



CUSD Junior High School
STUDENT HANDBOOK
2025-2026

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This agenda belongs to:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

STUDENT NO. _____



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Dear CUSD Families,

As part of our efforts to maintain a safe, secure online experience for students, Chandler Unified School District uses a technology tool known as ALERT, from Lightspeed, in grades K-12. This scanning program reviews student Google files and web searches on their CUSD account for inappropriate images and /or content identified by keywords. ALERT will flag content referencing intentions of violence, drug and alcohol use, sex, self-harm, hate speech, pornography, etc. It will also analyze images to block pornography and obscene visuals from reaching students.

ALERT representatives review google files throughout the day and night and send alerts to administrators at the school and the district office. School administrators will contact parents/guardians when an alert is received. If a parent/guardian cannot be reached, administrators will contact local law enforcement to request a well-check on students of alerts regarding threats of self-harm.

All school rules apply to the content on a student's Google Drive. Students are encouraged to practice responsible digital citizenship.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with families to support and meet our students' needs and to protect them while in our care.

2025 - 2026
Chandler Unified School District No. 80

July - 25

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JULY

9	Returning Teachers Report
9-15	Teacher Inservice/Workdays
16	First Day of School for Students

January - 26

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AUGUST

20-21	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
26	Jr. High Parent/Teacher Conf-A/JHS/BJHS/SJHS/CCHS(7-8)
28	Jr. High Parent/Teacher Conf-ACPMS/PJHS/WJHS/Hill

February - 26

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SEPTEMBER

1	Labor Day Holiday - No School
19	1st Quarter Ends (47 days)
22-30	1st Intersession

March - 26

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OCTOBER

1-3	1st Intersession
6	Teacher Inservice/Workday - No school

April - 26

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NOVEMBER

11	Veterans Day Holiday - No School
26	No School
27-28	Thanksgiving Holidays - No School

May - 26

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DECEMBER

17-18	Jr High/High School Early Dismissal
18	2nd Quarter Ends (49 days/96 semester)
19	Teacher Inservice/Workday - No School
22-31	2nd Intersession

June - 26

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JANUARY

1-2	2nd Intersession continued
5	Teacher Inservice/Workday - No School
19	Martin Luther King Day Holiday - No School



FEBRUARY

3	Jr. High Parent/Teacher Conf-A/JHS/BJHS/SJHS/CCHS(7-8)
5	Jr. High Parent/Teacher Conf-ACPMS/PJHS/WJHS/Hill
16	Presidents Day Holiday - No School
18-19	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

MARCH

6	3rd Quarter Ends (42 days)
9-20	3rd Intersession
23	Teacher Inservice/Workday - No School

LEGEND

- X Total Student Days (180)
- H Teacher Days (190)
- Teacher Inservice/Workday
- Holidays
- First Day of Students
- E Elementary Early Dismissal
- J1 Jr High Early Dismissal - ACP/PJHS/WJHS/Hill
- J2 Jr High Early Dismissal - A/JHS/BJHS/SJHS/CCHS(7-8)
- J/H Jr High/High School Early Dismissal
- G Grading Period Ends
- Intersession
- Day off - No School
- L Last Day for All Students - Early Release

Welcome to Our School!

Important site and District Policies, programs and expectations are outlined in the Student Handbook on pages 11 through 36. It is imperative that students AND parents are informed of these policies and procedures. Please read through this information thoroughly. All students and parents are required to sign and return the signature form to school indicating receipt of these documents.

STUDENT/PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HANDBOOK AND SCHOOL RULES

I, _____ and my parent/guardian, _____, have received information, understand and accept the responsibilities outlined in the student agenda including:

- Attendance Procedures (page 12)
- Student code of conduct (pages 20 - 38)
- Student Device Agreement (page 25)
- CUSD Bus Infraction Information (page 39)
- School insurance information (separate handout)

Our son/daughter **may** participate in internet activities. *(circle one)* **NO** **YES**

Our son's/daughter's photograph **may** be used for official school publicity, which may include the school newsletter or website, district marketing, etc. **NO** **YES**
(circle one)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Student ID#

NOTE: CUSD is moving towards electronic signatures. If you have access, please log into the Infinite Campus Parent Portal at <https://campus.cusd80.com/campus/portal/chandler.jsp> to electronically sign this document. Once in the portal, click the Online Registration Link. If you do not have access to the internet, please sign and return form to your student's designated teacher.

Student Confinement for Discipline Purposes (A.R.S. §15-843 and Policy 5-406): Parent Notification and Consent

Please read the information that has been provided regarding this topic on page 4 of the Student Handbook before completing this form.

The District does not engage in the use of confinement for disciplinary purposes. However, pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843, the District is required to notify parents/guardians that confinement may be used for disciplinary purposes and provide a process to obtain prior written parental consent in the event it is used.

Please indicate your consent or refusal to the use of confinement of your child for disciplinary purposes by checking the appropriate box below and signing where indicated.

I have read the notification included **on page 5** of the Student Handbook and consent to the use of confinement of my child for disciplinary purposes if determined appropriate by school personnel.

I have read the notification included **on page 5** of the Student Handbook and do not consent to the use of confinement of my child for disciplinary purposes if determined appropriate by school personnel.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

STUDENT CONFINEMENT: PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT

Policy 5-406

Arizona law (A.R.S. §15-843) requires school district discipline policies to address the confinement of students left alone in an enclosed space. Governing Board Policy 5-306, "Student Discipline".

The District does not engage in the use of confinement for disciplinary purposes. However, pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843, the District is required to notify parents/guardians that confinement may be used for disciplinary purposes and provide a process to obtain prior written parental consent.

Although the District does not anticipate the use of confinement for disciplinary purposes, it has adopted the following process to notify parents/guardians of the possible use of confinement for disciplinary purposes, as well as to obtain their prior written consent:

- The notification will be included in the Student Handbook disseminated at the beginning of every school year.
- Parent consent will be obtained by having the parent indicate their agreement or disagreement for the use confinement for disciplinary purposes on the Acknowledgement of the Student Handbook Receipt form, completed yearly.

Please indicate your consent or refusal to permit the confinement of your child alone in an enclosed space for disciplinary purposes where indicated on the Welcome to our School page. By signing the Welcome to our School page at the front of the Student Handbook, you are acknowledging that you have read this notification.

Please note: Arizona law and Governing Board Policy permit school personnel to place a student alone in an enclosed space without parental consent if the school principal or teacher determines that the pupil poses an imminent physical harm to self or others. In this case, the school principal or teacher shall make reasonable attempts to notify the student's parent/guardian in writing by the end of the same day that confinement was used.

Body Worn Cameras (BWC's)

Increasingly, law enforcement agencies are utilizing BWC's in their law enforcement practices, including those agencies that collaborate with the District. We have requested and been provided with information concerning how these devices may be used. While each agency has adopted its own policy for the use of BWC's, we wanted to provide you with the following information below. Generally, BWC's will only be turned on when there is a "law enforcement action" taking place or when deemed appropriate by the officer. BWC's are typically NOT utilized in the following circumstances:

- Traditionally private settings (bathrooms, locker rooms, during medical exams, etc.) absent a compelling reason to do so.
- When the victim of a sexual assault requests that a recording not be made.
- During casual interactions with individuals when there is no law enforcement action, e.g., greeting and talking to students, when teaching law related classes, and when simply being a crime deterrent presence.
- When making a recording would be impossible, impractical, or unsafe.

All law enforcement agencies must comply with A.R.S. § 1-602(9), which requires, in pertinent part, written parent consent prior to making a video or voice recording, unless the video or voice recording is made by law enforcement officers during or as part of a law enforcement investigation, during or as part of an interview in a criminal or child safety services investigation or to be used solely for any of the following:

- Safety demonstrations, including the maintenance of order and discipline in the common areas of a school or on pupil transportation vehicles;
- A purpose related to a legitimate academic or extracurricular activity;
- A purpose related to regular classroom instruction.
- Security or surveillance of buildings or grounds; or
- A photo identification card.

Grade Reports

Chandler Unified utilizes paperless grade reports. All progress reports and report cards can be printed from the portal. Each parent is encouraged to activate their Infinite Campus portal account. Portal accounts will allow parents to check their child's academic progress any time during the school year. All school sites have a parent portal manager should you require set-up assistance or have further questions. If you still require a paper copy of grade reports, please inform your school.

Final Exams

Students may not take semester final exams prior to the time they are scheduled. Students who are absent during semester final exams will receive an F for the final exam. In order for the grade to be changed, students must take the final within the first two weeks of the next semester as arranged through administration.

Every Student Succeeds Act Policy 5-303

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) gives you the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

Whether the student's teacher –

- Has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- Is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher;
- Whether the child is provided services by para-professionals and, if so, their qualifications.

To obtain this information, please contact District human resources.

ARS §15-341(A)(29) Notice to parents – An employee's educational and teaching background and experience in a particular academic content subject area shall be made available for inspection on request of parents and guardians of pupils enrolled at a the student's school. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any school to release personally identifiable information in relation to any teacher or employee, including the teacher's or employee's address, salary, social security number or telephone number.



Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information Policy – 5-303

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*, a Federal law, requires that Chandler Unified School District (CUSD), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, CUSD may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow CUSD to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want CUSD to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing within two weeks of the start of school, or within two weeks of initial enrollment, if not enrolled at the start of the school. CUSD has designated the following information as directory information:

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| -Student's name | -Participation in officially recognized activities and sports |
| -Parent/Guardian's name | -Weight and height of members of athletic teams |
| -SAIS/Student ID number | -Degrees, honors, and awards received |
| -Address | -The most recent educational agency or institution attended |
| -Telephone listing | |
| -Electronic mail address | |
| -Photograph of Student | |
| -Date and place of birth | |
| -Major field of study | |
| -Dates of attendance | |
| -Grade level | |

1 These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-95), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.

For more information about FERPA, please refer to Governing Board Policy 5-303.

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)-Policy 1-203

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

- Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (“protected information survey”) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)–
 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
 3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
 8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of –
 1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
- Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –
 1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. CUSD will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. CUSD will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. CUSD will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-5920

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION – Policy 1-203

Chandler Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex or gender, sexual orientation, disability, or age in its programs or activities, including admission and employment, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Compliance Officers for Title IX and all categories other than disability-based complaints:

Notice of Non-discrimination: <https://www.cusd80.com/Domain/11768>

Ken James /Title IX Coordinator
1525 W. Frye Rd, Chandler, AZ 85224
James.Ken@cusd80.com

Chris Rossini, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
1525 W. Frye Rd, Chandler, AZ 85224
Rossini.chris@cusd80.com

Compliance officer for Section 504 and ADA complaints:

Sarah Stone, Executive Director of Student Services
1525 W. Frye Rd
Chandler, AZ 85224
Stone.Sarah@cusd80.com

Inquiries about the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, or both.

Aviso de no discriminación

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Chandler no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, origen étnico, nacionalidad, religión, sexo o género, orientación sexual, discapacidad o edad en sus programas y actividades y proporciona igualdad de acceso a Boy Scouts y a otros grupos juveniles designados. En conformidad con el Título IX, el Distrito no discrimina por motivos de sexo en ninguno de sus programas o actividades, incluyendo, pero no limitado a, admisiones y empleo. Las siguientes personas han sido designadas para encargarse de las consultas de Título IX con respecto a las políticas de no discriminación:

Funcionario de Cumplimiento de Título IX

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Funcionario de Cumplimiento para Sección 504:

Sarah Stone, Executive Director de Servicios Estudiantiles
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Además, las consultas pueden ser remitidas al Subsecretario de Derechos Civiles del Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos.

Sexual Harassment and Title IX Policies:

<https://www.cusd80.com/Domain/11768>

District Culture

CUSD MISSION STATEMENT

To empower all students with the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to excel in college, career and life.

