

 **Colorado's Finest High School of Choice**
Guidelines, Expectations, and Information

Welcome to **Colorado's Finest High School of Choice (CFHSC)**. You may ask any questions you have about the following items during the orientation. **THE STUDENT AND THE PARENT MUST INITIAL EACH ITEM.** Turn in one copy and keep one copy for your records. *Please initial each area below.*

1. We understand that CFHSC is an accredited high school in Englewood Public Schools and graduates will receive a certified diploma.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

2. CFHSC is a school of choice that reviews each student's progress at the end of each school year for continued enrollment in the next school year, based on the student's behaviors, academic performance, and the school's ability to continue meeting their academic and emotional needs.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

3. As a member of our school community, a student who witnesses violence or the threat of violence must immediately notify a staff member. Failure to notify an adult will result in a staff appeal with potential consequences up to and including appeals, suspension, and/or expulsion.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

4. Fighting, the threat of violence, or violent threats occurring on one's behalf will require a staff appeal with potential consequences up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. Further, law enforcement authorities will be notified.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

5. Being under the influence or in possession of any alcohol, illegal drug or substance while on school grounds will result in a staff appeal with potential consequences up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. Further, law enforcement authorities will be notified.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

6. CFHSC is a drug-free school zone. Anyone caught selling drugs on school grounds or in the school zone will have charges filed with the police and the student will permanently withdraw from CFHSC, and per state law, face an expulsion of up to one year in length.

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7. Anyone whose actions or affiliations jeopardize the safety and welfare of other students and/or staff members of CFHSC will be subject to staff appeal with potential consequences up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. Further, law enforcement authorities will be notified.

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8. Law enforcement will be notified for any student who carries a gun or any other weapon to school. The weapon is considered in the possession of the student even if it is in a vehicle. Further, per state law, the student may face an expulsion of up to one year in length.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

9. Any display of gang activity which includes, but is not limited to, the use of gang language, the writing of gang graffiti, signing, or the blatant and purposeful wearing of clothing which may depict gang affiliation will be cause for appeals with potential consequences up to and including appeals, suspension and/or expulsion.

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10. CFHSC does not allow the wearing of drug and/or alcohol words, symbols or pictures on student clothing. CFHSC does not allow the wearing of any item deemed inappropriate for a school setting or which may be derogatory, discriminatory, or otherwise offensive to any group of people. Violations of the dress code policy may require a staff appeal with potential consequences up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

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11. CFHSC students are not to visit other school campuses and behave in an antisocial manner. Consequence: The student must face appeals and may face suspension or expulsion.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

12. Cars are not places in which to socialize. Once students are in cars, they are expected to leave campus. Consequence: Students must leave campus for the remainder of the day.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

13. CFHSC is a “no ditch” campus where students who leave the campus during class times may NOT return until the next school day. Any student who leaves and returns will be sent home for the remainder of the school day.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

14. We understand that if a student is unable or unwilling to meet minimum expectations for behavior, and earns an X from a teacher (rather than a signature), the student is expected to report to the front office, where parents will be notified that the student must leave for the remainder of the day. If the X is earned in the last hour of the day, the student may not return to school the next day. We understand that this point is lost and may not be recovered.

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15. CFHSC is a tobacco free campus (any form of tobacco including vape pens, whether containing tobacco products or not). A student is considered to be smoking on campus even if they are in a car parked on campus. Vape Pens are confiscated and will not be returned.

- The first offense, the student must leave campus for the rest of the day. If the student is smoking during their last class period, they may not attend classes for the following day.
- The second smoking offense will result in the student completing five hours of community service before returning to school.
- The third offense results in a staff appeal to determine if the student may be suspended or expelled.

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16. Plagiarism is antisocial behavior and includes the falsifying of a signature, submitting school work that is not theirs, or copying or using someone else’s thoughts, words, or work without citation or consent and will result in staff appeals, as well as potential suspension or expulsion.

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17. Points (pieces of credit) are earned for participating in class, completing quality assignments, and passing exams. Students who choose not to complete satisfactory work or assignments timely will not earn credit for those tasks. Students who receive discipline arrows for Wandering (W), excessive Talking (T), Off-Task behaviors (OT), choosing to complete No Work (NW), etc. will not receive credit for those class periods until or unless they do so. Completion of this work will be expected to occur outside of the student's regular school day so it doesn't impact their work in this or other classes.

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18. At the end of each six-week session, all students who achieved fewer than 90% possible points in any class must sign up for and attend an Academic Appeals, consisting of a combination of students and teachers. This conference will determine support and changes for the following session to assist the student with becoming successful, including but not limited to: schedule changes, exploration of better work habits, ongoing check-ins, review of policies and expectations, checks for misunderstandings, etc. The Appeals meeting will be scheduled with the Family teacher and is mandatory. Parents are not required to attend the meeting, but any decisions or plans determined by the appeals board are final.

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19. CFHSC has a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Framework to assist students academically. We offer smaller class sizes, the ability to request a re-test, classes based more on ability level and less on grade level, more hands on assignments, brain breaks, etc. to all students. If it is determined a student needs additional academic support beyond the universal accommodations, the discussion of an education plan or support may be needed.

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20. CFHSC does not have a Special Education Department and is unable to provide services such as team-taught classes, pull out programs, self-contained classrooms, etc. If special education services (IEP) were being provided at the past school, a review of the current plan and the school's ability to support the student without it is required prior to completing enrollment.

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21. Within the past 12 months, this student has NOT been expelled from any school district or engaged in behavior that is considered detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students and/or school personnel.

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____


22. In order to graduate from CFHSC, all students must complete certain graduation requirements.

- ICAP/Academic Review - Individual Career and Academic Plan
- 20 hours of community/school service
- Demonstrated proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Math

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23. We certify that all of the information signed in this document is true. If any of the information is found to be false, then the student will be denied enrollment into CFHSC.

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Three Golden Rules

Colorado's Finest High School of Choice was founded on the belief that student success and a positive school climate and culture could be achieved by observing the triad of expectations, known as the Three Golden Rules. Violation of any of the Golden Rules would result in a Restorative Practice meeting called an Appeals, where a team of educators would discuss the violation, determine the who and how of any harm, and develop a plan for moving forward.

1. MAKE 90%. Students must earn 90% of the points in each class during each grading session to remain in good standing.

Possible progressive consequences:

- a. Academic Appeals
- b. Advanced Academic Appeals
- c. Staff Appeals
- d. End of the year District Denial letter

2. NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ON YOU OR IN YOU. Students may not be in possession or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at school or in the drug-free school zone. (Tobacco includes cigarettes, vape pens, chewing tobacco, etc.)

Possible progressive consequences:

- a. Behavioral Appeals
- b. Suspension
- c. Expulsion
- d. End of the year Out of District Denial letter

3. NO ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR. Threatening, fighting, bullying and harassing are all unacceptable, no matter whether they occur in person or online (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.)

Possible progressive consequences:

- a. Behavioral Appeals
- b. Suspension
- c. Expulsion
- d. End of the year Out of District Denial letter

State Law requires that students are EXPELLED for the following offenses: bringing a weapon to school/school activity or selling/distributing drugs at school/school activity.

I have read and understood the above.

Student Name: _____
(Please Print)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____
(Please Print)

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____