may include, but are not limited to: a mentor program, social work, tutoring, etc.

A re-engagement meeting between the student, family, and school staff and administrators may be held upon a student's return to school from any period of suspension. The purpose of the meeting is to assist the student in the transition back to school.

### **EXPULSION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOARD POLICY 7:210)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board of Education may expel students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct. Expulsion shall take place only after the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student have been provided a written request to appear at a hearing before the Board or with a hearing officer appointed by it. The District's expulsion procedures are set forth in Board Policy 7:210.

A student who has been expelled from school may not participate in or attend any District activity or event and is prohibited from being on District property during the period of the expulsion.

If a student is suspended or expelled for any reason from any public or private school in this or any other state, the student must complete the entire term of the suspension or expulsion before being admitted into District.

### **STUDENT SEARCH & SEIZURE (BOARD POLICY 7:140)**

To maintain order and security in the schools, school authorities are authorized to conduct reasonable searches of school property and equipment, as well as of students and their personal effects. "School authorities" includes school liaison police officers.

#### **School Property and Equipment as well as Personal Effects Left There by Students**

School authorities may inspect and search school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school (such as, lockers, desks, and parking lots), as well as personal effects left there by a student, without notice to or the consent of the student. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these places or areas or in their personal effects left there.

The Superintendent may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to conduct inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs.

#### **Students**

School authorities may search a student and/or the student's personal effects in the student's possession (such as, purses, wallets, knapsacks, book bags, lunch boxes, etc.) when there is a reasonable ground for suspecting that the search will produce evidence the particular student has violated or is violating either the law or the District's student conduct rules. The search itself must be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to its objective and not excessively intrusive in light of the student's age and sex, and the nature of the infraction.

When feasible, the search should be conducted as follows:

1. Outside the view of others, including students,
2. In the presence of a school administrator or adult witness, and
3. By a certificated employee or liaison police officer of the same sex as the student.

Immediately following a search, a written report shall be made by the school authority who conducted the search, and given to the Superintendent.

### **Seizure of Property**

If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the District's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by school authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. When appropriate, such evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

### **Notification Regarding Student Accounts or Profiles on Social Networking Websites**

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and their parents/guardians of each of the following in accordance with the *Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act*, 105 ILCS 75/:

1. School officials may not request or require a student or his or her parent/guardian to provide a password or other related account information to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social networking website.
2. School officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy. In the course of an investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order to allow school officials to make a factual determination.

### **BULLYING POLICY (BOARD POLICY 7:180)**

Bullying, intimidation, and harassment diminish a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors and providing all students equal access to a safe, non-hostile learning environment are important District goals.

Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, military status, unfavorable discharge status from the military service, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender-related identity or expression, ancestry, age, religion, physical or mental disability, order of protection status, status of being homeless, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic **is prohibited** in each of the following situations:

1. During any school-sponsored education program or activity.
2. While in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.
3. Through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment.
4. Through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a non-school-related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by the School District or school if the bullying causes a substantial disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of a school. This paragraph (item #4) applies only when a school administrator or teacher receives a report that bullying through this means has occurred; it does not require staff members to monitor any non-school related activity, function, or program.

## **Definitions from Section 27-23.7 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-23.7)**

**Bullying** includes *cyber-bullying* and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

1. Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
2. Causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
3. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or
4. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

**Cyber-bullying** means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, including without limitation any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, photo-electronic system, or photo-optical system, including without limitation electronic mail, Internet communications, instant messages, or facsimile communications. *Cyber-bullying* includes the creation of a webpage or weblog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages if the creation or impersonation creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of *bullying*. *Cyber-bullying* also includes the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons if the distribution or posting creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of *bullying*.

**Restorative measures** means a continuum of school-based alternatives to exclusionary discipline, such as suspensions and expulsions, that: (i) are adapted to the particular needs of the school and community, (ii) contribute to maintaining school safety, (iii) protect the integrity of a positive and productive learning climate, (iv) teach students the personal and interpersonal skills they will need to be successful in school and society, (v) serve to build and restore relationships among students, families, schools, and communities, and (vi) reduce the likelihood of future disruption by balancing accountability with an understanding of students' behavioral health needs in order to keep students in school.

**School personnel** means persons employed by, on contract with, or who volunteer in a school district, including without limitation school and school district administrators, teachers, school guidance counselors, school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, school resource officers, and security guards.

### **Bullying Prevention and Response Plan**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a bullying prevention and response plan that advances the District's goal of providing all students with a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassment. This plan must be consistent with the requirements listed below; each numbered requirement, 1-12, corresponds with the same number in the list of required policy components in 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7(b) 1-12.