CUSD STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES – Policy 5-301 / 5-305

- RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS:
Students have a right to an education without interference from others.
- SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:
Students have a responsibility to attend school daily and to be on time.
- COMPLETE WORK ASSIGNMENTS:
Students are responsible for completing all class work and homework on time. It is the student's responsibility to get homework or make-up work for absences.
- PREPARED FOR CLASS:
Students have a responsibility to bring to class any necessary books and materials that may be required to actively participate in class assignments and/or activities.
- RESPECT PUBLIC PROPERTY:
Students have a responsibility to respect and to protect all school property, materials and equipment.
- SHOW RESPECT:
Students have a responsibility to demonstrate respect for other students, faculty, staff, community members and themselves.
- OBEY SCHOOL RULES:
Students have a responsibility to know and obey rules and regulations in order to provide a safe and positive learning environment.
- COOPERATE WITH SCHOOL STAFF:
Students have a responsibility to maintain a safe, orderly environment, and have an obligation to cooperate with school staff, authorities and peers.

Academics

AWARD ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held periodically during the school year. Students are encouraged to take pride in their abilities and start early to work towards excellence.

BOOKS AND SCHOOL PROPERTY – Policy 5-215

Furnished textbooks, district assigned devices, library books, athletic uniforms and equipment are the student's responsibility. If school property issued to the student is lost or damaged, parent/guardian of the student will be expected to pay for replacement. Even if the item is stolen – **the student is ultimately responsible**. Until payment is received, whether in the current or subsequent year(s), **students may not participate** in any extracurricular activity or attend school events other than regular classes. Exceptions may only be made under the approval of Principal or designated party. Under Arizona law, parents are liable for damage done to school property by their children. A pupil who cuts, defaces, or otherwise damages any school property may be suspended from school, and that student's parent/guardian will be charged for such damage. Please take pride in your school and participate in taking care of your CUSD campus.

CONFERENCES

Parent/teacher conferences may be scheduled through the school office at any point during the year. Formal conferences will be held in August and February. Students will be released early from school on those dates.

HONOR ROLL

To be eligible for the honor roll, the student must maintain the GPA established at his/her school site. A failing grade in any class automatically disqualifies the student from consideration.

MAKE-UP WORK

Students who are absent will be required to make up all work missed in his/her classes. It is the student's responsibility to obtain all missed assignments. The following guidelines have been established with regards to make-up work.

- For each day missed, the student has at least an equal number of days to complete the make-up work assigned. Failure to do so may result in a failing grade or no credit.
- Only in cases involving an extended illness of more than three consecutive days, should parents contact the school to make arrangements to pick up the student's work. In this situation, additional make-up assignments may be required upon the student's return. **Please Note: Work must be requested 24 hours in advance of pick-up.**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Shorts, shirts, athletic shoes and socks must be worn during Physical Education classes. Clothing must be neat and clean, and marked with the student's name, and school colors are strongly encouraged. If the student needs to be excused from participation for medical reasons, he/she must present a signed note from his/her parent/guardian to the Physical Education instructor. This note may excuse the student from physical activities for a period of no more than three (school or class) days. Any condition requiring a student to miss more than three days will require signed verification from a medical professional. The student will be expected to dress out during non-participation days unless the parent specifies otherwise.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS – Policy 5-216

Chandler Unified utilizes paperless report cards. Report cards are issued following each nine-week grading period. Five-week progress reports are provided each quarter, allowing students who are having difficulty to improve before report cards are issued. Nine-week grades are an indication of progress. Only semester grades become a part of the student's permanent record. Students have the right to question grades, absence records, and other school records. If you think an error has been made, the first level of appeal is "the point of origin". For example, if you question a math grade, contact the teacher who recorded the grade. The second level of appeal is the Principal.

RETENTION – Policy 5-216

Students must earn a minimum of four (4) credits in order to be promoted to the next grade level. *Failing to earn passing grades in both Language Arts/Reading and Math will result in retention unless the student has attended mandatory summer school.* Additionally, if students fail to pass two or more core academic classes, including Science or Social Studies, they may be retained or required to attend a Summer School or an intersession program.

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES (MOVIES/VIDEOS/ELECTRONIC MATERIALS) Policy 3-403

Movies, videos and electronic materials with ratings other than for general audiences of all ages are not to be shown in classrooms or at any District facility (this includes buses and motels where students are present) except when all of the following have occurred:

- The movie, video or electronic material has been previewed by the teacher or other certificated staff member;
- The movie, video or electronic material has been determined to not contain material that is objectionable or inappropriate for the age group to which it is intended to be shown;
- The responsible school administrator has approved of the use of the movie, video or electronic material prior to its showing;
- The teacher or other certificated staff member has provided advance notification to each student's parent(s), or other responsible adult, of the title of the movie, video or electronic material and the date on which it will be shown;
- When a movie, video or electronic material has a rating, the above advance notification will include the rating and the source providing the rating;
- A student whose parent(s) or other responsible adult has provided notice of their disapproval will not be permitted to view the movie, video or electronic material.

Parents have the right to request that their child not view any movie or video, regardless of its rating or the purpose for which it is to be shown.

A parent or guardian (who objects to any learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful because it questions beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion or, because of sexual content, violent content, or profane or vulgar language) may request to withdraw that student from the activity or from the class or program in which the material is used and request an alternative assignment. *Please reference CUSD Board Policy 5-208 for more information.*

TUTORING

Each school provides on campus tutoring either before or after school. Please contact the school for specific dates, times, and transportation options with regards to academic tutoring. Students that opt to participate in these programs receive assistance free of charge from certified teachers, as well as qualified high school students.

General School Information

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES – Policy 5-103

Attendance is considered one of the most important factors in student achievement. Our junior high school is committed to meeting the District's mission and has therefore set a goal of 95% daily attendance rate and developed the following procedures to ensure student attendance. A student is considered absent when he/she misses one or more classes in a day.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Illness, medical appointments, family bereavement, and court appearances are examples of absences that will be excused when the proper procedures have been followed.

- Parents are asked to call the attendance line within 24 hours of a student's absence from school.
- Parents must phone in each day that their student is absent; calling in on the first day of absence will only excuse that day.
- In the event that a phone is not accessible, a note signed and dated by the parent explaining the reason for absence will be acceptable upon the student's return to school.
- Parents will be notified by the front office on the day of the absence, if they have failed to call in.
- Failure to call within the 24-hour period may result in the student receiving an unexcused absence.
- Any absence due to an illness that requires the student to be out of school for 3 or more days will only be excused by a doctor's note.
- In cases where a student may be absent due to a chronic/on-going medical condition, a note from a physician, on official stationery, explaining school attendance will suffice as a doctor's excuse for all student absences related to the condition.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Missing the bus, babysitting, and over-sleeping are examples of absences that will not be excused. Each unexcused absence will result in a student receiving a consequence. Five unexcused absences in one semester may result in a citation requiring the parent and student to appear before a judge on charges of truancy.

REPEATED ABSENTEEISM: A student with 10 or more absences, excused, unexcused or a combination of both, will result in notification of the CUSD truancy officer, who will contact the student and parent/guardian to discuss intervention strategies. Additionally, all future absences will require written verification from a medical professional. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute – *ARS 15-802/15-803*, “. . . *students who exceed an absentee rate of 10% are considered truant, even if the absences are excused.*” **Please Note: Chronic absenteeism will impact the continuation and/or approval of Open Enrollment applications.**

CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS: Policy 5-104 The District will provide appropriate educational opportunities for any student identified by an appropriately licensed healthcare provider as having a chronic health condition requiring management on a long-term basis that will affect regular school attendance. Please work with your student's registered school nurse to initiate a Certificate of Chronic illness

AUTOS, BICYCLES, ROLLER BLADES, SKATEBOARDS, AND SCOOTERS

If a student rides a bike to school, he/she should provide a padlock and always lock the bike in the bike compound. Bikes should be registered and licensed for student protection. Bikes, scooters, electric and motorized transportation must be walked across campus at all times. Failure to do so may result in the student losing the privilege of riding his/her bike to school. Please remember the importance of bicycle safety and follow the established rules at all times.

Students attending junior high school are not permitted to drive a motor vehicle on campus. Roller blades and skateboards may not be ridden on any of the District's campuses before, during, or after the school day. **Please Note: Schools are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal possessions.**

CAMPUS PASSES

While classes are in session, students should not be out of the classroom without a pass that has been issued by a staff member.

COUNSELORS – Policy 5-411

Counselors are available to assist students, teachers, and parents with school matters. Individual and group counseling may deal with educational and/or social problems. Students may sign up to see a counselor in the main office.

CSTAG -The Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines

Safety is a top priority at the Chandler Unified School District (CUSD). CUSD recognizes the importance of a consistent process to use when addressing concerns about a student's well-being. Therefore, CUSD has adopted the evidence-based threat assessment model known as the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG). All CUSD schools have a trained threat assessment team to evaluate the risk of violence and provide a multidisciplinary perspective. Every instance of threatening behavior will be treated seriously and examined thoroughly under CUSD's process to ensure a safe learning environment.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

The District implements English Language Development (ELD) models that are approved by the Arizona Department of Education and support our students' needs at each elementary school. ELD learners are required to have a minimum time of instruction for English Language Development. For kindergarten through 5th grade: 120 minutes per day, 600 minutes per week, or 360 hours per school year. For 6th grade through 12th grade: 100 minutes per day, 600 minutes per week, or 300 hours per school year.

The Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA) is used to determine the English language proficiency of Arizona K-12 students whose primary home language is other than English. Our current models are based on the number of ELD learners at a given school site. Model One is a pull-out or push-in approach for schools that have few ELD learners. A highly qualified ELD support teacher works closely with the regular classroom teacher and both provide instruction in the areas of reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and oral language development during the regular school day. The ELD support teacher may service the ELD learners between two to four hours each day. Model Two is a self-contained approach for schools that have many ELD learners. The students are grouped by their grade level and their English language level. They're assigned to a highly qualified ELD classroom teacher who services the ELD learners by providing instruction in the areas of reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and oral language development during the regular school day. We have asked the State Board of Education for an alternative model that we feel to be more effective. As of the printing of this handbook the proposal is under review. Adjustments to classrooms may be made at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY – Policy 1-201

Federal law protects students from discrimination in any educational program or activity on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion or disability. Lack of English language skills shall not be a barrier to admission and participation in District programs. Please refer to page 7 of the Student Handbook for contact information.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE – Policy 3-401

Each school maintains detailed emergency response plans for dealing with emergency situations, and has excellent communication with local law enforcement agencies. Schools participate in monthly fire drills and complete school-wide lockdown drills each year. Preparedness for an emergency, however, is an excellent precaution. Leave your room quickly in an orderly fashion, closing all doors as you leave and proceed to the nearest designated evacuation area. Students must follow the directions of the teacher. Pulling a fire alarm when an emergency does not exist is against the law. Students involved will be suspended from school.

FLYERS – Policy 2-101

Flyers for local non-profit organizations sponsoring student activities and flyers that promote third party invitations to students or parents who attend our school, may be approved through our Community Education Department. Once the flyer is reviewed and approved, it may be available to parents or students at a central location designated by the school. Community members who wish to distribute flyers should contact our Community Education Office at 480-224-3908.

HEALTH SERVICES – 5-404 The Jr. high school health office is staffed by a licensed registered nurse to provide emergency care, health consultation, and act as a resource for students and parents.

Specific procedures and permission forms are required for the school staff to administer both prescription and non-prescription medications. If students require prescription medications during the school day or require any medical treatment written orders will be required from the prescribing licensed healthcare provider.

If students become ill and must go home, a student leave permit must be obtained from the school health office and presented to the school attendance office before leaving campus.

Please see the health services department tab on the district website www.cusd80.com for specific information and forms required from parents and licensed care providers, the medication administration policy, health protocols for student illness, immunizations, hearing and vision screening procedures, and information on specific health conditions.

HEALTH PROTOCOL – Policy 5-404

Should it be determined that your child cannot be in school you will need to make arrangements to have your child picked up immediately to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

Your child will not be allowed at school and will be sent home if the following condition(s) are present:

1. Students and staff members who test positive for COVID-19 must remain at home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication and their symptoms have improved. Upon return, we will ask that students and staff wear a mask (optional). Students and staff members who test positive for COVID-19 but have no symptoms will be asked to wear a mask (optional). Students may be sent home for multiple symptoms.

