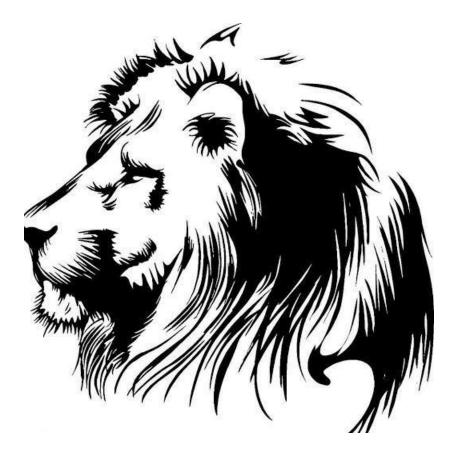
Chelmsford High School



Student Handbook Addendum

2021 - 2022

Letter from Principal

Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We look forward to a new beginning and to getting back to a more traditional schedule. Although the summer has been mostly rainy, it is still a nice break and a nice time to recharge. I am excited for the new school year to begin.

You will see a lot of changes both in academic offerings and changes in and around our building. We expanded our dual enrollment offerings to almost 20 different courses. Students can also participate in our new innovation pathways program. This gives students an internship or capstone experience relative to a career centered focus for a specific innovation pathway. Please see our Program of Studies for more information.

Our science pond was overhauled and ready to support classes. The gym floor will be replaced and over the course of the next four months you will see a total renovation of the Learning Commons. It will look more like a college student union with structures and furniture that supports collaboration and studies

The handbook addendum provides you with better access to the information and to better acquaint you with the practices and policies of the school. In its strictest sense, it is meant to be a resource for you and your parents as you join our Chelmsford High School community. *Please look at the sections involving attendance and after school activities. Policies changed in regard to excessive tardies and absences.*

Our mission is "*We foster pride in our pursuit of excellence*". Our handbook is designed, organized, and used as a means of advancing that mission.

We look forward to a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Murray CHS Principal

Student Discipline

Chelmsford High School recognizes that the level of interaction among students, parents, teachers, and administrators largely determines the quality of any discipline policy. One of our primary goals is to foster an atmosphere of trust and communication among the school, students, and parents; an atmosphere which encourages and seeks parental input. Parents are vital to the success of the school process. They have the responsibility in a shared partnership with the school to reinforce acceptable standards of behavior at home.

Students are expected to maintain proper standards of behavior at all times and will respect the rights and dignity of others. They are expected to use common sense, good judgment and the highest degree of self-discipline while observing and adhering to the school rules and regulations. In addition, they are expected to commit themselves to continued educational growth and contribute to a positive school environment. It is expected that students and staff will treat each other with dignity and respect, and that teachers will lay out a clear and consistent set of rules as it applies to each individual classroom.

It is the charge of the school administration to maintain and perpetuate a school environment conducive to obtaining the optimum academic experience and an environment which supports the idea that school is a place for teaching and learning, and a place where academic, physical, social, and emotional growth are equally emphasized. It is also the responsibility of the administration to implement the school code of discipline in a consistent, firm, and fair manner. The administration recognizes the importance of exhibiting compassion and understanding in dealing with specific violations of the code by individual students. The administration also recognizes the importance of exhibiting compassion and understanding toward the staff in dealing with situations where student behavior has become unacceptable. It is the responsibility of the administration to maintain a balance between students' and teachers' rights and responsibilities, and to assure that all persons, students and staff alike, are treated fairly, and with dignity and respect. The administration will implement the code of discipline using all resources available to it before any final decisions are made. The administration will make all decisions based upon available facts, good judgment, common sense, and the general good of the individual student and school as a whole.

These policies apply to all school related activities and school sponsored events, including but not limited to: dances, school trips, athletic and academic competitions (home or away), etc. Any parent group which exists in support of school activities must follow the mandates of this Student Handbook. For example, any student under suspension from school will not be allowed to attend parties, celebrations, banquets, etc. sponsored by such groups while a suspension is in force. Violation of this policy by any student or staff member is deemed a form of insubordination and will be appropriately disciplined.

Laboratories are of a unique nature, and without complete adherence to the rules and regulations of lab safety, a dangerous situation could arise. All students must follow the dictates of lab teachers as related to safe laboratory procedures. Any student violating lab safety procedures may be removed from the class in order to ensure the safety of all other students in the class. Classes with labs include Art, Science and Technology Education.

