

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025

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.

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.

CELL PHONES

You are welcome to 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 will be 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

Skipping class-

We expect you to attend all classes you're enrolled in if you are on campus.

Being Tardy-

Please make every effort to be in your classes on time. If you skip class or *choose* to be late or are *careless with your time*, these are the 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.

BEVERAGES and FOOD

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

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 may use for your comings and goings.

GYM: If there is no class in the gym, you are welcome to use it. Let Ms. Laura know if you need anything from the gym closet.

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.

Please use the crosswalk when crossing the street.

MUSIC, VIDEO, and INTERNET USE DURING FREE PERIODS

Internet access is available on the wireless network called Galilee (pw 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 restaurant (with your parent's permission). 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

Our goal is to have what we wear at CHAT to be modest as to not be distracting or cause offense.

Upper body:

1. Shirts must have shoulder straps that are at least adult fingers wide on the top of the shoulder.
2. Tops and bottoms must overlap so midriff skin is not exposed.
3. Necklines should not be revealing.

Lower body:

1. All shorts must have an inseam of at least 3 inches.
2. The minimum length of skirts allowed is 3 inches above the knees. (Shorter skirts can be worn if shorts are worn underneath and these shorts have the 3-inch inseam.)
3. The entire front and buttocks area must be covered if wearing leggings or anything that tightly hugs the skin.

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 not allowed.

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.

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 by Door 2 if you don't have an ID to show the monitor.

We hope everyone has a great year.