2. Fever of **100.4° or higher**. Students and Staff must be fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) before returning to school.
3. Persistent cough that interferes with learning for the student and class.
4. Sore throat with fever and/or white spots on the throat. **If strep throat is diagnosed (note required)**, the child must be on antibiotic medication and fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) before returning to school.
5. Rash with/without fever and/or signs of illness or behavioral changes. (i.e. chicken pox, measles, etc.) Even non-contagious rash conditions can be a symptom of a health condition even if it is just unsightly, uncomfortable, or itchy. Medical attention may be needed to reduce symptoms or disease risks.
6. Vomited (not caused by motion sickness or a gag reflex unassociated with illness) A child must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.
7. Diarrhea of two (2) or more loose/watery stools in a 24-hour period unless other signs of illness are present. A child must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.
8. Skin sores on an exposed surface are weeping fluid and cannot be covered.
9. Red, itchy, and purulent draining eyes. If conjunctivitis or “pink eye” is diagnosed, the child must be on medication for 24 hours before returning to school. If not diagnosed by medical provider student must remain out until symptoms have cleared.
10. Prolonged and/or persistent headache or stomachache that does not resolve.
11. Swelling or pain at a level that may interfere with learning.
12. Earache with severe discomfort and/or fever.
13. Toothache with facial swelling and/or fever.
14. Active (live) Head Lice. A child must remain at home until treatment with pediculicide. A child may return to school if there are no live lice present. Please notify the Health Office as the student must be cleared to attend class.

Hearing and Vision Screening

Staff will be conducting hearing and vision screening throughout the school year. If you have specific concerns with your child's hearing or vision, please contact your student's teacher.

The following groups of students will have hearing and/or vision screening completed in accordance with A.R.S. 36-899 & R9-13-102 (ADHS).

- Preschool, Kindergarten, first grade (1st), third grade (3rd), fifth grade (5th), seventh grade (7th), and ninth grade (9th).
- Any Student enrolled in Special Education (all grades) as required by ARS.
- Any student new to Chandler Unified School District (all grades)

If you wish to opt out of the state mandated screening, please go to the health services website at <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/463> in the Hearing and Vision Screening section and follow the instructions to “opt out”. In accordance of A.R.S.36-899.04 & R9-13-102 (ADHS) to honor a “opt out” request we must receive the completed and signed form prior to scheduled screenings.

Please feel free to contact the school health office with any questions.

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS – Policy 5-404 / 5404.A

All medication is to be brought to school by the parent/guardian in a properly labeled container from the pharmacy and/or the original unopened, over the counter packaging. No expired medication will be accepted. You may ask the pharmacist to label two containers: one for school and one for home. Medications will not be sent home with students daily.

Medications will **NOT** be crushed without a licensed healthcare provider order. Parent/guardian is required to provide student specific pill crusher. If a medication needs to be cut in half, it will be done by the parent/guardian **NOT** the health assistant or nurse.

Any medications that the district/school nurse feels are unsafe will not be administered until licensed healthcare provider clarification is obtained. School nurses must follow all State Scope of Practice regulations.

Students will **NOT** be allowed to carry or administer their own medication except with special written permission from the parent/guardian,

licensed healthcare provider, building administrator/principal, and school/district nurse. This includes prescriptions, over the counter medications and natural/ herbal supplements. No controlled substances will be allowed for self-carry for the safety of all students.

The parent/guardian is responsible to pick up the child's medication at the end of the school year. Any medication left over will be discarded on the last day of class. **No Exceptions.**

Parent/guardian is responsible for providing medications for overnight and extended day field trips with all appropriate paperwork.

Medications will not be given at school that mask COVID-19 like symptoms (i.e. headache).

Prescription Medication:

- Prescription medication must be prescribed by your child's Arizona healthcare provider and filled by a licensed pharmacy. Medication prescribed by out-of-state healthcare providers can be administered for up to 60 days. After 60 days, the prescription must be replaced by a provider licensed in the State of Arizona. No Prescriptions from outside of the United States will be accepted.
- Medications prescribed to be taken one (1) two (2) and three (3) times a day are not routinely given at school. Exceptions may be made if the nurse discusses the need with the healthcare provider and they find this is necessary.
- A Consent for Medication Administration form must be filled out and signed by the child's healthcare provider, and the parent/guardian, in order for prescription medication to be given.
- A new Consent for Medication Administration form must be completed and signed by the child's healthcare provider for any changes to prescription medication (dosage, timing, etc.), including each new school year.
- The student is responsible for coming to the health office or to the designated person to take the medication.
- Narcotic pain medication, controlled substances, CBD oil and medical marijuana will not be given in the general education setting at school for the safety of the student. (ARS§15-108).
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OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION: All Non-prescription medications will be dispensed to students upon the completion of the Consent for Medication Administration form with parent/guardian signature. Medication will be given in accordance with package directions. Dosage must be weight and age appropriate per label (i.e. children specific formula).

- If medication is to be administered for three (3) consecutive days, a licensed healthcare provider order must be submitted to the school health office for continuing administration of the medication beyond the three (3) days to ensure that use of this medication is not masking symptoms of a serious condition in the student.
- In order to minimize the possibility of a drug overdose, non-prescribed medications will not be dispensed during the first and last hours of the school day.
- A new Consent for Medication Administration form is required for each school year.
- The health office does have a supply of Acetaminophen (Tylenol) in pill form that we can give to your student if they will benefit from it and help keep them in school. For us to administer, the parent/guardian must give permission during the online registration process each school year. The frequent use of Acetaminophen (Tylenol) has been shown to cause liver problems in both children and adults; therefore, we will use Acetaminophen (Tylenol) at our discretion. If we find we are administering Acetaminophen (Tylenol) on a recurrent basis, you may be contacted to provide a note from your doctor along with a supply of the medication for the health office.

NATURAL/HERBAL PREPARATIONS AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS: Supplements are not regulated by the FDA. Under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA), the FDA treats supplements like food. Supplements can include minerals, vitamins or other natural biological substances and they are available in a variety of shapes and sizes, including concentrates, extracts, capsules, tablets, liquids, and powders. Because these are not regulated by the FDA, we have guidelines in place to ensure the safety of all students.

- All Natural, Herbal and Dietary supplements will be dispensed to students upon the completion and signature of the Consent for Medication Administration form by the parent/guardian.
- A new Consent for Medication Administration form is required for each school year.
- Supplement must be in original unopened container with all instructions intact on that container.
- If supplement is to be administered for more than three (3) consecutive days, a licensed healthcare provider's order may be necessary.
- Supplements will not be given the first and last hour of the school day to avoid any possibility of overdose.

- Identification of the condition for which the product is being used is necessary. That includes all safety information, possible side effects, contraindications, and adverse reactions.

IMMUNIZATIONS –Please see health services under the department tab on the district website www.cusd80.com for specific information and forms required for parents and licensed healthcare providers via the Arizona Department of Health Services website. If you have questions on immunizations for your students, please contact the staff in your school health office for more information.

The Chandler CARE center at 777 E Galveston St. provides immunizations to uninsured families. Call 480-812-7900 for more information.

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION – Policy 5-104

The District provides academic tutoring for students eligible for homebound services in the home by a certified teacher. To be eligible, a physician must certify that a student will be absent for three months due to a medical condition. These three months do not have to be consecutive. Forms are available through the office of Student Services at the Instructional Resource Center (IRC) at 480-224-3732.

HOMELESS STUDENTS Policy 102.A

Notice of Student Rights under the “McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act”. This federal legislation guarantees homeless children and youth the following:

- The right to immediate enrollment in school, even if lacking paperwork normally required for enrollment
- The right to attend school in his/her school of origin (if this is requested by the parent or unaccompanied children and youth and is feasible) or in the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing
- The right to receive transportation to his/her school of origin, if this is requested by the parent or unaccompanied children and youth
- The right to services comparable to those received by housed schoolmates, including transportation and supplemental educational services
- The right to attend school along with children not experiencing homelessness. Segregation based on a student’s status as homeless is strictly prohibited
- The posting of homeless students’ rights in all schools and other places around the community

The term “homeless children and youths”—

A. means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes:

- Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting formal care placement
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human being
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces or abandoned buildings; substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS (ID)/STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

Students are required to carry school-issued identification cards at all times. IDs are required for use in the cafeteria, media center, after school events and on buses. If a student loses their ID card, they may purchase a replacement for a fee, as determined by each site. Students shall identify themselves by name and ID, upon request by site administrator, SRO, security, or any District staff member.

INSURANCE

Your child’s school does not provide medical insurance coverage for school accidents. This means that you are responsible for the medical bills if your child gets hurt during school activities. Student accident/health insurance plans are offered to help you pay those bills. The Student Health Care and High Option 24-hour Accident plans are especially recommended for those students with no other insurance because they provide the most help when injuries occur. Student Health Care covers illness as well as injury, 24 hours a day. If your child does have other health coverage, student insurance may also be used to help pay charges not covered by other insurance. If your child qualifies for Medicare, you must obtain from your school office a copy of the “Important Notice to Persons on Medicare” prior to applying for student insurance. Insurance forms are sent home the first week of school and may also be obtained in the school office.

LOST AND FOUND

We encourage you to label all clothing, musical instruments, and other personal items. Clothing and other articles found at school will be placed in a designated area. All inventory is donated to charity periodically throughout the year. All notebooks should have the student’s name written in ink.

LOCKERS

Lockers are available for physical education and/or performing art areas (Varied by campus). Be sure to lock your locker and spin the dial to ensure that it catches. **Do not give the combination to anyone!** The District does not carry insurance to cover theft of student property. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen money or valuables. We strongly urge students not to bring large amounts of money or valuable items to school. Student lockers are school property and remain at all times under the control of the school. School authorities may inspect lockers, without student consent, at any time, for any reason, and without a search warrant.

LUNCH

Lunch accounts may be established online at **MySchoolBucks.com** or in the cafeteria. Please note that electronic deposits may not be available for student use immediately, taking up to 24 hours for processing. Cash or check deposits to accounts may be made in the cafeteria before school. In order for our lunchtime environment to be acceptable, everyone must assume responsibility for its cleanliness and upkeep. This means that every student, regardless of who dropped the food or paper, must obey a request to pick it up.

At lunch, students shall abide by the following rules:

- Be prepared to enter your ID number at the cashier in order to keep the lunch line moving quickly.
- Be patient in line! **No crowding** for any reason (including a student purchasing a lunch for another student).
- Keep our areas litter-free!
- Keep food to yourself. **Never** throw food.
- Remain in the designated area. Never leave without permission.
- Be cooperative and respectful to adult supervisors.
- Never sit or mark on lunch tables. Leave them clean!

The consequences for violating any of the above rules will be as follows:

- Be assigned to community service in the lunch area.
- In the event a student refuses to do the community service, he/she will be referred to the office and may lose the privilege of using the lunch facilities.

Volunteer lunch workers must maintain satisfactory performance in the class from which they leave early and be recommended for work by cafeteria staff. The cafeteria supervisors are the extended arms of the classroom teacher and carry the same authority. Any defiance of their requests will be defined as "defiance of school authority" as covered in the disciplinary guidelines.

For the safety and protection of our students, junior high campuses are closed campuses, which means that students may not leave the campus before the regular dismissal time without the parent coming to the office and signing the student out. This also holds true should a student leave at lunch. Their parent must sign them out in the office.

FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES (Door Dash, Grub Hub, Uber Eats, etc)

We do not allow or accept food delivery orders of any kind at any time of the day. Students and/or parents may not order food delivery to be dropped off at school. The front office will not accept orders and will refuse the delivery.

LIBRARY

The library is open at the beginning of the school day and will remain open for student use until the end of the school day. With a pass from his or her teacher, the student may go to the library during a class period to do reference work. Materials in the media center may be checked out; some on an overnight loan, others for periods up to two weeks. Be sure that no books or materials are taken from the library without checking them out at the desk.