1. The District uses the definition of *bullying* as provided in this policy.

2. Bullying is contrary to State law and the policy of this District. However, nothing in the District's bullying prevention and response plan is intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views protected under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution or under Section 3 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution.
3. Students are encouraged to immediately report bullying. A report may be made orally or in writing to the District Complaint Manager or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking. Anyone, including staff members and parents/guardians, who has information about actual or threatened bullying is encouraged to report it to the District Complaint Manager or any staff member. Anonymous reports are also accepted.

**Complaint Manager:**

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4. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, the Superintendent or designee shall promptly inform the parent(s)/guardian(s) of every student involved in an alleged incident of bullying and discuss, as appropriate, the availability of social work services, counseling, school psychological services, other interventions, and restorative measures.
5. The Superintendent or designee shall promptly investigate and address reports of bullying, by, among other things:
  - a. Making all reasonable efforts to complete the investigation within 10 school days after the date the report of a bullying incident was received and taking into consideration additional relevant information received during the course of the investigation about the reported bullying incident.
  - b. Involving appropriate school support personnel and other staff persons with knowledge, experience, and training on bullying prevention, as deemed appropriate, in the investigation process.
  - c. Notifying the Building Principal or school administrator or designee of the reported incident of bullying as soon as possible after the report is received.
  - d. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, providing parents/guardians of the students who are parties to the investigation information about the investigation and an opportunity to meet with the Building Principal or school administrator or his or her designee to discuss the investigation, the findings of the investigation, and the actions taken to address the reported incident of bullying.

The Superintendent or designee shall investigate whether a reported incident of bullying is within the permissible scope of the District's jurisdiction and shall require that the District provide the victim with information regarding services that are available within the District and community, such as counseling, support services, and other programs.
6. The Superintendent or designee shall use interventions to address bullying, that may include, but are not limited to, school social work services, restorative measures, social-emotional skill building, counseling, school psychological services, and community-based services.

7. A reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying **is prohibited**. A student's act of reprisal or retaliation will be treated as *bullying* for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.
8. A student will not be punished for reporting bullying or supplying information, even if the District's investigation concludes that no bullying occurred. However, knowingly making a false accusation or providing knowingly false information will be treated as *bullying* for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.
9. The District's bullying prevention and response plan must be based on the engagement of a range of school stakeholders, including students and parents/guardians.
10. The Superintendent or designee shall post this policy on the District's Internet website, if any, and include it in the student handbook, and, where applicable, post it where other policies, rules, and standards of conduct are currently posted. The policy must also be distributed annually to parents/guardians, students, and school personnel, including new employees when hired.
11. The Superintendent or designee shall assist the Board with its evaluation and assessment of this policy's outcomes and effectiveness. This process shall include, without limitation:
  - a. The frequency of victimization;
  - b. Student, staff, and family observations of safety at a school;
  - c. Identification of areas of a school where bullying occurs;
  - d. The types of bullying utilized; and
  - e. Bystander intervention or participation

The evaluation process may use relevant data and information that the District already collects for other purposes. The Superintendent or designee must post the information developed as a result of the policy evaluation on the District's website, or if a website is not available, the information must be provided to school administrators, Board members, school personnel, parents/guardians, and students.

12. The Superintendent or designee shall fully implement the Board policies, including without limitation, the following:
  - a. 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. A student may use this policy to complain about bullying.
  - b. 6:60, Curriculum Content. Bullying prevention and character instruction is provided in all grades in accordance with State law.
  - c. 6:65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*. Student social and emotional development is incorporated into the District's educational program as required by State law.
  - d. 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*. This policy states that the use of the District's electronic networks is limited to: (1) support of education and/or research, or (2) a legitimate business use.
  - e. 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*. This policy prohibits *any* person from harassing, intimidating, or bullying a student based on an identified actual or perceived characteristic (the list of characteristics in 7:20 is the same as the list in this policy).
  - f. 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*. This policy prohibits teen dating violence on school property, at school sponsored activities, and in vehicles used for school-provided transportation.
  - g. 7:190, *Student Discipline*. This policy prohibits, and provides consequences for, hazing, bullying, or other aggressive behaviors, or urging other students to engage in such conduct.

- h. 7:310, *Restrictions on Publications*. This policy prohibits students from and provides consequences for: (1) accessing and/or distributing at school any written, printed, or electronic material, including material from the Internet, that will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, and (2) creating and/or distributing written, printed, or electronic material, including photographic material and blogs, that causes substantial disruption to school operations or interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.

