

Rules for Choice AHS Students

1. Students are **NOT** allowed to leave the **third floor** during the school day (except at lunchtime). If you leave the third floor, you will be sent home for the remainder of the day, and counted absent.

2. School starts at 8:00 am. If you are not in your classroom at 8:00 am, you will be counted tardy. A tardy will count against your monthly attendance percentage. Three tardies equals one day of absence.

3. If you are not here by 8:14 AM OR 12:45 PM from lunch, you will be sent home for the remainder of the day, and counted absent.

Any one of the following will cause you to be put on a step. Once you are on a step, you cannot move out of the step process for the remainder of the year.

1. Falling below 80% average attendance in any month. Remember, there are no “excused” absences! Being tardy or missing class will bring down your attendance percentage. You are responsible for keeping track of tardies and absences in your planner.

2. Failure to make adequate progress in your classes – simply being here in class does not count. You must be turning in work regularly in each class. Communicate with your teacher about how much work is expected in that class.

3. Behavior incidents that cause you to be dismissed from class or school more than once in the past month.

The following rules are in accordance with the Bloomington School District.

A. Ensure a safe and secure environment.

As a member of a learning community we must follow rules of conduct to ensure the health, safety, and rights of everyone to enhance each individual's opportunity to learn.

Unacceptable Behaviors:

1. Physical abuse/assault or fighting
2. Threats
3. Harassment – physical or verbal

B. Speak and behave thoughtfully and appropriately with others.

Students must interact with appropriate sexual, multicultural, gender fair and disability aware behavior. Thoughtful and appropriate language helps the Choice Alternative High School members create a caring, learning community and reduces the potential for conflict.

Unacceptable Behaviors:

1. Racist remarks
2. Classist remarks
3. Sexist remarks
4. Put-downs because of a person's disability
5. Inappropriate sexual behavior
6. Words, signs, symbols or gestures that intimidate, manipulate or insult
7. Inappropriate or provocative dress

C. Support a focused learning environment.

Student must participate in providing a learning environment free of distracting noise and movement, thus allowing students and staff to concentrate on their work. At school, cell phones must be turned off and put away at all times. Students need to remain on the 3rd floor during school hours, and friends and family members may not accompany student in school without permission.

Unacceptable Behaviors:

1. Loud music
2. Cell phone ringing during class
3. Using cell phones in the classroom
4. Wandering the building
5. Disrupting others who are trying to learn/work

D. Use personal, school and community property as intended.

In order to ensure the protection of our property, we must treat it with high regard. Taking care of our property provides for the continuous quality of our environment and allows using our resources for other valuable purposes.

Unacceptable Behaviors:

1. Misuse of school property, such as computers
2. General vandalism and stealing
3. Littering in the classroom, hallway, bathroom or parking lot

The following is a summary of rules from the Independent School District 271 Handbook for Parents and Students.

- **Alcohol, Narcotics and Illegal Drugs**

Evidence of intoxication or possession or use of narcotics, unauthorized drugs, alcohol, or other mood altering chemicals in the school building or in the parking lot, will be grounds for out of school suspension. Proper authorities will be notified immediately and/or K9 involvement.

- **Smoking/Tobacco/E-Cigs**

Students who are 18 years or older are allowed to smoke in the designated area in the parking lot by General Dynamics. The following are consequences for students under the age of 17 or students caught smoking in non-designated areas:

First Offense – Warning

Second Offense – One day suspension

Third Offense – One day suspension, contact police

Fourth Offense – Two day suspension, contact police

- **Disruptive Behavior or Disturbances**

Students shall behave in classrooms and hallways in a manner which neither disrupts the learning environment nor is hazardous to the health and safety of persons in that area.

- **Respect for People**

Students shall show respect for principals, teachers, secretaries and other school employees. They shall show respect for other students.

Use of profane, abusive or inappropriate language will not be tolerated. **Profane or abusive language directed at a staff member will result in automatic suspension.**

- **Respect for Property**

Students shall respect the property belonging to the school district, school employees, and other students. Vandalism, theft, or use of property without permission of the owner will result in disciplinary action.

- **Dress Code**

Students are expected to choose appropriate attire for school. T-shirts or other shirts and caps with alcohol, tobacco or drug logos or unfavorable sayings are NOT allowed in school. Shorts and skirts worn within the school must fall below the index finger when arms are at the students' side. Shirts must cover midriff area completely. Tank top worn must not show bra straps and should have straps at least one inch thick. Pants should not show any undergarments when students are standing or sitting.

- **Technology**

Computers and other technologies provide opportunities for students and staff. Such equipment is installed in the Choice AHS for the benefit of all learners. In order for technology to be in working order and available to everyone, students must respect all equipment in the computer labs and classrooms.

Serious misuse of computer equipment is defined as deletion or violation of password-protected files, computer programs, data or system files; inappropriate accessing of files, unethical use of information or violation of copyright laws; accessing, uploading, downloading, printing or distributing pornographic, obscene, abusive or sexually explicit material; transmitting obscene, abusive or sexually explicit language; vandalizing, damaging or disabling the property of another person or organization or unauthorized commercial use or financial gain of the user is prohibited. Improper use may result in the loss of use of equipment. If the conduct at issue constitutes a violation of the Harassment, Racial, Sexual, Religious or Sexual Orientation policies, the district policies will be followed. Serious misuse of computer equipment will result in a student being sent home for the rest of the day and the following day. Upon return, the student will have a conference with the principal regarding use of computers at Choice. Violation of this policy may result in program dismissal and possible legal action.