PARENT RIGHTS TO EDUCATIONAL RECORDS – Policy 5-303

The District respects the privacy of student records and recognizes that only pertinent and factual information should be contained in the permanent records of District students. Governing Board policy 5-303 address the availability of student records to students 18 years of age and older and to parents of students under 18 years of age, and limit the information contained in student records that can be made available to persons or agencies outside the District without the express permission of parents or emancipated students. The District adheres to the regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and applicable Arizona laws. Procedures for reviewing the student records are available in the school office.

PUBLICITY

Occasionally, a student's photograph/image is used for official school and/or district publicity. Publicity may include the school's website, newsletter, social media, or local newspapers. Parents may request that their student not be included in publicity by checking **NO** on the Student/Parent Acknowledgement of Handbook and School Rules form found in Online Registration.

SPECIAL EDUCATION – 5-203

Various special education programs are available to students that qualify. Eligibility for special education programs is regulated by state and federal laws and guidelines. The school principal, counselor, psychologist, teachers and parents consult together when encountering a pupil

with special needs. Staff also designs specialized accommodations for qualified students. Some students assigned to special education classes may be bussed from their home school to the school providing the program and services designed to meet their special needs. The following special education programs are among those available in the district:

- Adaptive Physical Education Consulting and direct services are provided for special education students unable to participate in regular physical education classes
- Emotional Disability (ED) Resource services are available for eligible students with emotional and behavioral needs at their home schools. Specially structured classes at designated district sites are provided for those students who cannot function successfully in regular classroom situations at their home school
- Hearing Impairment Evaluation, accommodations and services are provided depending on the individual needs of eligible children
- Mild Intellectual Disability Resource classes at home school and specially structured classes at designated district sites are available for those children whose cognition requires instruction in academics and independence at individualized levels
- Moderate & Severe Mental Intellectual Disability Special classes are provided for students whose cognitive ability is at a functional level and who need curriculum consisting of life and independence skills such as self-help/care
- Occupational and Physical Therapy (OT and PT) Evaluation and/or therapy are provided for students enrolled in special education whose physical/motor needs warrant it in order to benefit from special education. Therapy may be direct or in conjunction with the classroom teacher, Physical Education teacher and parents
- Priority Preschool for Speech/Moderate/Severe Delays (PriPresch) Evaluation, integrated classrooms, and home school therapies are available for 3 – 5 year olds with disabilities
- Specific Learning Disability (SLD) Resource and extended programs are provided for those children who have average abilities, but do not achieve at their expected rate in academic areas of reading, math and written expression
- Speech & Language Impairment (SLI) Evaluation and speech services are provided for students who have speech or language disorders that interfere with the educational process
- Vision Impairment (VI) Evaluation and services are available for children diagnosed as having a vision disability. Also provided are mobility training, special materials, and tutorial assistance

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS – Policy 5-203

Student records maintained by the District in the Special Education department and the process for ensuring confidentiality and appropriate access to such records is described in more detail under “FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) Notification of Rights under FERPA”. When personally identifiable information about your child in Special Education is no longer needed to provide educational services to your child, the information is stored for a minimum of two years after the date your child was last enrolled in this school district. After two years, Special Education records are referred for long-term storage. Please contact the District office of Special Education if you have questions about record maintenance or require assistance with obtaining your child’s records from Special Education after leaving Chandler Schools.

VISITORS – Policy 3-203

Parents and guardians are welcome on campus in conformity with District policies. Please contact the front office in advance. Adult visitors to the campus must check in at the office and wear a visitor's pass. Students may not bring friends, relatives, or younger brothers or sisters to visit. Classroom observations/visitations shall be arranged with the teacher and administration prior to taking place. The District will not assume supervision or liability of students not enrolled at the school.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

If it becomes necessary for the student to withdraw from school during the school term, parents should notify the registrar two days in advance to prepare transfer records. The student will be given a withdrawal form to take to each teacher for proper clearance. Parents may come to school and make the withdrawal at any time. Having the forwarding address of the new school is very helpful. All school-issued books, technology and materials must be turned in prior to withdrawal.

Junior High School Athletics

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Chandler's Interscholastic Athletic Program is to promote, for the maximum number of students, sportsmanship, teamwork, skill development, and academic achievement. For questions or specific information regarding athletics, please contact the school's Athletic Director.

East Valley Conference Schools

Andersen Junior High School, Chandler
 Arizona College Prep Middle School, Chandler
 Bogle Junior High School, Chandler
 Camille Casteel Jr. High School, Chandler
 Cooley Middle School, Higley
 Crismon High School, Queen Creek
 Eastmark High School, Queen Creek

Newell Barney College Prep, Queen Creek
 Payne Junior High School, Chandler
 Queen Creek Middle School, Queen Creek
 Santan Junior High School, Chandler
 Sossaman Middle School, Higley
 Willis Junior High School, Chandler

Pre Try-Out Procedures

Athletic forms (both physical and electronic documents) must be completed before students are eligible to try out for a sport. Forms are available via, Aktivite. To register please use the link on your schools athletics website. Athletes must also have proof of insurance prior to tryouts.

SPORTS SEASONS			
1st Quarter Wrestling Girls Volleyball Baseball Cheer	2nd Quarter Cross Country Softball Boys Basketball Cheer Tennis	3rd Quarter Flag Football Girls Basketball Boys Soccer Cheer	4th Quarter Track & Field Girls Soccer Boys Volleyball

PARTICIPATION – Policy 5-410

Each athletic season is nine weeks in length. Selected participants are expected to make a full commitment to the established EVC schedule of games for his/her sport. If an athlete is involved in Club/AAU or other extra-curricular activities, he/she should be available for ALL school games or tournament play during the specific sport season in which they were eligible to participate. Failure/inability to commit to this expectation may prevent a student for being selected for participation. **Students selected for teams are not guaranteed EQUAL playing time; coaches maintain autonomy regarding game line-ups and individual playing time.**

SUPERVISION

Coaches take responsibility for supervising student athletes before and after practices, during practice, at games, and until athletes leave campus. Parents are responsible for picking up student athletes. If an athlete is continually picked up late, the coach will discuss alternatives with the parent, including dropping the athlete from the program.

FEES – Policy 5-214

Rostered athletes who have not yet paid their athletic fees will not be able to participate unless a fee waiver has been approved and is on file with site. If you are in need of a Fee Waiver, please contact your school Principal.

Student Life

AFTER SCHOOL AND EVENING ACTIVITIES – Policy 5-213

While attending school or evening activities at any CUSD campus, students are expected to follow all school rules and regulations, including the dress code. A student must be in attendance at school for at least three periods to participate in after-school and evening activities. Only students under the supervision of a teacher should be on campus. Suspended students may not attend evening or after-school activities.

DANCES Policy 5-213

Dances are for our students only. No visitors are permitted to attend. The parent/guardian must pick up the student promptly (15 minutes) after the activity/dance has ended or the student may be prohibited from future participation. School dances are held immediately after school or as specified. Current photo I.D. cards must be shown at the door. Students are not allowed to loiter on campus during the dance.

EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION – Policy 5-213

To take part in extracurricular activities, each student must earn a passing grade in each course in which the student is enrolled. The regular grading interval for determining eligibility is every 4.5 weeks. Following each 4.5 week eligibility-grading interval, students are checked weekly for academic progress. Students determined to be academically ineligible at the end of a 4.5 week grading period remain ineligible until the requirements of eligibility are met. Once an ineligible student makes up his/her deficiency, following the minimum of one event, students must maintain passing grades to remain eligible. Athletic departments at individual sites may set additional eligibility guidelines.

NON-PAYMENT OF FEES – Policy 5-215

Although required textbooks are provided for students, there may be charges for materials, lost or damaged books, etc. Students are encouraged to pay these charges with cash, check, web portal or money order. In cases of financial hardship, students are allowed to arrange a payment plan. Until an assessment is paid, whether in the current or subsequent year(s), the student **may not participate** in any extracurricular activity or attend school events other than required classes.

If a student withdraws from the District still owing money, a listing of the student's classes will be mailed to another school upon request. However, a transcript may not be provided until the charges are paid. The absence of a transcript may prevent a student from graduating.

PRODUCT SALES – Policy 5-212

Groups and individuals wishing to sell products on campus must be officially recognized school organizations and must have the sale approved by the Principal. All funds collected must be deposited in the school's student funds account.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is considered a very important part of the school. The student council is the governing body of the school and plans many student activities. The student council is an organization through which the students may express their opinions and assist in the functions of the school. The council tries to promote leadership and initiative. A president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the student body are elected to carry on student activities during the school year. Grade level representatives are also elected to the council.

Dress Code and Appearance

DRESS CODE – Policy 5-302

Students are expected to keep themselves well-groomed and neatly dressed at all times. **Any form of dress or hairstyle which is considered contrary to good hygiene or which is distractive or disruptive in appearance and detrimental to the purpose or conduct of the school is not permitted.**

Since fashions and name designations for wearing apparel change frequently, the administration, with the advice and counsel of police, faculty, students, and parents, may provide an interpretation of garments that are questionable.

- Clothing that is detrimental to one's health and safety or the health and safety of others or present a distraction are not permitted.
- Clothing shall be modest, clean, and appropriate for school wear.
- Students shall not wear: halter tops, garments with spaghetti straps, strapless garments. Garments that are "see-through," cut low, or expose one's midriff are not acceptable. Clothing should have adequate coverage to allow a full range of motion movement without skin or undergarments showing. Undergarments must not be visible. Clothing must be reasonable in length and assure modesty.
- Students must remove sunglasses while inside the buildings.

- Footwear must be worn for good health and safety.
- Shirts that advertise substances that are illegal for minors are prohibited (e.g. cigarettes, liquor of any kind, drugs). Shirts with lewd or sexually suggestive messages are also prohibited.
- School administration retains final discretion regarding headwear, please follow your site guidelines.

All school personnel have the responsibility and right and to enforce the dress code guidelines. Students inappropriately dressed for school must remedy the situation before returning to class.

The school administration retains the final discretion in determining if a garment, accessory or appearance complies with the dress code. Repeated violations of the dress code may result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken, including suspension from school.

Behavior and Discipline

Board policies are available online @ the District Website and should be reviewed periodically. This handbook contains a summary.

STUDENT CONDUCT PHILOSOPHY

The vast majorities of our students respect the rights of others and do not engage in negative behaviors. Each teacher has his/her own discipline plan that is distributed at the beginning of each new course. The Principal has the authority to suspend a student for 10 days or less. There is no appeal of a short-term suspension. If a student is subject to suspension for 11 days or more, a request for a formal hearing can be made to an Executive Director. A formal hearing shall be held whenever expulsion is recommended. Only the Governing Board can expel a student. District Policies cover, but are not limited to, tardiness, unexcused absence or ditching, defiance of school personnel's authority, disorderly conduct including profanity and obscene behavior, lying, dress code, automobiles, bus threats, verbal abuse, forgery, gambling, theft, smoking, destruction or defacement of property, trespassing, fighting, alcohol and drugs, physical assault, arson, extortion, weapons, and dangerous items.

One of the most important lessons education should teach is discipline. While it does not appear as a subject, it underlies the whole educational structure. It is the training that develops self-control, character, orderliness, and efficiency. It is the key to good conduct and proper consideration for other people.

Where conduct falls within the protection of the First Amendment, the administration will reserve the right to preview any material or activity (planned or spontaneous) involving the student population.

Any student engaged in a behavior or action that disrupts the operation of class or school may be immediately removed from school, pending a parent conference.

ABUSE OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES - ARIZONA STATUTE 15-507 Policy 3-401

A person who knowingly insults or abuses a teacher, or any school employee, on school grounds or while the teacher is performing his/her duties, is guilty of a misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL REASSIGNMENT – ARIZONA STATUTE 15-841 – Policy 5-306

The District may reassign a student to an alternative education program if the student refuses to comply with school rules, refuses to pursue the required course of study, or refuses to submit to the authority of teachers, administrators or the Governing Board. A student may be reassigned if he/she threatens an educational institution, as defined in A.R.S. 13-2911.