## **ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL EVENTS**

#### **Attendance at Events**

1. Students will not be re-admitted to school events, including but not limited to school dances and athletic events, if they exit the building or designated area without the permission of a staff member.
2. **CHS Dances**
  - a. No student will be admitted more than 1 hour after a CHS dance begins. Exceptions will be made for extenuating circumstances as determined by the Administration.
  - b. CHS students are not permitted to invite non-CHS students to a CHS dance unless the guest is approved by the Administration prior to the student purchasing a ticket to the dance. To request approval, the CHS student must complete the Guess Pass form.
  - c. Students who are in middle school are not allowed to attend CHS dances. Conversely, CHS students are not allowed to attend dances at the District's middle schools.
  - d. No persons over the age of 20 are permitted to attend CHS dances.
3. Students may be prohibited from attending or participating in a school event for violating any policies and procedures of CHS and as established by the Board of Education.

#### **Fundamentals of "Good Sportsmanship"**

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of emphasizing "good sportsmanship" in all aspects of District-related activities. With this in mind, the following fundamentals of good sportsmanship are expected of all attendees before, during, and after school events, including but not limited to all students, staff members, coaches/sponsors, parents/guardians, and any other visitors:

1. Develop an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the event/contest.
2. Exercise positive behavior at all times.
3. Recognize and appreciate skilled performances regardless of affiliation.

4. Exhibit respect for all spectators, participants, coaches/sponsors, and officials.
5. Openly display respect for the opponents at all times.

Unacceptable behavior includes that which is disrespectful to others or disruptive to the event, including but not limited to the following types of conduct:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, a Board member, sports official or coach, or any other person;
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, or use vulgar or obscene language;
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device;
4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property;
5. Damage or deface school property;
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance;
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products;
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or illegal drug; be present when the person's alcohol or illegal drug consumption is detectable, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred;
9. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner);
10. Use or possess medical cannabis;
11. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner);
12. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the Board;
13. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive;
14. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding;
15. Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee; or
16. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the District or a School function.

Concerns regarding good sportsmanship should be reported to the Athletic & Activities Director or other designated administrator present at the school event.

An individual who engages in any of the above-listed types of conduct, or any other conduct deemed to be in violation of the "good sportsmanship" expectation or in violation of school rules or Board Policy, may be immediately removed from the event and subject to additional consequences. Students may be subject to disciplinary consequences consistent with the policies and procedures of CHS and as established by the Board of Education. Visitors may be denied admission to future school events consistent with Board Policy 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*.

#### **ATHLETICS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR, AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

More information regarding CHS athletics, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities is available on the CHS Rocket website at <http://il.8to18.com/bchs>, and in the CHS Code of Conduct.

**CONCUSSIONS**

The District takes the safety of its students seriously and has developed a program to manage student concussions and head injuries. Please see Board Policy 7:305 for the District's concussion policy. The District's concussion management resources, including consent forms, return-to-play protocol, and return-to-learn protocol, are available at <http://il.8to18.com/bchs>. Please contact the Athletic & Activities Director or school nurse with any questions regarding concussions or the District's concussion management program.

## APPENDIX A – STUDENT DEVICE HANDBOOK

As part of its commitment to integrating technology into the curriculum, the Board of Education of Central Community Unit School District No. 301 has purchased Devices and their related accessories for students' individual use. Each student will be loaned a Device while attending Central 301. In order for a student to be loaned a Device, you and your child must read, sign, and return the attached Acknowledgement to your school's main office. This Handbook is valid for the years the student is loaned the Device. A new Handbook will be provided during registration and a new Acknowledgement must be signed and returned for each school year.

Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be loaned a Device only for use in school; these students will not take their Devices home. Students in Grades 2-12 will be loaned a Device for use at school and at home and must bring it to school every day, just like a textbook. Access to the technology resources of the District is a privilege and not an entitlement or right, and you and your child are responsible for the appropriate care, handling, and use of the Device as outlined in this Handbook.

If the District changes this Handbook at any time during the year, the District will notify you of the change(s).

### A. Using the Device

1. **Acceptable Use of Device.** Your child's use of the Device, whether at home or at school, is to be for educational purposes consistent with the curricular goals of the District and with Board of Education policies. Your child may not use (or allow others to use) the Device loaned to him/her in a way that violates the Board's policy on acceptable use of its electronic network (Board Policy 6:235, *Access to the District's Electronic Network*). By using the Device, you and your child agree to abide by Board Policies 6:235, *Access to the District's Electronic Network*; 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*; 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*; 7:190, *Student Behavior*; as well as all other applicable policies and their corresponding administrative procedures and the guidelines in this Handbook. Violation of any of these policies, administrative procedures, or guidelines could result in your child's loss of the privilege of using the Device; discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion; and referral to law enforcement.
2. **Using the Device.** All students are provided a District account, including a username and password. Students must use that account when logging on to the Device.
  - a. **Using the Device at School.** Unless otherwise instructed, the Device is intended for use at school every day. If your child is permitted to use the Device at home, he/she is responsible for bringing it to school every day, fully charged. The District is not responsible for providing your child a loaner Device in the event he/she forgets the Device.