Computer laboratories provide important learning experiences in many courses. Students must adhere to rules and regulations established by the administration in order to best meet the needs

of the students. Any student violating computer laboratory procedures may be removed from the class.

Emergencies

Nothing in this policy should deter any school department employee from initiating quicker and more effective action than herein outlined, if a student is obviously in need of immediate medical assistance.

Search & Seizure

The Principal, Deans, Supervisors of Students or the principal's designee are entitled to conduct a search of a student's person, assigned locker and immediate possessions, including, but not limited to, backpack, personal property (wallet, pocketbook, etc.) and vehicle on school grounds whenever the school administrator has a reasonable suspicion that the student has violated or is violating the law or the rules of the school relating to drug and/or alcohol/tobacco and/or student safety.

Disciplinary System

Chelmsford High School remains committed to being a place where every student is treated fairly and with dignity and respect. The expectation is that every student will demonstrate these same qualities when interacting with teachers, administrators, staff and each other. However, occasionally a student (or group of students) may, for whatever reason, not follow these expectations. When this happens the optimal learning environment is breached and discipline is necessary. Chelmsford High School will adhere to the system of discipline as described below.

Detention

This is any adjustment to a student's arrival to or dismissal from school due to any disciplinary infraction. All detentions will be served after school from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in a supervised study room on Monday through Friday. The students will study under the supervision of an adult. They will obey all posted rules and regulations established by the adult. Students must serve the detentions within two weeks of their being assigned. Failure to report to a detention will lead to further disciplinary action including possible suspension by the Dean. While serving a detention a student retains all school privileges regarding athletic, extra-curricular and social activities, except for participation in such after-school activities and athletics on the date(s) and time(s) of the assigned detention.

<u>Suspensions</u>

Repeated violations or major infractions of the school code of discipline may result in suspension from school. Depending on the type of infraction, suspensions will be either in school or out of school, for a short-term (fewer than 10 days) or long-term (longer than 10 days) and will be assigned depending upon the violation and the student's past disciplinary record. Suspensions will command parent notification. While suspended, a student loses all school privileges regarding athletic, extra-curricular, and social activities.

Expulsion Policy

Under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Ch. 71, Section 37H, 37H ½, and 37H ¾, any student found on school premises or at school-related events, who is in possession of a weapon, or drugs, or who assaults any educational staff member or supervising adult may be subject to expulsion by the high school Principal (please see Acts of Misconduct for specifics). A Special Education student who violates a school rule leading to expulsion shall be subject to exclusion.

Exclusion is defined as placing the student in another education setting, not at Chelmsford High School. If expelled or excluded, a student must be notified in writing of an opportunity for a hearing before the Principal. A student will have the opportunity at the hearing to present evidence on his/her behalf which may impact the student's case. A student who has been expelled by the high school Principal has the right to appeal the Principal's decision to the Superintendent of Schools.

Partnership with Local Authorities

As per the memorandum of understanding between Chelmsford Public Schools and the Chelmsford Police Department, both CHS and CPD have agreed to respond effectively and cooperatively for everyone's protection to incidents of student delinquency, truancy, and criminal behavior. As per the understanding, CHS has a responsibility to report to CPD any incident involving alcohol, inhalants, or controlled substances (as per G.L. c.94C); the threat of assaultive behavior, intentional assaultive behavior, or reckless behavior resulting in personal injury; possession of a weapon (as per below, of G.L. c.71 s.37H); stalking or harassment (as per G.L. c.265 s. 43 + 43A, c.209A or 258E); involving a child suffering from physical or emotional injury as from abuse or neglect; involving an actual or suspected case of a hate crime or violation of civil rights; resulting in significant damage to school property; involving bomb threats, fire threats, fire setting, or other explosive devices or hoax devices; creation or possession of a document that identifies any individual targeted for violence or death; involving any threat against a student, school personnel, or other school employee; involving hazing (as per G.L. c. 269 s. 17); any sexual assault or any lewd and lascivious behavior; and any incident of bullying (as per G.L. 71 s.37 O).