CHILD ABUSE – ARIZONA STATUTE 13-3620 – Policy 4-204

School employees are mandatory reporters of child abuse. By law, reasonably suspected cases of non-accidental injury, sexual molestation, abuse, and neglect must be reported to the Department of Child Safety Services or the local law enforcement agency. People who are required to report suspected abuse are protected from civil or criminal liability.

If parents or students need assistance in relation to abuse, the Child Crisis Center East Valley (480-969-2308) can help. This agency, open 24 hours a day, provides crisis counseling and information on a variety of agencies which offer shelter for children and adults, emergency food supplies, parenting classes, legal aid, job placement services and much more.

CONDUCT AT SCHOOL – Policy 5-305

Successful students agree that two very important factors to success are respect for and cooperation with their teachers and other school personnel. To gain the most benefit from any subject, students are expected to:

- Use courteous language at all times.
- Refrain from public display of affection (hugging, kissing, etc.).
- Keep food and drinks out of the classroom, **no gum allowed on campus.**
- Be in their seat when the bell rings.

- Refrain from disturbing others or interrupt their learning.
- Bring all work materials to class.
- Comply with the Dress Code.
- Stay seated until dismissal by the teacher, not the bell.
- Follow teacher directions the first time.
- See a school counselor as needed to help solve problems.

DETENTION – Policy 5-306

Students may be required to attend after school or lunch detention for inappropriate behavior. Parents will be notified by the teacher or administrator who assigns the specifics of the detention.

These ranges are listed in the Discipline Infraction Glossary are guidelines only and do not limit the judgment of the administrator who must individually assess each situation. School rules apply and students are subject to discipline including, but not limited to, the following: (1) any school activity/event, home or away, day or night; (2) to and from school or school activity, including bus stops; (3) in classrooms, on campus or on any District property.

DUE PROCESS Policy 5-203

Students are entitled to due process rights when being recommended for discipline. They also have the responsibility to respect the rights and property of others. If a student fails to do this, disciplinary action may follow.

Students:

- Must be informed of the alleged misconduct.
- Must have an opportunity to accept, deny or otherwise respond to the alleged misconduct.

GANG ACTIVITY OR ASSOCIATION – Policy 5-301

The type of dress, apparel, activities, acts, behavior or manner, or grooming displayed, reflected, or participated in by the student while on school property or at any school activity shall not:

- Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such behavior, apparel, activities, acts, or other attributes are gang-related or would disrupt or interfere with the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives.
- Present a physical safety hazard to self, students, staff members, employees, or any other person.
- Create an atmosphere in which the well-being of a student, staff member, or any other person is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture, or threat of violence.
- Imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design, or emblem upon any school or personal property or clothing or on one's person.

If a student's behavior or other attribute is in violation of these provisions, the principal or designee will take appropriate corrective and disciplinary action that may include suspension or expulsion.

HAZING – Policy 5-408

There shall be no hazing, solicitation to engage in hazing, or aiding and abetting another who is engaged in hazing, of any person enrolled, accepted for or promoted to enrollment, or intending to enroll or be promoted to District schools within twelve calendar months. For purposes of this policy a person, as specified above, shall be considered a "student" until graduation, transfer, promotion or withdrawal from the District school. "Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a student, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against another student and which both of the following apply:

- The act was committed in connection with an initiation into an affiliation with or the maintenance of membership in any organization that is affiliated with an educational institution.
- The act contributes to a substantial risk of potential physical injury, mental harm or degradation, or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.

"Organization" means an athletic team, association, order, society, corps, cooperative, club, or similar group that is affiliated with an educational institution and whose membership consists primarily of students enrolled at that educational institution. It is no defense to a violation of this policy if the victim consented or acquiesced to hazing. Report all acts of hazing to a teacher or an administrator immediately. In accord with statute, violations of this policy do not include either of the following:

- Customary athletic events, contests or competitions that are sponsored by an educational institution.
- Any activity or conduct that furthers the goals of a legitimate educational curriculum, a legitimate extracurricular program, or a legitimate military training program.

All students, teachers and staff shall take reasonable measures within the scope of their individual authority to prevent violations of this policy. Students and others may report hazing to any professional staff member.

Professional staff members must report the incident to the school administrator or next higher administrative supervisor, in writing, with such details

as may have been provided. A failure by a staff member to timely inform the school administrator or next higher administrative supervisor of a hazing allegation or their observation of an incident of hazing may subject the staff member to disciplinary action in accord with District policies. The staff member shall preserve the confidentiality of those involved, disclosing the incident only to the appropriate school administrator or next higher administrative supervisor or as otherwise required by law. If evidence suggests that conduct complained of under this policy also constitutes a crime, the supervisor shall stop the investigation and promptly report to the appropriate law enforcement agency. If evidence suggests the conduct complained of under this policy constitutes child abuse, the incident should be reported according to the Administrative Regulation 4-204. The requirement to report abuse applies to situations in which a child is the alleged abuser, as well as to situations in which an adult is the alleged abuser. Any instance of reported or observed hazing which includes possible child abuse or violations of statutes known to the staff member shall be treated in accord with statutory requirements and be reported to a law enforcement agency.

To ensure that students and staff are aware of its content and intent, a notice of this policy and procedure is posted conspicuously in each school building and is a part of the rights and responsibilities section of the student handbook. Forms for submitting complaints are to be available to students and staff in the school offices.

Disposition of all reports/complaints shall be reported to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will determine if the policies of the District have been appropriately implemented and will make such reports and/or referrals to the Board as may be necessary.

All violations of this policy shall be treated in accord with the appropriate procedures and penalties provided for in District policies related to the conduct and discipline of students, staff, and others.

MANDATORY REPORTING OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT Policy 4-204

School employees are required to report criminal activity to local law enforcement and report incidences of child abuse, neglect, sexual assault, and crimes against children to local law enforcement and Child Protective Services. Schools employees must report threats, or rumors of threats, against schools, students, and school personnel (including, but not limited to drugs, weapons, etc). Schools must also report all incidents of non-accidental injury, which might occur during altercations at school.

Reports of Possible Crimes. When an alleged sexual harassment may also constitute a crime, the incident shall be reported promptly to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The District shall not wait for the conclusion of a criminal investigation or a criminal proceeding to begin its own investigation. If necessary, the District must take interim preventative measures to ensure the safety of the alleged victims and of the larger school community during the criminal investigation or criminal proceeding.

OFF-CAMPUS JURISDICTION – Policy 5-305 The Superintendent will establish regulations governing the conduct of students in school, traveling to and from school, at school functions, and while off campus and during non-school hours if a student engages in alleged conduct that would cause continued attendance in school to be detrimental to the school environment. In establishing these regulations, the

Superintendent may consult with student or staff committees. In addition to compliance with regulations established by the Superintendent, students are expected to obey all rules and regulations adopted by the Governing Board, and to obey any order given by a member of the faculty or staff relating to school activities or the school environment.

It is becoming increasingly popular for students to post material on websites such as Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook or to communicate via email, text or voicemail. Off campus conduct during non-school hours could cause disruption of the educational environment. Disruption of the educational environment may subject a student to disciplinary action.

PERSONAL PROPERTY – Policy 3-104

The school will not assume responsibility for damage, storage, or security of a student's personal property. Should a student bring banned/valuable personal items to school, they may be confiscated and released to a parent. Balloons are discouraged from being delivered to school. Balloons are disruptive in the classroom and will not be delivered to students until the end of the day. Balloons will not be allowed on the bus. Stuffed animals, blanket, matches, portable speakers, lighters, felt-tip markers, trading cards, playing cards, dice or other games of chance are not permitted at school. We recommend that students not bring expensive jewelry or large sums of money to school. The District does not carry insurance to cover theft of personal property. Parents may want to check their homeowner's coverage.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE – Policy 5-304

The administration has the right to search and seize property, including school property temporarily assigned to students, when there is reason to believe that some material or matter detrimental to health, safety, and welfare of the student(s) or a violation of law or policy exists. This would also include personal property such as backpacks, book bags, clothing, electronic devices, or other items carried by the students. Items provided by the school for storage (e.g. lockers, desks) of personal items are provided as a convenience to the student and remain the property of the school and are subject to its control and supervision. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy and lockers, desks, storage areas, etc., may be inspected at any time, with or without reason, or with or without notice by school personnel.

SMOKING/ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/DRUGS – Policy 5-305

Students who use or possess any form of tobacco (including vape devices), alcohol, drugs, or imitation of illegal drugs on campus will be subject to disciplinary action. Students shall not come to school having consumed drugs or alcohol. The use, possession, or sale of drugs (including over-the-counter medications) on school property or at school events is prohibited.

Students in violation of the provisions of these policies shall be subject to removal from school property and shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with the provisions of the law.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall include, but not be limited to:

- All controlled substances prohibited by law;
- All alcoholic beverages;
- Any prescription or patent drug (including over-the-counter medications), except those for which permission to use in school has been granted;
- Hallucinogenic substances and Inhalants.

STUDENT CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS, AND GRIEVANCES -Policy 1-201

This Regulation sets forth the procedure to be followed when a student or a student's parent or legal guardian wishes to present a concern, complaint, grievance or appeal that falls within the scope of Policy 1-201.

The District shall abide by all applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders with respect to the provision of equal educational opportunities and shall not discriminate against any person based upon that person's race, color, religion, disability, pregnancy and parenting, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), national origin, veteran's status, genetic code, or political affiliation.

The Superintendent shall implement procedures by which students, parents/legal guardians, and employees may file a formal grievance and shall ensure that students, parents or guardians, and employees have received notice of such grievance procedures. Procedures shall include the following elements:

1. Designation of an employee of the District as Compliance Officer.
2. A timeline for investigations that provides for prompt resolution of complaints.
3. Appropriate due process standards that provide for equitable resolution of complaints.

The Superintendent may develop separate grievance procedures and designate a separate Compliance Officer for grievances covered by this Policy.

The District shall not retaliate against any person who reports discrimination or harassment as set forth in this Policy or participates in an investigation or proceeding regarding the same.

➤ **False reports.** A student who knowingly submits a false report may be subject to discipline in accordance with relevant District policies.

Report of crimes: When District officials have a reasonable belief or an investigation reveals that a crime or possible crime has been committed, the matter shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency if a report has not already been made.

BULLYING/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION - Policy 1-201

Retaliatory or intimidating acts against any student who has made a complaint under this Policy and its corresponding Regulations, or against a student who has testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation relating to a complaint or grievance, are specifically prohibited and constitute grounds for a separate complaint. *Knowingly submitting a false report under this policy shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. Where disciplinary action is necessary pursuant to any part of this policy, relevant district policies shall be followed.*

The Governing Board believes it is the right of every student to be educated in a positive, safe, caring, and respectful learning environment. The Board further believes a school environment inclusive of these traits maximizes student achievement, fosters student personal growth, and helps students build a sense of community that promotes participation as members of society. To assist in achieving a school environment based on the beliefs of the Governing Board, bullying, harassment or intimidation as defined by this policy will not be tolerated.

Bullying = a repeated act occurring over an extended period of time, and may include, but is not limited to, verbal, written/printed or graphic exposure to derogatory comments, extortion, exploitation, name calling, or rumor spreading either directly through another person or group or through cyberbullying; exposure to social exclusion or ostracism; physical contact including but not limited to pushing, hitting, kicking, shoving, or spitting; damage to or theft of personal property.

Cyberbullying = any act of bullying committed by use of electronic technology or electronic communication devices; telephonic devices, social networking, Internet on school computers, networks, forums and mailing lists, or other District-owned property, and by means of an individual's personal electronic media and equipment.

Harassment = intentional disruptive or threatening behavior by a student(s) to another student(s); includes, but are not limited to, stalking, hazing, social exclusion, name calling unwanted physical contact, unwelcome verbal or written comments, photographs and graphics; harassment, direct or indirect, may be related, but not limited to, race, religious orientation, sexual preference, cultural background, economic status, size or personal appearance.

Intimidation = intentional behavior by a student(s) that places another student(s) in fear of harm of person or property; may be manifested emotionally or physically, directly or indirectly, and by use of social media.

Students are prohibited from bullying, harassing, and intimidating others on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, school-sponsored events and activities, and through the use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists.