- b. Using the Device Outside the District.** In the event your child uses the Device at home or elsewhere outside the District, he/she is bound by the same policies, procedures, and guidelines as at school.

  - i. Parent Responsibility for Supervision Outside the District.** The District's filters will run on your child's Device outside of school. However, the District is not responsible for supervising students' use of the Device and Internet activity outside of school. While your child is using the Device assigned to him/her outside of school, you agree to be solely responsible for supervising the use of the device, including Internet access. You may choose to limit such use.
  - ii. Technical Support Outside the District.** The District cannot guarantee the Device will function outside the District at the same level as inside the District. Configuration of any home network connection is your responsibility and not the responsibility of the District. Any configuration applied to the Device that impairs its performance in school may be removed by District staff.
- 3. Email Accounts.** All students are issued a District email address through Google's Gmail service. These accounts will have restricted access as determined by the District. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 will only be able to send emails to and receive emails from District staff, students, and approved educational systems. Students in Grades 9-12 will be able to send emails to and receive emails from District staff, students, and approved domains.
- 4.** Every email sent and received from a District email account, whether at home or school, goes through filtering software. The District makes every effort to block content that may be obscene, pornographic, or otherwise harmful or inappropriate in the school setting. However, the District cannot guarantee that every objectionable material will be filtered. If your child receives an inappropriate email, your child should report it immediately to an adult and forward it to their building administration team.
- 5. Accessories.** The District will provide either a mandatory carrying case or always on case necessary for the protection of the Device. The decision whether to purchase additional accessories (such as a wireless mouse, extra charger, keyboard, stylus, etc.) for the device rests with you and your child. As with any personal property brought to school, the District reserves the right to disallow the use of any accessory and is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property. In addition, the District cannot and does not guarantee that an accessory purchased at one point in time will be compatible with devices provided in the future.

- 6. Caring for the Device.** The Device assigned to your child remains the property of the District and must be maintained appropriately. In addition to the manufacturer's instructions included with the Device, if any, your child must care for the Device as follows:
- a. Only use a clean, soft cloth to clean the device's screen; don't use cleansers of any type.
  - b. Insert and remove cords and cables carefully to prevent damage to connectors.
  - c. Do not write or draw on, apply stickers or labels to, or otherwise mark up or deface the Device in a manner that would detract from the educational environment in the classroom. You may personalize the Device by setting the wallpaper or background, but only with appropriate images.
  - d. Handle the device carefully. Screens can crack not only when dropped, but also when twisted or subjected to pressure from stepping or leaning on them. Don't stack other objects (books, binders, etc.) on top of the Device.
  - e. Don't leave the Device in places of extreme temperature, humidity, or limited ventilation (e.g., in a car) for an extended period of time.
  - f. Keep food and beverages away from the Device.
  - g. Make sure the Device is secure when it is out of your child's sight. Don't leave it in an unlocked locker, desk, or other location where someone might take it.
  - h. Your child was provided a protective carrying case with the Device; use it.
  - i. Your child's Device will have a District-provided asset tag to identify it. This number also might be marked on the case your child was provided. Write this number down so you can identify the Device.

## **B. Responsibilities of Students and Parents**

- 1. Technology Fee.** In order for your student to be loaned a Device consistent with the Handbook, you must pay a technology fee of \$50 each school year.
- 2. Parents' Responsibility for Child's Compliance.** You agree to monitor and supervise your child's use of the Device outside of school and to make every effort to ensure your child's compliance with the obligations and responsibilities described in this Handbook and in all applicable Board Policies related to their use of the Device.

- 3. Returning of the Device.** The Device is the property of the District while the Device is loaned to the student.
  - a. Kindergarten devices, unless instructed otherwise, will remain in the school and the District will make sure they are in their 1st grade classroom for the start of the next school year.
  - b. For students in Grades 1-11, unless instructed otherwise, Devices and any related accessories may be taken home over the summer. However, the rules outlined in this Handbook remain in effect during the summer.
  - c. If, at the end of the Device loan period, your child's technology fee has been paid in full, you will own your child's Device. The District's technical support staff will reset the Device to factory settings, and all District filters and software will be removed.
  
- 4. Student Leaves the District.** If a student leaves the District, the family will need to inform the school office of their intentions for the Device. If we do not hear from the family and the Device is not in the school's possession, the Device will be automatically locked out.
  - a. The technology fee (\$50 per year) covers a little less than half the annual cost of the Device. The District picks up the remainder of the cost at a little over \$50 per year. As a result of this fee, the family will own the Device after two or three years of use in the District based on their rotation. If a student leaves the District early and wants to keep the Device they will need to pay the remainder of the technology and District costs at \$100 per year of expected use.
  - b. If you leave during the last semester your Device is expected to be used and all of your family fees are paid, the Device is yours to keep.
  - c. If your child fails to return the Device and any related accessories or you do not purchase it, the District may, in addition to seeking reimbursement from you, file a report with local law enforcement.

