

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2023-2024

CHAT

Mission:

We desire that CHAT be a safe, positive environment where you can learn, grow, be challenged, and develop friendships. The culture we live in today provides many opportunities for irresponsible and godless behavior. As Christians we want to celebrate being "counter-cultural" and to stand for what is right and true. We want you to be conscious of the responsibility that you have to hold yourself to a higher standard and to build one another up. The way we behave and the way we dress says a lot about our character.

Outlined in this Student Handbook is our Code of Conduct which is based on respect and care for others and their property.

IN THE CLASSROOM:

You will get homework for each class you have. It is your responsibility to complete assignments on time and be ready to participate in class. Completion of assigned work is not optional, and failure to do so jeopardizes your continued enrollment in CHAT classes. You are to be respectful of all students, tutors, adults, and the church property.

CELL PHONES

You may use your cell phone between classes and during lunch. It must be put away during class.

Consequences:

1st offense – Your phone is taken away for the rest of the day and your parent is contacted.

2nd offense – You are not allowed to bring a phone to CHAT for the rest of the semester. Your parent is contacted.

3rd offense – A conference and possible expulsion.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

We expect you to attend all classes you're enrolled in if you are on campus. If you choose to skip class, you will be subject to the following consequences:

Consequences:

1st skip - A conference with the student, parents, and directors

2nd skip - A second conference with the student, parents, and directors and possible expulsion.

TARDY POLICY

Please make every effort to be in your classes on time. If you *choose* to be late or are *careless with your time*, you will be subject to the following tardy policy:

Consequences:

1st tardy – A warning and an email sent to your parents

2nd tardy – A conference with one of the directors and an email sent to your parents

3rd tardy – A conference with you, your parents, and directors

4th tardy – You will be expelled for the remainder of the semester

BEVERAGES and FOOD

Food is not allowed during class unless it's part of a class activity. You are free to have beverages and snacks when not in class. With your parent approval, you may leave campus to purchase food.

Discipline Policy for stuff that happens in the classroom (unless stated differently above)

1st offense – The tutor will notify your parents of the inappropriate behavior.

2nd offense – The tutor or director will notify your parents of the inappropriate behavior. Your parents need to respond in hopes to resolve the issue.

3rd offense – The tutor or director will notify your parents of the inappropriate behavior. A conference will be required to determine your intentions and whether you will be allowed to continue attending CHAT.

BUILDING USE:

If you have a free period, you may sit in the Commons or the Student Lounge (Youth Room). No wondering around the halls.

You may also be outside but be mindful that the church windows are often open.

Students in grades 5-6 must remain in the Commons if they have registered for a study hall.

If you want to be in the Student Lounge more than one class period per day, your parents must get permission from Ms. Laura first.

Door 2 is the only door you should use for your comings and goings, even though there are many exits at the church.

GYM: If there is no class in the gym, you are welcome to use it.

Discipline Policy if you choose to not stay in designated areas.

1st offense – A warning will be given, and your parent will be contacted.

2nd offense – You must remain in the Commons during any free periods for the remainder of the semester. Your parents will be contacted.

3rd offense – A conference with the student, parent, and administrators. You will not be allowed at CHAT during free periods unless you are with your parent.

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW:

OPEN CAMPUS

If you are in 7th- 12th grade, open campus applies to you. With your parent's permission, you may leave campus any time you are not in class.

MUSIC, VIDEO, and INTERNET USE DURING FREE PERIODS

Internet access is available on the wireless network called Galilee (p.w. is crossglory).

If you are listening to music or watching a video on your phone, please wear headphones with the volume low enough that it cannot be heard by anyone else. Your music and videos are for your personal use – not to be shared with others during the school day.

LUNCH TIME EXPECTATIONS

You can bring your lunch from home or walk to a nearby fast-food restaurant. You may eat only in the Commons area (or outside if it is nice).

We expect you to take care of your own garbage and act respectfully. . . of course.

DRESS CODE

For Girls:

Any tank top must be at least 2 adult fingers wide on the top of the shoulder. Tops and bottoms must overlap so midriff skin is not exposed. Girls must wear a bra with no straps showing. Necklines must not be revealing. All shorts must meet the fingertip rule. The minimum length of skirts allowed is 3 inches above the knees. If wearing leggings, tops must cover the butt.

For Guys:

No muscle shirts and no boxers showing.

Shirt or sweatpants will be offered to you if you choose to go outside these guidelines. You must wear the shirt or sweatpants to attend your classes.

BODILY CONTACT

Our goal is to keep all students free from physical harassment of any kind. Therefore:

1. No inappropriate physical displays of affection (kissing, holding hands, etc.)
2. Rough housing, wrestling, lifting, punching, kicking, etc. are prohibited.

Consequences:

1st offense: The director will notify your parent of the inappropriate behavior.

2nd offense: The director will notify your parent of the inappropriate behavior. A conference will be required to determine your intentions and whether you will be allowed to continue attending CHAT.

LOST and FOUND

CHAT has a plastic bin that sits by the Monitor Table (where you show your IDs). Check there first if you lost something. Feel free to ask Ms. Laura if you can't find what you are looking for.

Student IDs

You are required to bring and show your ID when entering the building. If you lose yours, you may order another one from Mrs. Culbertson (tinaculbertson@gmail.com). There is a picture roster at the monitor table if you don't have an ID to show the monitor.

Student Council

If you are a CHAT student in grades 9-12 and you would like to get involved in student government, we invite you to apply to be a member of the student council!

The purpose of the student council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit, the student council is the voice of the student body.

See Mrs. Hettinga or Ms. Laura for more information. Or find more info at CHATclasses.com under the resources tab.

Have a
great
year!