If a student who is experiencing or believes another student is experiencing bullying, harassment, or intimidation, the following process is in place to address the issue:

1. *Report the situation to an administrator or appropriate school employee immediately. School personnel shall maintain confidentiality of the reported information.*
2. *A detailed verbal or written description of the incident must be provided on appropriate school forms and submitted to the principal or administrator as promptly as possible.*
3. *The administrator will provide the student with a written copy of the Student Rights Policy, and support services available to the student.*
4. *The administrator will notify the student's parent/guardian of the report.*
5. *The administrator will investigate all reports.*
6. *If bullying, harassment, or intimidation has occurred, discipline will be administered pursuant to Board Policies 1-201.*
7. *Regardless of the outcome of the investigation, the principal will meet with the involved students to review the findings of the investigation.*
8. *Parents/Guardians of the involved students shall be informed of the findings of the investigation.*

Please refer to Policy 5-301 to review students' rights and responsibilities.

Documentation related to reported bullying, harassment, or intimidation and subsequent investigations shall be maintained by the District for not less than six (6) years. Restrictions established by FERPA on disclosure of personally identifiable student information will be observed at all times.

SUSPENSIONS – Policy 5-306

In school suspension (ISS) - student loses all social privileges on campus and is in a self-contained classroom to complete work assigned by regular classroom teachers.

Off-campus-suspension (OCS) – results in removal of student from regular classes and assignment to a parent/guardian for the period of time specified by the administration. While serving OCS, the student will not participate in any school activity or be permitted on any CUSD campus. A parent-administrator conference may be required prior to a student returning to classes. Students will receive credit for class work completed

and submitted by the due date as determined by an administrator. Short-term suspensions cannot be appealed (Policy 5-306).

WEAPONS – Policy 5-305

No student shall carry, possess, use or distribute a weapon, simulated weapon, firearm, destructive device, or dangerous instrument while on any District-owned property, at school bus stops, or at any school related function (whether on or off District premises). A simulated weapon means an instrument displayed or represented as a weapon. Weapons can be loaded or unloaded, real or simulated. Items always classified as weapons, but not limited to, are any type of gun, knife, nunchaku, explosive or poison gas. Additionally, any object intentionally used to threaten or harm another may be classified as a weapon. Students will be subject to disciplinary action relating to the use of weapons within the parameters of the Due Process as defined in the CUSD Student Code of Conduct policy.

STUDENT INTERROGATIONS, SEARCHES AND ARRESTS – Administrative Regulation Policy 5-401.A

INTERVIEWS

School officials may question students without limitation with regards to all relevant matters. The parent will be contacted if a student interviewed is then subject to discipline for a serious offense. A student may decline at any time to be interviewed by the School Resource Officer (SRO) or another peace officer.

CHILD ABUSE CASES: Policy 4-204 If a Department of Child Safety (DCS) worker or peace officer enters the campus requesting to interview a student attending the school, the school administrator shall be notified. Access to interview shall be granted when the child to be interviewed is the subject of or is the sibling of or is living with the child who is the subject of an abuse or abandonment investigation. The personnel of the District shall cooperate with the investigating Department of Child Safety worker or peace officer. If a student is taken into temporary custody in accordance with [A.R.S. 8-821](#), the Department of Child Safety worker or peace officer may be reminded to notify the student's parent of the custody, pursuant to [A.R.S. 8-823](#). The child Department of Child Safety worker or peace officer shall be requested to establish proper identification and complete and sign a "Form for Signature of Interviewing Officer." Six (6) hours following the relinquishment of custody by the school, school personnel may respond to inquiries about the temporary custody of the child and may, if considered necessary, call the parent.

Child Abuse Reporting Policy 4-204.A. A school employee who reasonably believes that a minor has been the victim of physical injury, abuse, child abuse or neglect that appears to have been inflicted by other than accidental means or that is not explained by the available medical history as being accidental shall make a mandatory report in accordance with District regulation the requirement to report suspected abuse is applicable whether the alleged abuser is a student or an adult.

CASES WHERE STUDENT SAFETY IS AN ISSUE: When a peace officer is present on the campus to interview students at the request of school authorities due to concerns for the safety of the students in the school population, parent contact shall only be made if a student is taken into custody or following the determination that the student may be subject to discipline for a serious offense. The SRO, present at the request of the school for the continued maintenance of safety and order, may interview students as necessary regarding school related issues as determined by school officials and parents will be contacted if the student is to be taken into custody or if the student is subject to discipline for a serious offense.

SEARCHES – Policy 5-304

School officials have the right to search and seize property, including school property assigned to students, when health, safety, and/or welfare of the student(s) is in jeopardy, or when there is reason to believe that a search will turn up evidence that the student has violated school rules or the law. Searches may also include a student's personal property such as backpacks, pockets, and other personal effects. Disrobing of a student is overly intrusive for purposes of most student searches and is improper without express concurrence from School District counsel.

Items provided by the District for storage (e.g., lockers, desks) by students are school property and are subject to its control and supervision. Students have no reasonable expectancy of privacy in school-provided lockers, desks or other storage areas, and may be inspected at any time with or without reason, or with or without notice, by school personnel. The District reserves the right to monitor and inspect the student use of the District's technology, internet and network systems, with or without reason, or with or without notice, by school personnel.

ARRESTS – Policy 5-401.A

When a peace officer enters a campus providing a warrant or subpoena or comes with the intent of taking a student into custody, the peace officer will provide proper identification, and complete and sign a form required of an arresting and/or interviewing officer for the school. The school staff shall cooperate with the officer and may respond to parental inquiries about the arrest. The school may explain the relinquishment

of custody by the school and the location of the student, if known, upon contact by the parent.

CUSD DISCIPLINE INFRACTION GLOSSARY

AGGRESSION

VERBAL PROVOCATION

Use of language or gestures that may incite another person or other people to fight.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension

MINOR AGGRESSIVE ACT

Inappropriate physical contact including accidental contact: Hitting, poking, pushing, shoving, tussles, minor confrontations. Other behaviors that may be considered under this violation are: running in the building, hallways or corridors, pulling a chair out from underneath another person or behavior that demonstrate low level hostile behavior.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference-Suspension

Incident Summary

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

A person with intent to disturb the peace or quiet of a neighborhood, family or person, or with knowledge of doing so. Unreasonable noise, physical retaliation, commotion. Refuses to obey a lawful order.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension

Incident Summary

RECKLESSNESS

Unintentional, careless behavior that may pose a safety or health risk for others. **“Throwing objects”** in an unsafe/dangerous manner. This includes reckless behavior that threatens the safety and well-being of others. This includes throwing objects at school-sponsored events and while on school sponsored transportation.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension

ENDANGERMENT/UNSAFE BEHAVIOR

Acting in a way (verbal, written or physical) that may lead to a dangerous situation and/or threatens the safety of self or others. This may include knowingly and willingly withholding information that leads to such situations.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference - Expulsion

FIGHTING

Fighting includes mutual participation in a fight involving physical violence or harm caused to another person. Purpose is to cause harm to another person. Fighting does not include verbal confrontation, tussles, or other minor confrontations.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension - Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

ASSAULT

Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing any physical injury to another person. Intentionally placing another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury. Knowingly touching another person with the intent to injure, insult or provoke such person. *This includes situations in which one person or group of persons physically attacks or “beats up on” another person who does not wish to engage in the conflict.*

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension- Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS

Sale, Distribution, Intent to Sell, Intent to Distribute, Use, Possession, Share

ALCOHOL (DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, USE, SALE)

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, distribution, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of intoxicating alcoholic beverages or substances represented as alcohol.

This includes being intoxicated at school, school-sponsored events and on school-sponsored transportation.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension- Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

DRUGS (DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, USE, SALE)

Inhalants, Prescription Drugs, Over the Counter Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia, Substance represented as illicit drug

Illicit Drugs:

- Ecstasy
- Cocaine or Crack
- Hallucinogens
- Heroin
- Fentanyl
- Marijuana
- Methamphetamines
- Other illicit drug

The unlawful use, cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug, imitation of an illegal drug, or narcotic substance prohibited by law, or equipment and devices used for preparing or taking drugs or narcotics. Includes being under the influence of drugs at school or imitation of illegal drugs at school, school-sponsored events and on school-sponsored transportation.

"Drug" means any narcotic drug, dangerous drug, marijuana or peyote and shall include but are not limited to: all dangerous controlled substances prohibited by law, hallucinogenic substances and inhalants, and any prescription or over-the-counter drug if abused by the student, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy. Category does not include tobacco and alcohol.

Board Policy Reference: 5-305 Consequence Range: Suspension- Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

TOBACCO (DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, USE, SALE)

The distribution, possession, use or sale of tobacco products, **including imitation tobacco (electronic cigarette, hookah, water pipe, vaping device)** on school grounds, school-sponsored events and on school-sponsored transportation.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference - Suspension

Incident Summary and referral to Police

ARSON

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Knowingly and unlawfully damaging a structure or personal property by knowingly causing a fire or explosion.

ARSON OF AN OCCUPIED STRUCTURE

By knowingly and unlawfully damaging an occupied structure by causing a fire or explosion with one or more human beings either is or is likely to be present or so near as to be in equivalent danger at the time the fire or explosion occurs. The term includes any dwelling house, whether occupied, unoccupied or vacant.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Restitution and: Suspension – Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

ATTENDANCE

TARDY

Arriving at school or class after the scheduled start time.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference - Suspension

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT PERMISSION

Leaving school grounds or being in an “out-of-bounds” area during regular school hours without permission of the principal or principal designee. Students who leave without permission create a serious legal liability problem for the district.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Contact CUSD Truancy Officer - Referral to Chandler Justice Court – Alternative Placement - Suspension

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

When a student is not in attendance for an entire day and does not have an acceptable excuse.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Contact CUSD Truancy Officer - Referral to Chandler Justice Court – Alternative Placement - Suspension

TRUANCY

It is unlawful for any child between six to sixteen years of age to fail to attend school during the hours school is in session. “Habitually truant” means at least five school days within a school year. “Truant” means an unexcused absence for at least one class period during the day.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Contact CUSD Truancy Officer - Referral to Chandler Justice Court – Alternative Placement - Suspension

HARASSMENT, THREAT, AND INTIMIDATION

HARASSMENT, NONSEXUAL

A person commits harassment with intent to harass or with knowledge that the person is harassing another person. The person anonymously or otherwise communicated or causes a communication with another person by verbal, electronic, mechanical, telegraphic, telephonic or written means in manner that harasses. Follows another person in or about a public place for no legitimate purpose, repeatedly commits an act or acts that harass another person, on more than one occasion, makes a false report to a law enforcement, credit or social service agency.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference - Expulsion

Incident Summary

BULLYING

Bullying occurs over an extended period of time, and may include, but is not limited to, verbal, written/printed or graphic exposure to derogatory comments, extortion, exploitation, name calling, or rumor spreading either directly through another person or group or through cyberbullying; exposure to social exclusion or ostracism; physical contact including but not limited to pushing, hitting, kicking, shoving, or spitting; damage to or theft of personal property.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference - Suspension – Expulsion

Incident Summary

CYBERBULLYING

Any act of bullying committed by use of electronic technology or electronic communication devices; telephonic devices, social networking, Internet on school computers, networks, forums and mailing lists, or other District-owned property, and by means of an individual's personal electronic media and equipment.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference - Suspension - Expulsion

Incident Summary

THREAT OR INTIMIDATION – A.R.S. 13-1202 PERSON

When a person indicates by word or conduct the intent to cause physical injury or serious damage to a person or their property. Reckless disregard to causing serious public inconvenience including, but not limited to, evacuation of a building, place of assembly or transportation facility. To promote, further or assist in the interests of or to cause, induce or solicit another person to participate in a criminal street gang, a criminal syndicate or a racketeering enterprise. Retaliation for victim reporting or being involved in an organization established for the purpose of reporting. Ex: threats made over the telephone, threats to beat someone up, threats made by text messages or on social media, at home or at school.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Expulsion

/Incident Summary and referral to Police

HAZING

Any intentional, knowing or reckless act committed by a student, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against another student,

and in which both the act was committed in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with , or the maintenance of membership in any organization that is affiliated with an educational institution and the act contributes to a substantial risk of potential physical injury, mental harm or degradation, or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension - Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

HATE CRIME

A criminal offense or threat against a person, property or society that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

This includes any crime that manifests evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension – Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

LYING, CHEATING, FORGERY, OR PLAGIARISM

CHEATING

To deprive of something valuable by the use of deceit or fraud; to influence or lead by deceit, trick or artifice. (Academic Integrity)

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Jr HS Consequence Range: Teacher Resolution - Suspension

HS Consequence Range: Conference – Removal from class – Refer to specific school policy.

