

DLHS Student/Parent Handbook Updates



2026-2027

Summary

The DLHS/ALC/E-Laker Student Handbook has been reviewed and updated for the 2026-2027 school year. Revisions include minor grammatical edits, clarification of existing procedures and practices, and updates to reflect current school operations. In addition, several new sections have been added to address evolving student expectations, safety practices, and program-specific information. These changes were developed through a review process involving teaching staff, office staff, and administration to ensure the handbook remains accurate, clear, and aligned with district expectations.

The DLHS/ALC/E-Laker Student Handbook serves as the primary handbook for all students enrolled at Detroit Lakes High School and outlines the policies, procedures, expectations, and practices that apply across our school community. In addition to this comprehensive handbook, students participating in E-Laker Online courses or enrolled in the Alternative Learning Center (ALC) will receive program-specific guides that provide additional information regarding attendance, academic expectations, scheduling, support services, and other unique program requirements.

Specific Updates or Additions

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AI POLICY/GUIDELINES will be added here following board approvals

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Mid-Quarter Academic Eligibility Checks

To support student success and encourage academic progress throughout the school year, Detroit Lakes High School conducts mid-quarter grade checks for extracurricular and co-curricular eligibility on the following dates:

- Quarter 1 Progress Check: September 30, 2026
- Quarter 2 Progress Check: December 3, 2026
- Quarter 3 Progress Check: February 17, 2027
- Quarter 4 Progress Check: April 21, 2027

These progress checks provide an opportunity for students, families, and staff to monitor academic performance before the end of each quarter. Academic eligibility standards help ensure that participation in activities remains balanced with a student's primary responsibility of learning and academic achievement. Students who are experiencing academic difficulties are encouraged to seek support from teachers, counselors, and intervention opportunities available at DLHS.

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ANONYMOUS TIP LINE (ATL)

Need to report something concerning? The Anonymous Tip Line (ATL) allows students, families, and community members to confidentially share concerns related to student safety, bullying, threats, mental health, substance use, or other issues that may impact our school community. If you see something, say something. Reports can be submitted anonymously through the ATL link. [Anonymous Tip Line \(ATL\)](#)

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MESSAGES and ITEM DELIVERIES

Because students have access to school email and personal communication devices, the Main Office generally does not relay non-emergency messages to students during the school day. Students will not be called out of class to receive messages except in emergency situations.

Parents/guardians may drop off items for students in the Main Office as needed. Students are responsible for stopping in the office between classes, during lunch, or after school to pick up items that have been delivered for them.

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STUDENT AND VISITOR IDENTIFICATION

To help maintain a safe and secure learning environment, all Detroit Lakes High School students are expected to wear their school-issued student ID during the school day. Student IDs should be visible and worn around the neck or otherwise displayed so they can be easily seen by staff. Student IDs help staff quickly identify students, support school safety efforts, and facilitate access to school services and activities.

All visitors to Detroit Lakes High School must check in through the Main Office upon arrival and wear a visitor badge while in the building. Visitor badges must remain visible at all times and be returned when signing out.

Students who lose or damage their ID should obtain a replacement through the Main Office. Replacement fees apply.

Page 45 - Addition of E-Laker Guide

Page 52 - Addition of ALC Guide (based on the previous ALC Student Handbook)

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STUDENT PARKING

Students enrolled in the Alternative Learning Center (ALC) who drive to school are eligible to receive an ALC parking permit at no charge. This permit is available only to ALC students and is different from the standard DLHS student parking permit. During school hours, ALC students must park in the designated ALC parking area outside Door E26, which is clearly marked with signage. Students parked in the main student parking lot during school hours are required to have a standard DLHS parking permit and may be subject to ticketing if they do not have the appropriate permit. ALC students may use the front parking lot outside of school hours without consequence. Students are encouraged to follow all posted parking regulations and contact the ALC office with any questions regarding parking permits or designated parking areas.