### C. Device Data And Software

- 1. Managing Your Files and Saving Your Work.** Work done on a Device is typically saved to Internet-based storage space (i.e., the “cloud”). It is your child’s responsibility to make sure his/her work is not lost due to a failure or loss of the Device.
- 2. Personal Content on the Device.** Your child should be aware that any content (including, but not limited to, documents, music or audio files, and photographs) stored on the Device potentially could be subject to access by third parties pursuant to law or subject to discovery in a legal proceeding. In addition, personal content may be deleted in the course of routine maintenance and/or troubleshooting. It is your child’s responsibility to back up all personal content stored on the Device, if any.
- 3. Device Data as District Records.** Data saved to the Device or to the cloud via the Device are not maintained by the District as public records or as student records. In the event data stored on a Device or stored in the cloud via a Device needs to be maintained by the District for any reason, the District will take affirmative steps to preserve it.
- 4. District-Required Software.** The District will provide any software/apps required to use the Device for school purposes. This software may not be removed. The District may update, add, or remove software at any time for any reason, without prior notice.
- 5. Prohibited “Jailbreaking.”** “Jailbreaking” is the act of replacing the manufacturer’s operating system with custom software, allowing the user to circumvent the manufacturer’s security and licensing restrictions. The act of jailbreaking or otherwise disrupting the configuration of the Device voids the manufacturer’s warranty and is a violation of this Handbook. Removal of any District-installed configuration is prohibited and will be considered a violation of this Handbook.
- 6. Personal Software.** Your child is not permitted to install additional software or apps on the Device.
- 7. Compliance with Copyrights.** In using the Device, your child must follow the Board Policy 5:170, *Copyright*, governing use of copyrighted material and applicable copyright law.
- 8. No Expectation of Privacy.** There is no expectation of privacy for any communication made using the Device or for any content created, accessed, or stored on the Device. The District reserves the right to inspect the Device and its contents at any time and for any reason.

## **D. Repair of, Loss of, or Damage to Device**

### **1. Technical Support & Device Loaners.**

- a.** During the school year, if your child's Device is not functioning properly, students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 should alert his/her teacher, and students in Grades 6-12 should bring the Device to the LMC. If necessary, a technical support employee of the District will assess the Device and attempt to correct any problems with it. In all grades, students will be issued a loaner Device, if available, while this student's Device is being repaired. The loaner Device should be treated the same as the student's Device as set forth in this Handbook.
- b.** During the summer, if your child's Device is not functioning properly, the District will provide technical support at specified times and District buildings. This information will be available on the District's website or may be obtained by contacting the District office.

**2. Loss of or Damage to Device.** If your child's Device is lost or damaged, you or your child must report it immediately to your school's main office. If you believe your child's Device requires repair, you must notify the designated technical support person in your child's school. You and your child are responsible for cooperating with the District in the recovery, repair, or replacement of your child's Device.

**3. Responsibility for Lost or Damaged Device.** In the event your child's Device is lost or damaged, you will be responsible for replacement or repairs as follows:

- a.** If the District determines that the damage is the result of an equipment failure covered by a warranty, the warranty will apply with no further action required.
- b.** If the damage is the result of a student's negligence or intentional destruction, or if the Device is lost, you will be required to pay in full for the repair or replacement of the equipment.

**4. Accidental Damage.** The District purchases an accidental damage policy with each Device. This covers one (1) accidental damage per Device per school year while the Device is used in the District.

## **E. Waiver and Indemnification**

- 1. Waiver of Device-Related Claims.** By signing the “Device Acknowledgement” below, you acknowledge that you and your child have read, understand, and agree to follow all guidelines and policies outlined or referenced in this Handbook and agree to be bound by this Handbook. You also agree and represent that the Device (including any related accessories) was delivered in good working order and that it must be returned to the District in good working order consistent with this Handbook. **By signing this Handbook, you waive any and all claims you or your child (and each of your respective heirs, successors, and assigns) may have against Central Community Unit School District No. 301, its Board of Education, and its individual Board members, officers, employees, and agents relating to, connected with, or arising from the use of the Device or this Handbook.**
- 2. Indemnification for Device-Related Claims.** To the fullest extent allowed by law, you agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Central Community Unit School District No. 301, its Board of Education, and its individual Board members, officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, causes of action, and the like relating to, connected with, or arising from the use of any District Device issued to your child.