Acts of Misconduct

The following are merely examples of conduct that may lead to disciplinary action. Students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Students who choose to engage in behavior that is inconsistent with an appropriate educational environment, whether or not specifically listed, could be subjecting themselves to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

1.0 Dangerous Weapons

It is the responsibility of the school administration to protect every student and staff member from any possible injury. The possession of any type of knife, razor, or other dangerous object or weapon in school greatly increases the risk of accidental injury to both the student carrying the object and to others. Therefore, weapons and other dangerous objects of any kind are not allowed in the building or anywhere else on school property for any reason.

1.1 Possession of any weapon or dangerous object

<u>1st Offense</u>

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- 10 day out-of-school suspension
- Pre-expulsion/exclusion hearing
- <u>2nd Offense</u>
- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 10 day out-of-school suspension
- Student-parent meeting with Superintendent of Schools

<u>1.2 Using or threatening to use a weapon or other dangerous object for the purpose of bodily harm to another person</u>

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 5-day suspension
- Pre-expulsion/exclusion hearing

A weapons violation may result in an immediate referral for an emergency mental health evaluation.

Drug Searches with Police and K-9s

In accordance with Chelmsford School Committee policy 3210, notice is hereby provided that the Chelmsford Public Schools in collaboration with the Chelmsford Police Department may utilize K-9 searches for illegal drugs in an effort to eliminate illegal drug use, procession and/or distribution in the schools. As a reminder and as a condition of use of any and all school property there should be no expectation of privacy in any locker, desk, parking space and/or other property belonging to the Chelmsford Public Schools. The administration of Chelmsford High School reserves the right to inspect such equipment, furniture or space to maintain the integrity of the school environment, to protect other students and staff, and to enforce safety regulations in accordance with the policies of the Chelmsford School Committee and the Chelmsford High School Student Handbook.

Breathalyzer

Chelmsford High School is strongly committed to providing an alcohol and drug-free school environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Due to our growing concerns with student safety at dances and other school events, including prom and graduation, the High School has implemented the use of a breathalyzer at these events in order to deter alcohol consumption and prevent undetected drinking from resulting in serious harm to our students.

Disciplinary Action for Breathalyzer

- 1. The Chelmsford High School may administer breathalyzer tests to all students seeking entry into any school sponsored event. In the event the first test administered is positive, a second test shall be administered immediately. In the event the second test administered is negative, a third test shall be administered immediately and the result of the third test will control.
- 2. If a student tests positive on two breathalyzer tests administered, his/her parents will be contacted, and he/she will be released directly to his/her parents. Disciplinary consequences will be assigned per the Student Handbook. Attendance at school sponsored events will be prohibited for one calendar year. Any senior who tests positive on two breathalyzer tests administered will not be permitted to attend senior week events. Any senior who violates this policy twice within a calendar year will not be permitted to walk the stage at graduation. Any senior who brings alcohol to a school sponsored event will not be permitted to attend senior.
- 3. If a student, after signing the agreement, refuses the breathalyzer test, his/her parents will be notified and asked to transport the student from the school sponsored event. If it is suspected that the student is under the influence of alcohol, the student will be interviewed

by school administrators and, if it is determined that he/she has consumed alcohol, disciplinary procedures will be followed.

Nothing in this policy shall limit the ability of athletic coaches, club/activity advisors and/or the Athletic Director/CHS administrators to impose separate disciplinary consequences involving participation in athletic events or membership on athletic teams.

2.0 Alcohol and Drugs

The school community supports all efforts in educating our youth to the dangers of alcohol and drugs. In addition, we encourage all students with alcohol or drug problems and their parents to work with our administrators and/or counselors to assist the students in identifying programs to address the drug or alcohol problems. Alcohol and drugs can be very dangerous. They maim the body, impair judgment, limit mental capacity, and impact negatively both on the learning and socialization processes. It is for this reason that the school administration takes the hardest line possible with anyone violating our alcohol and drug policy. Because of the administration's concern for the well-being of all students, if a student violates the drug and alcohol policy the administration strongly advises parents/guardians to seek counseling in order to ensure the student's well-being.

A student shall not buy, sell, use, distribute nor possess alcohol or drugs such as, but not limited to barbiturates, amphetamines, narcotics, marijuana, or any other controlled substances as defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94. A student shall not knowingly be in the presence of, nor have drugs and/or alcohol on his person or in any place on school property (including bus transportation), during home or away extra-curricular activities, on any school-sponsored trip, senior week activities, or during any activity sponsored by a parent group which exists in support of school activities.

