

2022-2023 Eden Prairie Student Handbook Summary of Changes

Elementary:

There are not a lot of changes as the handbook was re-established last year

- Grammatical and mechanical changes to align language
- Changed language of 'tests' to 'assessments'
- Removed Gifted and Talented Services to 'Talent Development Services'
- Changed 'School Supplies' with 'School Information'
 - Added via electronic communication to sending information home via backpack
- Contacting Your Child:
 - Changed language from 'you' or parents' to 'families'
- Updated Personal Devices / Cell Phone Use
- Steps to Follow (under Communications) if Questions or Concerns
 - Language of he/she to building principal
- Expectations of Adults (under Safe and Supportive Schools)
 - Removed 'underlining' of work 'providing'
 - Lining up the bulleted information (formatting change)
- Under Student Life
 - Removed Before and After School Activities Statement due to redundancy
- Dress Code
 - It is encouraged that hats, caps and hoods be removed (rather than 'must be removed')
- Changed reference to grade levels throughout the document from grades K - 6 to grades K - 5 (i.e. Electronic Devices section)
- Added Social worker to contact if payment assistance is needed for Field Trips
- Under Lockers: Add 'do not ensure the safety of valuable items'
- Lunch and Breakfast: Changed the Year to 2022-23
 - Remove 'varies by school' amount of time for breakfast
- Under Student Life: Lunch Pins: Grammatical changes
- Under Parent / Sibling Visits During Lunch
 - Changed 'parent' to 'visitor'
- Under Birthday and Parties Outside of School
 - Removed the second link referencing 'wellness policy' (redundant)
- Under iLean@EP
 - Changed 'electronic devices' from 'internet'
- Under Tobacco-Free Schools: Added a statement regarding vaping, etc. to align with CMS statement

- Transportation section updated by Randy Haar with new 'all students receive transportation', etc., payment process, communication in the middle of August, riding a different bus home, rules and consequences (removed all the 'do not's' to state expectations in a positive manner, etc.

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Central Middle School:

- School Volunteers section updated
- Dress: Updated language around wearing face masks for health reasons.
- Breakfast expectations updated
- Updates to Roughhousing language with additional language and examples.
- Removed language around dress and grooming, language was not viewed with an equity lens.
- Simplified the language under lunchroom rules and consequences.
- Updated information about backpacks and handbags
- Gendered language removed (he/she all became they)
- "/Guardian" was added after every "parent"
- PBIS language of "Safe/Responsible/Kind" was embedded into Philosophy & Critical Components
- Removed Flex Time and changed to Advisor with Advisor language
- Planning room language has changed. New language has been added regarding a structured day.
- Before and after school expectations have been added.
- Updated language about lunchroom expectations.
- Posting video/messages language and consequences have been updated

High School:

- Update to grading scale language. I's that have not been completed will transition to F's on transcripts circa August 31 of each year. Addition of using a W for withdrawals on student transcripts. (p3-4)
- Language around receiving a P for a course with the P/NC option more clearly defined (p4)

- Update to incomplete policy to include more clarity on how students can complete incomplete courses as well as language on I to F rollover on August 31 of each year (p5)
- Replacement of gold and silver cord language for seniors. No longer offering honors diploma/red cords. Language added for service cords and program recognition. (p6-7)
- Conference language was too specific. Replaced language - - no changes made to the general message of why we hold conferences. (p8-9)
- Personal Electronic Devices: Behavior response outlined in more detail for incidents of misuse (p11)
- “Library” changed to “Media Center.” Hours of operation updated and clearer guidelines for accessing the Media Center during the school year added (p11-12)
- Parking permit language now includes pricing for locations (p12)
- Junior and Senior privileges updated to reflect new process for applying for privileges and details around expectations for maintaining and using privileges (p12-13)
- Completely new section added for co-curricular participation. Includes eligibility requirements, attendance requirements, lettering requirements, participation requirements, and chemical violations (p25-27)
- Activity bus section removed as it is addressed earlier in the handbook in the after-school guidelines section (p27-28)
- Unexcused Attendance: language updated to reflect process requirements with be@school and to include reference to the EPHS positive attendance support plan (p29)
- Disruptive Behavior: Second offense is now up to 2 day dismissal as opposed to 3 days. Third and *subsequent* offenses are now up to three days of dismissal with restorative practices (p31)
- Dress and Grooming: Language around covering shoulders, midriff, chest, or buttocks deleted. We think this could be navigated with the “dress and grooming that is disruptive to the education process” language after the section header (p32)
- Fighting/Assault: Updated to include filming a fight or assault (p33)
- He or she language replaced with “they” (p34 and throughout)
- Littering/Lunchroom: Restricted lunch added to third offense (p36)
- Off-Campus/Unauthorized Areas: Third offense now included up to one day of in-school suspension (p36-37)
- Threats and Intimidation; Physical, Verbal or Written: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd behavior responses added and outlined in detail. Note language added on “serious offenses” (p39-40)

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TASSEL:

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