



DATE: April 25, 2025

TO: Mike Kapolka, Superintendent of the Chelsea School District and CSD School Board

FROM: Adam Schilt, Assistant Principal at Beach Middle School

RE: 2025-2026 Student Handbook Revisions

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The Beach Middle School Student Handbook is updated every year to reflect necessary changes in our school policies and day-to-day operations. This handbook is meant to serve as a guide for students and parents to understand the rules and regulations here at BMS.

Here are the proposed changes to the handbook for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Staffing information and school enrollment information will continue to be updated to reflect current configuration and hiring prior to the start of the 25-26 school year.
- Pages 3-4, Update statement on belonging under “Guiding Principles” section. Update attendance policy to include information about medical absences and a reminder that consistent attendance is required to attend the 8th-grade Washington, D.C. trip. Clarify that missing more than half of a class period will result in an absence.
- Page 8, Provide clarity and organization to the school dress code.
- Page 10, Update and clarify Washington, D.C. trip attendance requirements, including why students might be ineligible to attend the trip.
- Page 11, Update “Cell Phone / Electronic Device Policy” section to include prohibition of cell phones at lunch.
- Page 22, Update Restorative Practices section for clarity and add examples of these practices.
- Page 26, Update Cheating section to clarify policy regarding the use of AI on assignments.
- Page 28, Update Disciplinary Procedures to include potential after-school detention (if applicable--logistics for this are not yet finalized).

Respectfully,

Adam Schilt, Assistant Principal