## APPENDIX B – COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling

Renz Addiction Center	2 American Way Elgin, IL	(847) 742-3545 ext. 1
Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital	1650 Moon Lake Blvd. Hoffman Estates, IL	(847) 882-1600 (800) 432-5005
Provena St. Joseph Hospital	77 Airlite Street Elgin, IL	(847) 695-3200
Northwest Community Hospital	800 W. Central Road Arlington Heights, IL	(847) 618-1000
Linden Oaks Hospital	801 S. Washington Naperville, IL	(630) 305-5500
Rosecrance	1021 N. Mulford Road Rockford, IL	(800) 383-5351
F.A.I.R.	2010 E. Algonquin Road Schaumburg, IL	(847) 356-5192
Breaking Free	250 W. Downer Place Aurora, IL	(630) 355-2585

### Behavioral Health Hospitals

Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital	1650 Moon Lake Blvd. Hoffman Estates, IL	(800) 432-5005
Linden Oaks Hospital at Edwards	801 S. Washington Naperville, IL	(630) 305-5500
Provena St. Joseph Hospital	77 Airlite Street Elgin, IL	(847) 695-3200
Northwest Community Hospital	800 W. Central Road Arlington Heights, IL	(847) 618-1000

### **Suicide Assessment Resources**

All of the above Behavioral Health Hospitals complete suicide assessments and have resources available.

TriCity Family Services	1120 Randall Court Geneva, IL	(630) 232-1073
24-hour Hotline Numbers	Depression Hotline National Crisis Lines	(630) 482-9696 (800) 784-2433 (800) 273-8255
Suicide Prevention Services	528 S. Batavia Ave (Rte. 31) Batavia, IL	(630) 482-9699

### **Community Contact**

Elgin Police (non-emergency)	151 Douglas Ave. Elgin, IL 60120	(847) 289-2700
St. Charles (non-emergency)	211 North Riverside Avenue St. Charles, IL 60174	(630) 377-4435
Kane County (non-emergency)	37W755 IL Rt 38 St Charles IL 60175	(630) 232-6840
Kane County Sheriff's Tip Line	Text KANE and your message to 847411 (tip411)	
Crisis Text Line	Text 741-741 with your message	

### **Outpatient Therapists**

Dr. David Goodman & Associates	405 Illinois Ave, Ste, 2C St. Charles, IL 60174	(630) 377-3535
The Prairie Clinic	1541 East Fabyan Pkwy. Suite 121 Geneva, IL 60134	(630) 845-9644
Counseling and Diagnostic Center of Woodfield, Ltd.	1325 Wiley Road Suite 165 Schaumburg, IL 60173	(847) 884-0210
Leahy and Associates	475 Dunham Rd. Suite G St. Charles, IL 60174	(630) 849-3711
Village counseling Center	460 Briargate Dr. Suite 700 South Elgin, IL 60123	(847) 488-1999

Dr. Karen Lynn Falk, Psy.D. Clinical Psychology	1595 Weld Rd. Suite 5 Elgin, IL 60123	(847) 269-2350
Centennial Counseling Services (Cedar Crossings Building)	1120E Main Street Suite 201 St. Charles, IL	(630) 377-6613
Clear Waters Counseling Services	1497 N Lafox (Rte. 31) South Elgin, IL 60177	(847) 903-1156
Christine Hibbard – Counseling	1121 East Main Street Suite 320 St. Charles, IL	(630) 584-0642
Center of Traumatic Stress	1220 Hobson Road Suite 232 Naperville, IL	(630) 637-4002
Counseling Associates Professional LTD	870 E Higgins Suite 138 Schaumburg, IL 60173	(630) 945-6000
Williams and Associates	895 Geneva Road St. Charles, IL 60174	(630) 377-5105
Creekwood Associates	240 S 5th Avenue, Suite A St. Charles, IL 60174	(630) 377-1414
Living Rite	2401 W US Highway 20 Suite 205 Pingree Grove, IL 60140	(815) 758-8400
Genesis Clinical Services	1725 South Naperville Road suite 206 Wheaton, IL 60187	630-653-6441
Intermission Therapies	22 Crissey Ave Suite 200 Geneva, IL 60134	630-232-7770
Legacy Clinical Consultants	321 Hamilton Street, Suite E Geneva, IL 60134	630-527-1664
McKane and Associates	1121 E Main Street #210 St. Charles, IL 60174	630-377-7226
Peter Temple and Associates	12 West Wilson Street Batavia, IL 60510	630-879-1026
Riverview Counseling Services	111 E Main St. Saint Charles, IL 60174	(630) 587-3777
TriCity Family Services	1120 Randall Court Geneva, IL 60134	630-232-1070
Plum Tree Child and Adolescent Psychology	240 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite B, St Charles, IL 60174	(630) 549-6245