Any student involved in Athletic or Extracurricular activities and is in violation of the drug and alcohol policy will be subject to additional penalties as defined in "Rules for High School Athletes" and "Extracurricular Eligibility Policy".

*Chelmsford High School acknowledges that students make mistakes. We want students to learn from their experiences. All violations under 2.0 may have an opportunity to reduce the number of days suspended if they enroll in the substance abuse education program. This will be discussed with students and their parents/guardians by their respective Dean.

2.1 Possession of and/or Being under the Influence of Alcohol

1st Offense:

- Parent notification
- Possible notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 5-day suspension
- Possible meeting with Principal/Dean and parents

2nd Offense:

- Parent notification
- Possible notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 10-day suspension

2.2 Being under the Influence of Drugs

1st Offense:

- Parent notification
- Possible notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 5-day suspension
- Possible meeting with Principal/Dean and parents

2nd Offense:

- Parent notification
- Possible notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 10-day suspension (5 days out-of-school and 5 days in-school suspension)
- Pre-expulsion / exclusion hearing

2.3 Possession of Drugs

1st Offense:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 10-day suspension
- Pre-expulsion/exclusion hearing to include parental participation will be held <u>2nd Offense</u>:
 - Parent notification
 - Notification to proper authorities
 - Minimum 10-day suspension
 - Student-parent meeting with Superintendent of Schools to determine student status at CHS

2.4 Selling or Distributing Alcohol and/or Acting as a Go-Between in the Transfer or Attempted Transfer of Such Substance

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 10-day suspension

2.5 Selling or Distributing Drugs and/or Acting as a Go-between in the Transfer or Attempted Transfer of Such Substances

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 10-day suspension
- Pre-expulsion/exclusion hearing

2.6 Drug, Alcohol and Vaping Paraphernalia

A student shall not possess on his/her person or any other place on school property, (including bus transportation to and from school) such as lockers or desks, any type of drug and vaping paraphernalia, including but not limited to: pipes, rolling papers, clips, e-cigarettes, Juuls, chargers, electronic cigarette cartridges, edibles, chemicals, drips, e-Juice, or anything with trace drug residue, etc. Any violation of this policy will result in the following:

1st Offense:

- Parent notification
- Up to 5-day suspension

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2nd Offense:

- Parent notification
- 5 days suspension
- Possible pre-expulsion/exclusion hearing

2.7 <u>Possession or Distribution of Counterfeit Drugs or Anything Represented as a</u> <u>Controlled Substance</u>

<u>1st Offense</u>:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Up to 5 days suspension

2nd Offense:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- 10 days suspension
- Pre-expulsion/exclusion hearing

2.8 Any Student Knowingly in the Presence of Alcohol on School grounds during school hours or at a School Sponsored Event.

<u>1st Offense</u>:

- Parent Notification
- Up to 6 days after-school detention

2nd Offense:

- Parent Notification
- Up to 5 days out-of-school suspensions

2.9 <u>Any Student Knowingly in the Presence of Drugs on School Grounds during school</u> <u>hours or at a School Sponsored Event</u>.

<u>1st Offense</u>:

- Parent notification
- Up to 6 days after school detention

2nd Offense:

- Parent notification
- Up to 5 days out-of-school suspensions

3.0 Fire/Chemical/Biological Hazards

Students shall not start a fire in the building or on school grounds. Furthermore, no student shall bring into the building any bomb, explosive, fireworks, chemical/biological devices, any incendiary device, or the counterfeit representation of the above listed items. Students violating this section shall be subject to the following:

<u>1st Offense</u>:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 3-day suspension

2nd Offense:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Up to 10-day suspension

4.0 Threatening, Harassing, and/or Physically Assaulting Staff

One of the objectives of the educational process is to nurture growth in young people so that appropriate conflict resolution is learned. The importance of being able to solve interpersonal problems without violence or physical contact cannot be overstated. Therefore, the necessity of learning to resolve differences of opinion through appropriate dialogue is continually stressed. Threats, attacks, or harassment against any staff member will not be tolerated.