FORGERY

Falsely and fraudulently making or altering a document.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference - Suspension

LYING

To make an untrue statement with intent to deceive; to create a false or misleading impression. Includes “**False Accusation**” with the intent to defame or cause harm.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension

PLAGIARISM

To steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension

SCHOOL POLICIES, OTHER VIOLATIONS

DEFIANCE/DISRESPECT OF AUTHORITY

Refusal to comply with reasonable requests of school personnel or refusal to obey classroom and school rules. Student engages in refusal to follow directions, talks back, or delivers socially rude interactions.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference - Suspension

COMBUSTIBLE

Student in possession of substance or object that is readily capable of causing bodily harm or property damage, ie: matches, lighters, firecrackers, gasoline, and lighter fluid.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension – Expulsion

POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND

Items state in school policy as prohibited because they may disrupt the learning environment.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension - Expulsion

DISRUPTION

Student engages in behavior causing an interruption in a class or activity. Disruption includes sustained loud talk, yelling, or screaming; noise with materials; horseplay or roughhousing; or sustained out of seat behavior.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension

DRESS CODE VIOLATION

Dressing in a manner that may result in a distraction or disruption of a safe environment. Attire that suggests involvement in gang activity or any apparel that is suggestive, obscene, lewd, shows vulgar language or symbols, or shows symbols or language relating to or promoting sex, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol on clothing are expressly prohibited. Schools may have more restrictive guidelines.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference requesting change of clothes - Suspension

GAMBLING

Participating in games of chance for the purpose of exchanging money or goods.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference - Suspension

LANGUAGE, INAPPROPRIATE

Student delivers verbal messages that include swearing, name calling, or use of words in an inappropriate way.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension - Expulsion

GANGS (NEGATIVE GROUP AFFILIATION)

An ongoing loosely or highly organized association of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, that has a common name, signs, symbols or colors, whose members engage, either individually or collectively, in violent or other forms of illegal behavior.

This includes students wearing, carrying or displaying gang paraphernalia and/or exhibiting behavior or gestures that symbolize gang membership.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference – Expulsion
Incident Summary and referral to Police

PARKING LOT VIOLATION

Inappropriate or **reckless** use of a motorized vehicle on school property or to school sponsored events. Other parking lot violations.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension - Expulsion

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Holding hands, kissing, sexual touching, or other displays of affection in violation of school policy.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension

OTHER VIOLATION OF SCHOOL POLICY

Student does not meet the expectations of the teacher or staff member. May be based on class/team/organization's rules, policies, and procedures.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference - Suspension

SCHOOL THREAT

BOMB THREAT

Threatening to cause harm using a bomb, dynamite, explosive, or arson-causing device.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension - Expulsion
Incident Summary and referral to Police (including fire alarm misuse)

OTHER SCHOOL THREAT - A.R.S. 13-2911 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly interferes with or disrupts normal operations of an educational institution by either threatening to cause physical injury or damage. "Interference with or disruption of" includes any act that might reasonably lead to the evacuation or closure of any property.

Board Policy Reference: see district website
Consequence Range: Conference – Expulsion
Incident Summary and referral to Police

SEXUAL OFFENSES – TITLE IX

PORNOGRAPHY

Sexually explicit depiction of persons, in words or images, created with the primary, proximate aim, and reasonable hope, of eliciting significant sexual arousal on the part of the consumer of such materials.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension – Expulsion – Potential Title IX

Incident Summary and referral to Police

INDECENT EXPOSURE OR PUBLIC SEXUAL INDECENCY

When a person exposes his/her genitals or anus or exposes the areola or nipple of their breast(s) and another person is present, and the defendant is reckless about whether the other person, as a reasonable person, would be offended or alarmed by the act. This includes flashing and mooning. Public sexual indecency includes, but is not limited to, intentionally or knowingly engaging in an act of sexual conduct, sexual touching, oral sexual contact, or sexual intercourse.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Expulsion -Potential Title IX

Incident Summary and referral to Police

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that denies or limits a student's ability to participate in or to receive benefits, services, or opportunities in the school's program. It can include unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Conduct is offensive and objectionable, causes discomfort or humiliation or interferes with school performance. Includes: sexual comments, gestures, jokes or looks, spreading sexual rumors and clothing pulled at, off or down off in a sexual manner.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Expulsion -Potential Title IX

Incident Summary and referral to Police

SEXUAL HARASSMENT WITH CONTACT

Sexual Harassment that includes unwanted physical contact of nonsexual body parts.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension – Expulsion – Potential Title IX

Incident Summary and referral to Police

ACCIDENTAL CONTACT

Accidentally making physical contact with another person's body.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension – Expulsion

Incident Summary

SEXUAL ASSAULT (RAPE)

Intentionally or knowingly engaging in sexual intercourse (vaginal, anal, or oral penetration) with any person without consent of that person: Rape includes penetration using a foreign object.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension – Expulsion – Title IX

Incident Summary and referral to Police

TECHNOLOGY AND IMPROPER USE

NETWORK INFRACTION

A network infraction includes using the network in any way that would attempt to harm, modify or destroy hardware/software or interfere with system security. Each user will be required to sign an EIS user's agreement. Electronic Information Services include anything attached to, or delivered through the District's network (Local Access, Wide Area, Internet), any computer accessible sources of information (hard drives, tapes, CDs, floppy disks, or other electronic sources), and the School District phone system.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension – Expulsion

TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE (ELECTRONIC DEVICE)

Misuse, abuse of electronic devices to photograph, film, videotape or digitally record or by any other device images of students and staff and/or distribute or publish with malicious intent any of the above without the consent of the person depicted and/or without the person's knowledge. This includes the misuse, abuse or blatant disregard of CUSD EIS (Electronic Information Services) guidelines and procedures.

While it is becoming increasingly popular for students to post material on social media, please be aware that if material posted, either at home (and carries over into the school environment) or at school, is viewed as inappropriate, harassment or disruptive to the educational environment, students will be subject to disciplinary action.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference – Suspension – Expulsion

THEFT

THEFT - PERSONAL OR SCHOOL PROPERTY

Taking or attempting to take money or property belonging to another person or the school with the intent to permanently deprive the victim of his or her possessions. Controls property of another knowing or having reason to know that the property was stolen.

THEFT – PETTY

Thefts under \$100

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Restitution and Suspension – Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police (over \$100.00)

EXTORTION

Asking for or demanding money or something of value from another person in return for protection or in connection with a threat to inflict harm.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension- Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

TRESPASSING

TRESPASSING

To enter or remain on a public school campus without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry. This includes students under suspension or expulsion and unauthorized persons who enter or remain on a campus after being directed to leave.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Conference - Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police if formal trespassing issued

VANDALISM OR CRIMINAL DAMAGE

GRAFFITI OR TAGGING

Writing on walls, drawings or words that are scratched, painted, or sprayed on walls or other surfaces in public places

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension – Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

VANDALISM (DESTRUCTION OF SCHOOL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY)

The willful or malicious damage, destruction, injury, disfigurement or defacement of school or personal property without consent.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Restitution and Suspension - Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS ITEMS

FIREARMS INCLUDING DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES (DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, USE)

“Firearm” means any loaded or unloaded handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, starter gun or other weapon that will expel, is designed to expel or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. This includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon. “Destructive Device” a category of firearm that includes an explosive combustible or poisonous gas. This includes grenades, mines and rockets.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension - Expulsion
Incident Summary and referral to Police

OTHER WEAPONS (DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, USE)

Any instrument or object possessed or used to inflict harm on another person or to intimidate any person. This may include but not limited to: nunchakus, brass knuckles, Chinese stars, Billy clubs, knives at least 2.5 inches, electrical weapons or devices. Weapons are strictly prohibited.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension - Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

DANGEROUS ITEM (DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, USE, SALE)

A dangerous item used to cause bodily injury to, threaten, or intimidate another person may be classified as a dangerous instrument. This includes, but is not limited to: B.B. gun, paintball gun, pellet gun, **knife less than 2.5 inches**, pocket knife, taser or stun gun, letter opener, razor blade or box cutter, simulated knife.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension – Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

SIMULATED FIREARMS (DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, USE)

Any simulated firearm made of plastic, wood, metal or any other material which is a replica, facsimile, or toy version of a firearm or any object such as a stick or finger concealed under clothing and is being portrayed as a firearm.

Board Policy Reference: see district website

Consequence Range: Suspension – Expulsion

Incident Summary and referral to Police

TECHNOLOGY USE REQUIREMENTS

Policy 3-403

Appropriate Use of Technology

The District may provide technology devices and Internet access to District students and staff. The use of the technology shall be in support of the District's educational goals and mission. To ensure that the technology is used in an appropriate manner and for the educational purposes intended, the District will require anyone who uses its technology to follow District guidelines for appropriate use. Anyone who misuses, abuses, or chooses not to follow the technology guidelines and procedures may be denied access to the District's technology and may be subject to disciplinary and/or legal action.

District employees are prohibited from using District or personal devices to communicate with students or minors in violation of Board policies governing staff-student communications or boundaries.

CUSD Cell Phone Policy

A student shall not use a cell phone or other electronic communication device during class time without the express permission of the teacher. Permission will only be granted for educational purposes, during emergencies, and medical conditions. Parents can get in touch with a student during class by calling the school's main office. The office staff can relay urgent messages or call the student down if needed. Students can get in touch with parents during class by requesting to use a school phone to contact their parent. During class time, a cell phone or other electronic communication device shall be turned off and placed in the student's purse or backpack. A student shall not record or transmit speech, video, or other communications of other persons without those persons' express consent.

Internet Safety (Child Internet Protection Act)

The District shall take measures to protect against:

1. Internet access by staff or students to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors;
2. Risk to the safety and security of students when using District technology to access electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications;
3. Unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by students online; and
4. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding students.

The District shall monitor the online activities of students and shall provide education regarding appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms and regarding cyberbullying awareness and response.

Parental Notification

Parents shall be notified of the policies and procedures regarding the use of technology while at school. Parents will also be notified of their right to prohibit the student from the use of technology while at school in which covered information may be shared with an operator pursuant to law. This does not apply to technology that is used for the daily operations or administration of online instructional programs authorized by law.

Access

The District shall maintain its technology and its website so as to be accessible to persons with disabilities.

The District shall take precautionary measures to safeguard the content of data and to prevent unauthorized releases and cybersecurity attacks.

Technology Acceptable Use for Students Form 3-403.A

The District provides students with a variety of technology resources, including electronic devices, software, and means of electronic communication. The District believes the resources available offer significant opportunities for teaching and learning; however, the technology must be used in a responsible manner. While the District provides protection from harmful material through the use of filtering software, the teacher and the student have the ultimate responsibility for using the technology according to District guidelines and policy.

Terms and Conditions

Students are responsible for their actions involving District technology, along with personal files, passwords, and accounts. Uses and activities that are expressly prohibited include:

- accessing or downloading VPNs or other proxy-avoiding extensions with the intent of bypassing District security features and filtering;
- accessing, submitting, transmitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning, or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, and/or illegal;
- soliciting or distributing information with the intent to threaten, harass, or bully others;
- using District technology for any illegal activity or activity that violates other Board policies, procedures, and/or school rules;
- copying or downloading copyrighted materials, including software, without the permission of the copyright owner or express authorization of the student's teacher or principal;
- representing as one's own work any materials obtained on the internet, such as term papers and articles (when internet sources are used in student work, the author, publisher, and website must be identified);
- sharing passwords, using other users' passwords without permission, and/or accessing other users' accounts;
- any malicious use, disruption, or harm to the school's technology devices, networks, and internet services, including, but not limited to, hacking activities and creating or uploading malware;
- accessing social networks without specific authorization from the supervising teacher; and
- misuse of a school name or logo on a personal website that gives the reader the impression that the website is an official school or District website.