**Facilities for Psychological Evaluation**

TriCity Family Services <i>takes Medicaid &amp; a variety of insurance plans</i>	1120 Randall Court Geneva, IL	630-232-1070
Cadence Behavioral Health (Northwestern Medicine) - St Charles <i>appointment required, takes Medicaid</i>	964 N 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave St Charles, IL	630-933-4000
Cadence Behavioral Health (Northwestern Medicine) - Winfield <i>appointment required, takes Medicaid</i>	27W350 High Lake Rd Winfield, IL	630-933-4000
Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital	1650 Moon Lake Blvd Hoffman Estates, IL	800-432-5005
Streamwood Behavioral Health	1400 East Irving Park Rd Streamwood, IL	630-837-9000
Emergency Room: Presence St Joseph Hospital	77 N Airlite St Elgin IL	847-695-3200
Emergency Room: Advocate Sherman Hospital	1425 N Randall Rd Elgin IL	847-742-9800
CARES Hotline		800-345-9049
Family Service Association of Greater Elgin Area	1140 N McLean Blvd Suite 1 Elgin IL	847-695-3680

**Community Agencies**

Heartland Counseling	40W131 Campton Crossings Dr St. Charles, IL 60175	(630) 443-9100
Kairos Family Center, Inc	240 Standish St. Elgin, IL 60123	(847) 742-5717
Lutheran Social Services – Elgin	675 Varsity Dr. Elgin, IL	(847) 741-2600
Family Service Association of Greater Elgin Area	22 Spring St. Elgin, IL	(847) 695-3680

TriCity Family Services – Association of Counselors	1120 Randall Ct. Geneva, IL 60134	(630) 232-1070
Echer Center	1845 Grandstand Pl. Elgin, IL	(847) 695-0484
DCFS – Elgin Office	595 State Street Elgin, IL	(847) 888-7620
Easter Seals	799 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL	(847) 742-3264
Youth Services (Elgin Police Department)	151 Douglas Ave. Elgin, IL 60120	(847) 289-2625
Little Friends, Inc	140 N Wright St. Naperville, IL 60540	(630) 355-6533

**Crisis Centers/ Hotline Numbers/ Emergency**

**Abuse**

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Women’s Shelter	Elgin, IL 60120	(847) 697-2380
DCFS	<a href="http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/index.shtml">http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/index.shtml</a>	(800) 25-ABUSE

**Suicide**

National Suicide Prevention Hotline		(800) 273-8255
Suicide Prevention Services	Batavia, IL	(630) 482-9699
National Runaway Switchboard	3080 N Lincoln Ave. Chicago, IL 60657	(800) RUNAWAY
S.A.S.S. HotLine		(800) 345-9049
Crisis Line of Fox Valley	Aurora, IL	(630) 906-0516
Trevor Project	crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people ages 13-24.	866-488-7386

**Rape/SA/DV**

Mutual Ground, Inc. – Domestic Violence	Aurora, IL	(630) 897-0080
Mutual Ground, Inc. – Sexual Assault	Aurora, IL	(630) 897-8383

**Housing**

Lazarus House	214 Walnut St. St. Charles, IL 60174	(630) 587-2144
Community Crisis Center	37 S Geneva St. Elgin, IL	(847) 697*2380
PADS of Elgin	1730 Berkley St. Elgin, IL 60123	(847) 608-9744
WIC Center	620 Wing St. Elgin, IL 60123-2088	(630) 741-1176

**Drugs/Addiction**

Renz Addiction and Counseling Center	American Way #C Elgin, IL 60120	(847) 742-3545
BHS Center of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois	675 Varsity Dr. Elgin, IL 60120	(847) 741-2600
New Hope Recovery Center	3098 Hamilton St. Geneva, IL 60134	(630) 402-0144
DUI and Addiction Counseling	2210 Dean St. St. Charles, IL 60175-1066	(630) 443-2241
Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital	1650 Moon Lake Blvd. Hoffman Estates, IL	(847) 882-1600 (800) 432-5005
Provena St. Joseph Hospital	77 Airlite Street Elgin, IL	(847) 695-3200
Northwest Community Hospital	800 W. Central Road Arlington Heights, IL	(847) 618-1000
Linden Oaks Hospital	801 S. Washington Naperville, IL	(630) 305-5500
Rosecrance	1021 N. Mulford Road Rockford, IL	(800) 383-5351

F.A.I.R.	2010 E. Algonquin Road Schaumburg, IL	(847) 356-5192
Breaking Free	250 W. Downer Place Aurora, IL	(630) 355-2585

**Death/ Loss of Loved one**

Rainbows	<a href="http://www.rainbows.org/programs.asp">http://www.rainbows.org/programs.asp</a>	(630) 361-9904
Willow Creek Community Church	South Barrington	(224) 512-1502
Provena St. Joseph Hospital – “Herbie’s Friends”		(630) 232-2233
Streamwood Behavioral Healthcare	1400 E Irving Park Rd. Streamwood, IL 60107	(630) 837-9000