Students who commit a <u>physical attack</u> on a staff member are subject to:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- 10 days out-of-school suspension

Students who make <u>threats</u> against or harass a staff member are subject to:

<u>1st Offense</u>:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Up to 5 days out-of-school suspension

2nd Offense:

- Parent notification
- 5-10 days out-of-school suspension

5.0 <u>Threatening, Hazing, Harassing and/or Physically Assaulting a Student</u>

Any student who feels unsafe or harassed should seek out Security, his/her counselor, Dean, or Principal immediately.

5.1 Any student who threatens or harasses another student will be subject to: <u>1st Offense</u>:

- Parent notification
- Possible notification to proper authorities
- Consequence(s) may include a warning up to a suspension depending on the severity of the offense

2nd or subsequent violations:

- Parent notification
- Possible notification to proper authorities
- Up to 5-day suspension

5.2 Any student who threatens or harasses another student based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, homelessness, age and/or disability and any other class or characteristic protected by law.

<u>1st Offense</u>:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Up to a 5-day suspension

*Normally this is a five-day suspension. However, the administration reserves the right to review potential consequences of the case based on the severity of the violation and based on the particular facts and circumstances of the situation.

2nd Offense:

- Parent Notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Up to a 10-day suspension *Normally this is a five-day suspension. However, the administration reserves the right to review potential consequences of the case based on the severity of the violation and based on the particular facts and circumstances of the situation.

5.3 Assault

1st Offense:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Up to a 5-day suspension 2nd Offense:
- Parent Notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Up to a 10-day suspension

6.0 Physical Altercations

Settling differences through physical altercation is unacceptable social behavior, endangers others, and will not be tolerated anywhere on school property or at school-related functions (including sporting events, field trips, etc.).

<u>6.1</u> Fighting

<u>1st Offense</u>:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities if necessary
- Up to 5-day suspension

2nd Offense:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities if necessary
- 5-10-day suspension

<u>3rd or More Offenses</u>:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- 10-day suspension

6.2 Premeditated Attack

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Minimum 10-day suspension
- Pre-Expulsion/Exclusion Hearing

7.0 Extortion/Unarmed Robbery or Theft of School/Personal Property

Any student feeling unsafe or harassed should seek out his counselor, Dean, or the Principal immediately.

1st Offense:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- Up to 5-day suspension
- Full restitution

2nd Offense:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper authorities
- 10 day out-of-school suspension

8.0 Destruction of School or Personal Property

In many surveys nationwide, educators, parents and students complain most about the depressing physical conditions of their schools. The Chelmsford High School community takes a great deal of pride in maintaining a physical environment conducive to good learning. It is the administration's responsibility to ensure that this message is emphasized on a consistent basis, and that those who choose to abuse the physical structure of the building or its contents or grounds will be properly disciplined.

Willful destruction of school property, such as, but not limited to: books, desks, chairs, windows, tables, seats, equipment, or personal property belonging to others is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Students who violate this rule are subject to:

- Parent notification.
- Restitution for the repair or replacement of property destroyed or damaged.
- At the discretion of the Principal, a detention or suspension may be assigned.
- Depending upon the severity or frequency of the offense, proper legal authorities and the Superintendent of Schools may be notified.
- Students may be assigned to an appropriate work detail in response to damage caused.

9.0 Smoking and Tobacco

As of June 18, 1993, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed The Educational Reform Act, which specifically makes <u>smoking by anyone</u> on school grounds <u>illegal</u>. Smoking, as well as the use of any other type of tobacco products, (please see section 2.6 for information regarding vaping and e-cigarettes) is unhealthy and contributes to or is a direct cause of many serious ailments. Passive smoke is also unhealthy, and contributes to allergic reactions, irritated eyes, and other discomforts for the nonsmoker. Recognizing this, Chelmsford High School remains committed to maintaining a smoke-free, tobacco-free environment for all students and staff.

All offenses will result in parent notification plus the following:

- 1st Offense:
- Minimum 3-day detention
- \$100 fine <u>2nd Offense</u>:
- Up to 6 days of detention
- \$200 fine <u>3rd and Subsequent Offenses</u>:
- Hearing with the Principal who will determine length of suspension
- \$300 fine

Failure to pay a fine could result in the filing of a criminal complaint by the Town of Chelmsford.

Additionally, since Chelmsford High School is, by State law, a smoke-free environment, there is no reason for students to be in possession of matches or lighters or cigarettes of any kind. Such devices will be confiscated and discarded. Offenders will be subject to disciplinary action.