The District retains control, custody, and supervision of all District technology. The District reserves the right to monitor student usage of all District technology. Students have no right of privacy in their use of District technology, including email and stored files.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

As emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) become more prevalent, our District is proactively developing principles to guide the safe, effective, and responsible use of these tools for student learning.

Students are required to rely on their own knowledge, skills, and resources when completing school work. In order to ensure the integrity of the educational process and to promote fair and equal opportunities for all students, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools (collectively, "AI/NLP tools") is strictly prohibited for the completion of school work except as outlined below. The use of AI/NLP tools, without the express permission/consent of a teacher, undermines the learning and problem-solving skills that are essential to academic success and that staff is tasked with developing in each student. Students are encouraged to develop their own knowledge, skills, and understanding of course material rather than relying solely on AI/NLP tools, and they should ask their teachers when they have questions and/or need assistance. Unauthorized use of AI/NLP tools is considered a form of plagiarism, and any student found using these tools without permission or in a prohibited manner will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Notwithstanding the preceding, students may use AI/NLP tools in the school setting if they receive prior permission/consent from their teacher, so long as they use the AI/NLP tools in an ethical and responsible manner. Teachers have the discretion to authorize students to use AI/NLP tools for the following:

- Research assistance: AI/NLP tools can be used to help students quickly and efficiently search for and find relevant information for their school projects and assignments.
- Data analysis: AI/NLP tools can be used to help students analyze, understand, and interpret large amounts of data, such as text documents or social media posts. This can be particularly useful for research projects or data analysis assignments—e.g., scientific experiments and marketing research.
- Language translation: AI/NLP tools can be used to translate texts or documents into different languages, which can be helpful for students who are learning a new language or for students who are studying texts written in a different language.
- Writing assistance: AI/NLP tools can provide grammar and spelling corrections, as well as suggest alternative word choices and sentence structure, to help students improve their writing skills.
- Accessibility: AI/NLP tools can be used to help students with disabilities access and understand written materials. For example, text-to-speech software can help students with specific learning disabilities or visual impairments to read texts, and AI-powered translation tools can help students with hearing impairments understand spoken language.

The above list of acceptable uses of AI/NLP may be expanded with consent of the District administration as acceptable uses evolve with the technology. Staff and students must exercise transparency with respect to use.

As outlined above, under appropriate circumstances AI/NLP tools can be effectively used as a supplement to and not a replacement for traditional learning methods.

Consequently, with prior teacher permission/consent, students may use such resources to help them better understand and analyze information and/or access course materials. If students have any questions about whether they are permitted to use AI/NLP tools for a specific class assignment, they should ask their teacher.

As a student user, I agree to follow the District's requirements for use of technology. I will report any misuse of technology to the teacher or school administration. I understand that any violations of the above terms and conditions may result in disciplinary action and the revocation of my use of technology resources and services.

Parent or Guardian Cosigner

As the parent or guardian of the above-named student, I have read this agreement and understand it. I also agree to report any misuse of technology to a District administrator.

I accept full responsibility for supervision when my child's use of technology is not in a school setting. I hereby give my permission to have my child use the District's technology resources and services.

I will be financially responsible for equipment that is lost, stolen, or damaged. I understand there may be charges to my family if the laptop and/or technology provided is damaged, lost, or stolen. I will not leave the technology equipment in an unsecured area (in an unlocked vehicle, for example). I will immediately report theft or damage of any kind to my child's school. I will return the technology equipment and all accessories before the end of the school year or before my child withdraws from school.



Chandler Unified School District Student Device Agreement



Students will be involved in a 1:1 technology learning initiative, which gives them the opportunity to use a district-issued device to support their education. The individual use of digital devices is a way to empower students to maximize their full potential to prepare them for their educational and professional future, becoming digitally responsible citizens.

Parent Responsibilities

A strong partnership between school and home will help students be successful using 1:1 technology. Parent responsibilities are to:

- Review the information in this handbook.
- Monitor student use away from school.
- Ensure the device is properly cared for outside of school.
- Pay the \$25 Device Protection Plan (DPP) fee offered by the district **or** assume the full financial responsibility for damage, loss or theft. This fee will be assigned in Infinite Campus at the beginning of the school year and must be paid by a specific date to take effect. For more details, visit 1to1.gse.cusd80.com/dpp.

Care & Maintenance

The student/family is responsible for the daily care and maintenance of the device.

- Damage or theft must be reported to the school within one school day.
- Problems with the device should be reported to the school.
- The device should be kept in a safe place when not in use.
- Do not attempt to remove, add, or change the physical structure of the device, including keys, memory, battery, screen, charger, ID labels, district-provided cases, etc. Doing so will void the optional Device Protection Plan.
- Do not store items on top of the device.
- Intentional damage to the student's device or to other students' devices, including the removal of district-provided cases, will not be covered by the optional Device Protection Plan and may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.

Device Supervision

As part of the 1:1 initiative it is important to understand that:

- The district retains control, custody and supervision of all district technology.
- The district reserves the right to monitor student usage of all district technology.
- The students have no right of privacy in their use of district technology, including email and stored files.
- This agreement constitutes permission for my student to use the following optional Google services (in addition to core Google services like Classroom, Drive, etc.) as part of the 1:1 learning initiative:
 - Applied Digital Skills
 - Chrome Canvas
 - Chrome Cursive
 - Chrome Web Store
 - CS First
 - Google Earth
 - Google Maps
 - Google My Maps
 - Managed Google Play

Personal Safety & Data Privacy

Protecting the data privacy and personal safety of device users is crucial.

- Users should never share personal information, including phone number, address, social security number, birthday, or financial information, over the Internet without adult permission.
- Users should recognize that communicating over the Internet brings anonymity and associated risks and should carefully safeguard the personal information of themselves and others.
- Users should never agree to meet someone they meet online in real life without parental permission. If students see a message, comment, image, or anything else online that makes them concerned for their personal safety, they should bring it to the attention of an adult immediately.

User Guidelines

In general, all students are expected to use good judgment; be safe, appropriate, careful and kind online; not attempt to get around technological protection measures; and ask an adult if they need help.

The Student Must

- Use the device for educational purposes only.
- Follow the same guidelines for respectful, responsible behavior online that students are expected to follow offline.
- Treat this device carefully and alert the school site if there is any problem with its operation.
- Understand that this equipment is property of the Chandler Unified School District and should be treated as such. If equipment is stolen, a police report must be filed.
- Alert a teacher or other staff member if the student sees threatening, inappropriate, or harmful content (images, messages, posts) online.
- Be cautious to protect the safety of the student and others.
- Help to protect the security of school resources.
- Follow the student code of conduct and adhere to board policy (www.boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=chandler_unified)

The Student Must NOT

- Use this device in a way that could be personally or physically harmful.
- Attempt to find inappropriate images or content.
- Engage in cyberbullying, harassment, or disrespectful conduct toward others. Such conduct will result in disciplinary action and loss of privileges. In some cases, cyberbullying can be a crime.
- Try to find ways to circumvent the school's safety measures and filtering tools.
- Use language online that would be unacceptable in the classroom.
- Use school technologies for illegal activities or to pursue information on such activities.
- Attempt to hack or access sites, servers, or content that is not intended for student use.
- Alter a school's device hardware or installed software.

Limitation of Liability

The Chandler Unified School District will not be responsible for damage or harm to persons, files, data, or hardware. Devices employ filtering and other safety and security mechanisms, but there is no guarantee as to their effectiveness. Chandler Unified School District will not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for unauthorized transactions conducted over the school network.

Return of Device

This device is being loaned to the student for academic use and will be checked out to the student through our asset management system. This device is the property of the Chandler Unified School District and must be returned when directed by the Chandler Unified School District. Notifications to return the device will be communicated by email notifications through our management system to the primary email listed in Infinite Campus and to the student's school email address.

CUSD Student Technology Violation Tiers

<p>Tier 1</p>	<p>First attempt at installing unauthorized software that does not intentionally bypass network security/filtering and is not malicious in nature (games, utilities, etc.) on a CUSD device.</p> <p>First attempt at substantially altering CUSD devices in a disruptive manner (removing installed software, deleting critical files, changing network settings, etc.).</p>	<p>Conversation with student and parent contact - suspension</p> <p>Document in IC</p>
<p>Tier 2</p>	<p>First attempt at installing software that intentionally bypasses network security/filtering (proxies, VPNs, etc.).</p> <p>Multiple attempts at installing unauthorized software that is not malicious in nature (games, utilities, etc.) on a CUSD device.</p> <p>Multiple attempts at substantially altering CUSD devices in a disruptive manner (removing installed software, deleting critical files, changing network settings, etc.).</p>	<p>Accounts disabled short-term (1-3 weeks)</p>
<p>Tier 3</p>	<p>First attempt at installing unauthorized software that is malicious in nature (viruses, ransomware, spyware, etc.).</p> <p>Multiple attempts at installing software that intentionally bypasses network security/filtering (proxies, VPNs, etc.).</p> <p>Any attempt to disrupt or attack our network (DDoS attack, MITM attacks, etc.).</p> <p>Any attempt to gain unauthorized access to CUSD records (teacher gradebook, school databases, etc.).</p>	<p>Accounts disabled long-term (semester-year long)</p>

Student accounts will be disabled immediately for Tier 2/3 violations.



Safe Student Transportation: Expected Student Behavior Policy 3-302

1. Obey the bus driver at all times.
2. Be at bus stop 10 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time in the morning. Be on time to the bus in the afternoon.
3. Stand a safe distance from the curb or highway.
4. Be courteous to the driver and other bus passengers.
5. When crossing street by school bus, always cross ***in front*** of bus.
6. Always use the steps and handrail when boarding and leaving the bus.
7. Sit quickly and quietly in *assigned* seat. Remain seated facing forward in your assigned seat while the bus is moving. The aisle is not to be blocked at any time.
8. Always identify yourself when asked by the driver.
9. No eating, drinking (except water in plastic bottles), smoking, chewing gum or spitting inside the bus.
10. Keep hands, head, arms and all objects inside the bus at all times.
11. Talk in normal tones; loud, rude, vulgar or obscene language is prohibited.
12. When listening to music, headphones should be worn and music must be appropriate for school. Volume level must not be distracting to driver.
13. Keep the bus clean and free of damage.
14. State law prohibits the following items on school buses:

<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>	<i>Weapons</i>	<i>Explosives</i>
<i>Dangerous or narcotic drugs</i>	<i>Glass items</i>	<i>Fireworks</i>
<i>Legally prohibited substances</i>	<i>Smoke or stink bombs</i>	<i>Tobacco</i>
<i>Animals, insects or reptiles</i>	<i>Other dangerous objects</i>	

15. All items carried by students (i.e., band instruments, athletic equipment, backpacks, etc.) must be under their control at all times, and must be carried in the lap, between seats or properly secured in a vacant seat. Instruments cannot occupy needed seating space or be placed in the driver's compartment or in the stairwell.
16. Skateboards, scooters and roller blades are not allowed on the school bus.
17. Students are permitted to use only their designated bus stops.
18. Students are permitted to ride only their assigned bus.
19. Remain seated while bus is in motion ***and until it comes to a stop.***
20. Secondary students are required to show student ID card to bus driver upon request. Electronic copy of student ID card on phone or device is acceptable.

These expectations are taken from various regulatory sources including, federal regulations and laws, Arizona state laws and regulations, DPS regulations, and Chandler School District policies. If you have specific questions regarding transportation, please call 812-7275.

School Bus Infractions Policy 3-302

Site administration issues all consequences for school bus infractions which range from conference to loss of bus privileges. Infractions and consequences also apply to behavior at bus stops.