**Daycare**

See-Saw in Burlington	275 South Ave. Burlington, IL 60109	(847) 683-8687
Little Saints Preschool	43W301 Plank Rd Hampshire, IL 60140	(847) 464-5134
YWCA Elgin – After School Care	220 E Chicago St. Elgin, IL 60120	(847) 724-7930
Elgin Park District	100 Symphony Way Elgin, IL 60123	(847) 531-3037
Learning Tree	2325 Royal Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123	(847) 888-4220
KinderCare	2485 South St. Elgin, IL 60124	(847) 888-4288
WIC Program	620 Wing St. Elgin, IL 60123- 2800	(847) 741-1176

**Transportation**

A #1 Cab Service 24 Hours		(847) 8883990
Pace Suburban Bus	100 W Chicago St. Elgin, IL	(847) 931-6750
001 Choice Cab Inc.	P.O. Box 324 Geneva, IL 60134	(630) 377-7067
A #1 Cab – St. Charles		(847) 888-3990
Fox Cab	440 S Third St. St. Charles, IL 60174	(630) 587-8822

## APPENDIX C – COLLEGE DISABILITY SERVICES

### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DISABILITY SERVICES

There is no Special Education at the college level. Educational rights covered by IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act) do not apply to postsecondary education. Colleges must comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the civil Rights Restoration Act. College students have civil rights, but no “education” rights.

Postsecondary institutions are **required** to:

- *Make all programs and services physically accessible to all students*
- *Provide auxiliary aids, notetakers, and appropriate equipment to ensure the participation of students with disabilities in college classes and activities*
- *Accommodate the academic participation of qualified students with disabilities in college classes and activities*

Postsecondary institutions are **not required** to:

- *Provide specific auxiliary aids as long as the college provides a method of assistance that allows equal opportunity*
- *Provide academic modifications if these modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the course or program or place undue burden on the institution*
- *Lower admission criteria for applicants with disabilities*
- *Diagnose a disability or conduct testing and assessment of learning difficulties, physical, or mental impairments*
- *Provide personal attendants*
- *Provide personal or private tutors*
- *Prepare “Individualized Education Programs” (IEP’s)*

**ECC Disability Services office**  
 847-214-7417  
 Pietrina Probst, Director of ADA and Student Disabilities Services

<b>Differences in Policies and Procedures</b>	
<b>High School</b>	<b>College</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school is responsible for identifying students with disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student must self identify or disclose his/her disability</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school must provide the assessment of disability, classify disability, and involve parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student must provide documentation of his/her disability to the designated office</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School staff will discuss academic progress with parents or legal guardians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student is considered an adult with privacy and confidentiality protections. Staff cannot talk with parents or legal guardians about the student’s academic progress</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school must develop an Individualized Educational Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student must request specific accommodations and provide supporting evidence through documentation</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school must provide a free and appropriate education including modified program and appropriate related services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student must act as independent adults to activate and obtain accommodations and structure weekly schedules</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school must coordinate the provision of all services, monitor progress, and evaluate results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The college must provide reasonable accommodations for students who qualify</li> </ul>

<b>Differences in Courses</b>	
<b>High School</b>	<b>College</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class attendance is mandatory and monitored carefully</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are expected to follow the instructors attendance policy as stated in the syllabus</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers will usually approach students who are having academic difficulties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are responsible to ask the instructor for help</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers remind students of assignment due dates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are responsible for keeping track of their projects, assignments, and tests dates</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers will provide students with missed information when they are absent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must approach their instructors for information they missed when absent</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers many times will provide extra credit assignments to help students raise their grades</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra credit assignments are not usually given</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make up tests are usually available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make up tests may not be an option</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers present information to help the student understand the textbook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors may not follow the textbook, but lectures enhance the topic</li> </ul>

<b>Differences in Accommodations</b>	
<b>High School</b>	<b>College</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services include individually designed instruction, modifications, and accommodations based on the IEP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasonable accommodations may be made to provide equal access and participation</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modifications that change course outcomes may be offered based on the IEP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The college is not required to lower or effect substantial modifications to essential requirements.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate accommodations are determined by the student's Individualized Educational Plan (IEP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate accommodations must be determined based on the student's disability documentation, and individual need</li> </ul>

<b>Differences in Parent's or Legal Guardian's Role</b>	
<b>High School</b>	<b>College</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal guidance is provided by IDEA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal guidance is provided by Section 504 and ADA</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents must ensure that their child attends school until the age of 16</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are not required to send child to college</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodic progress reports are given to parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No progress reports will be given to parents</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers are free to approach parents without consent from student to discuss student's progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without a release of information signed by the student the teacher legally cannot include the parents in any part of the educational process</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parent is the student's legal guardian</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In college the student is considered to be his/her own legal guardian unless there is a court order to the contrary</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parent is expected to advocate for the student</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student is expected to advocate on his/her own behalf</li> </ul>