10.0 General School Misconduct

It is not possible to list all offenses that may occur during the school year. The following is a list of offenses that may most commonly occur. This list is not all-inclusive, and violations not covered by this section will be dealt with as they occur. The following school-based offenses carry with them a range of possible disciplinary actions, from a simple warning to suspension. The degree of the disciplinary action will be directly related to the severity and frequency of the offense, as well as the student's past disciplinary records. The following are defined as general school misconduct:

- Propping open exterior doors or admitting anyone without the permission from a staff member is not permitted.
- Substantially disrupting school or classroom activities in a repeated or flagrant manner.
- Being present in a part of the school building or grounds for no legitimate reason.
- Failure to have a pass may lead to after school detention.
- Any form of insubordination, including refusing to identify yourself properly upon request by a staff member.
- Engaging in verbal abuse, profanity, or obscenity (including inappropriate gestures).
- Engaging in loitering, either in the halls or the bathrooms, throughout the school day or after school.
- Engaging in dangerous behavior such as excessive horseplay, snowball throwing, etc., which endangers oneself or others.
- Forging of notes, parking permits, or any other school form
- Gambling/card playing.
- Provoking or encouraging others to break school rules.
- Failure to report to the assigned area.
- Possession of banned electronic devices.
- Failure to sign into school properly.
- Inappropriate use of technology and school equipment.
- Possession and distribution of pornographic or offensive materials.
- Dangerous driving of an automobile on school grounds.
- Providing building access to individuals through locked door
- Any disruption to the school day.

<u>11.0</u> <u>Demonstrations</u>

The administration at Chelmsford High School remains committed to being responsive to student needs and will continue to make every attempt to intervene and defuse potentially volatile situations. If, however, students feel a need to meet as a group in order to fully discuss with the Principal an issue of particular concern, the following process should be followed:

- Try to resolve differences with the Student Council.
- If a solution is not reached, request a meeting with the Principal.
 - a. A room, date and time for a meeting will be designated.
 - b. Principal will hear all concerns and make a decision.

Students leaving the building without permission will be subject to discipline. The Principal continues to encourage students to voice their opinions in constructive ways and through positive means.

12.0 False Emergency

Signaling a false emergency (e.g. causing a false fire alarm, reporting, calling in or faxing a false situation) or threatening verbally or in writing to commit a crime is a serious offense. Such an action puts the safety of our entire student population and staff at risk, and unnecessarily endangers the safety of the emergency personnel who must respond quickly. While such emergency personnel are attending to the false emergency at CHS, the safety of the entire town is compromised. In addition, the signaling of false emergencies might diminish the serious response by those who need to evacuate our building and would cause disastrous results during a real emergency.

The following disciplinary procedure will be undertaken for a student alleged to have signaled such a false emergency:

- Parent notification
- Notification to proper school and civil authorities
- 5-10-day suspension
- Restitution

13.0 Leaving School Grounds

Students may not leave school grounds without permission. Any student who leaves school without permission will be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

- <u>1st Offense</u>:
- 6-day detention
- Loss of car parking privilege for 2 weeks, or until the 6 detentions have been served. <u>2nd Offense</u>:
- 1-day in-school suspension
- Parent notification
- Loss of parking privilege for the remainder of the academic year. <u>3rd and Subsequent Offenses</u>:
- Length of in-school suspension to be determined by the Principal after a meeting with the parents and student.

14.0 Unauthorized Use of Technology

Chelmsford High School recognizes the importance of the responsible use of technology within our schools. Technology is omnipresent in our society and is becoming more vital to the current and future success of our students. As such, we encourage and promote students to engage in behaviors commensurate with our Acceptable Use Policy. When a student violates the tenets of this agreement, the learning environment can become compromised which may impact the physical and emotional safety of students and staff members. As such, engaging in behaviors that compromise our current technological infrastructure or network or the safety of others, including but not limited to the unauthorized distribution of text, data, voice recordings, photographs, or videos of staff or students, at school, on buses, or at a school function, will result in a suspension of up to five (5) days, with the possibility of losing the privilege to use personal and school provided technology during the school day, and may result in the notification of the proper authorities. In addition, students may be expected to participate in a media literacy course with an instructor to help support the student's understanding of the behavior.

* CHS reserves the right to revise and update this handbook at any time.