

2019-2020 Student Handbook Changes

Elementary Changes

Added:

Elementary handbook policies inserted before the middle and high school policies

Added:

New CHISD Procedure added for the District

****NEW CHISD PROCEDURE****

Wet pants with extra clothing in backpack:

1. Teacher to call home, leave update message if able.
2. If student has wet pants and has extra clothing in backpack - Teacher will send student to bathroom to change, put wet clothing in a plastic bag and send home in backpack, with note if unable to reach parents.

Wet pants with no clothing in backpack:

1. Teacher to call home, ask parent to bring clothes, leave message if able.
2. Send student to nurse office with a note of the number attempted to call.

Soiled (Bowel Movement) pants:

1. Teacher to call home, ask parent to come pick up student (new CHISD rule), leave a message if able.
2. Send student to nurse office with a note of the number attempted to call.
3. If pants are soiled, **parents must now pick up the student and take them home.** The student may return to school after bath and a change of clothes.

Diarrhea pants:

1. Teacher to call home, ask parent to come pick up student, leave message if able.
2. Send student to nurse office with a note of the number attempted to call.
3. Student with diarrhea will be sent home. Student may return to school in 24hrs if diarrhea free without the use of diarrhea suppressing medications

Middle School and High School Changes

Added/Revised:

Cheating and plagiarism

Plagiarism is the use of another person's original ideas or writing as one's own without giving credit to the true author. Plagiarism will be considered cheating. Plagiarism, cheating and academic dishonesty will be subject to the following:

- 1st offense is a Level II offense. Punishment will be determined by teacher and the administrative staff
- 2nd offense is a Level III offense. Punishment will result in loss of grade and a Level III corrective action

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Tardy/early release

Three occurrences will be counted as an "unexcused" absence and the absence will count against the 90% rule for required attendance per term.

A student who leaves class during the last third of the period will be recorded as early released. Early release times are treated just like tardiness for attendance purposes.

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Concurrent Enrollment:

- **Advanced Placement Courses sponsored by The College Board**
Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to enroll in advanced college level courses here on the high school campus. At the end of each course, students may take the AP exam to receive college credit.

Added/Revised:

Concurrent Enrollment:

- For the class of 2020, all non-remedial level dual credit courses other than those listed as kinesiology/physical education will be awarded weighted credit for the purpose of grade point/weighted numerical averaging.
- Beginning with class of 2021, some courses are eligible for weighted, honors credit with approval of school administration. A listing of dual credit courses approved for weighted credit is included in the "Honor Courses" section. Additional courses may be added with approval of the counselor and principal. All other dual credit courses will be transcribed as non-weighted course with a dual credit designation on the transcript. No student will be awarded high school credit for any particular high school course more than one time, regardless of honors/weighted status (i.e. students may not take both US History Honors and US History Dual Credit for high school credit).

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Approved Dual Credit Courses:

| | | | |
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| Modern Language | Spanish III Spanish Adv. Level I | Spanish 231 and 232 Any Spanish 303 or higher | |
| Mathematics | Calculus | Math 233 and 234 | prereq: Precal or Math 133 and 138 |
| | Probability and Statistics Geometry PreCalculus | Math 220 Math 133 and 139 | prereq: Alg I and II and |

Added/Revised:

Approved Dual Credit Courses:

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| Modern Language | Spanish IV Spanish V | Spanish 231 and 232 Any two semesters of Spanish 303 or higher | |
| Mathematics | Calculus | Math 233 and 234 | prereq: Precal & qualifying test score |
| | Probability and Statistics Independent Study Math | Math 220 and 320 Math 138 and 143 | prereq: Alg II & Geometry |

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Central Heights ISD “Program 30” High School Allotment for College Tuition

Added/Revised:

Expenses:

- All college tuition, fees, textbooks, supplies and transportation and related costs are the responsibility of the student/parent. Reimbursement through the “Program 30” usage of Texas High School Allotment funds has been eliminated by the Texas Legislature for the 2019-2020 school year and beyond.

Added:

Credit Granted:

- No credit will be awarded for college dual credit grades below 70.

Added:

Criteria and Guidelines (Regarding Dual Credit and SFA Classes)

- Any student who makes below a “70.0” will not be awarded credit for the course at Central Heights.

Added/Revised:

Child Nutrition Program:

- On the fifth charge a call will be made to the parents from the Food Services Manager. The sixth day the student will receive an alternative meal.
- Cafeteria prices are listed below.

| | Breakfast | Lunch |
|--------------|-----------|--------|
| • Adult | \$3.75 | \$2.25 |
| • MS/HS | \$3.25 | \$1.50 |
| • Elementary | \$3.00 | \$1.50 |

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Scholarships and Grants:

- Under the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program, the state provides eligible students financial credits in varying amounts, depending on the number of consecutive months in which the student completed graduation and the number of early college credits earned, to public or private Texas higher education institutions. The program will be limited to students who complete the Recommended or Advanced (Distinguished Achievement) High School Program. The exception will apply only for a student unable to complete the Recommended or Advanced High School Program because necessary courses were unavailable at the appropriate times in the student's high school due to course scheduling or lack of enrollment capacity or another reason outside the student's control. If the exception applies, the District will indicate the fact on the student's transcript. The counselor can provide additional information about meeting the program's eligibility requirements.
- Students who have financial need according to federal criteria and who complete the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program may be eligible under the Texas Grant Program for tuition and fees to Texas public universities, community colleges, and technical schools, as well as to private institutions. [For further information, see the principal or counselor and policies at EIC and EJ.]

Added:

PROHIBITED ITEMS

(For more details refer to The Student Code of Conduct)

It is recommended that all electronic devices be left at home due to the risk of theft.

Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices, Including Mobile Telephones

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes. A student must have approval to possess other telecommunications devices such as netbooks, laptops, tablets, or other portable computers.

Exceptions:

- Electronics may be allowed during class time when teachers deem it appropriate
- Electronics may be allowed before the first bell rings at 7:55 am or during the student's lunch period.

The use of mobile telephones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school related or school-sponsored event. If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the principal's office for a fee of \$15. Confiscated telecommunications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the student's parent will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE.] In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's personal telecommunications device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See Searches on policy FNF.] Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunications devices.

Personal Telecommunications Device Consequences:

- 1st Offense - \$15 fine with parent/guardian pick up.
- 2nd Offense – Held in the office until the end of the school year.

Radios, CD players, head phones, beats, cameras, I-pods, headphones and earphones may be allowed during class time when **TEACHERS** deem appropriate. **They are not to be worn or used outside the classroom.** Lasers and pocket knives, etc. will not be permitted at school or on school buses. Toy knives, toy guns, and water guns are not permitted on school property, including the buses. Other unlisted items may be prohibited by the principal. **Prohibited items that are taken up on the first offense will be left in the office until a parent or guardian picks it up. On second offense the item will be held in the office until the end of the school year.**