

VIEW

Welcome Back!

We hope you're having a wonderful summer. We've been busy preparing CHS for the 2022-2023 school year and are looking forward to welcoming students and staff back to school at the end of August.

This is our first edition of the 2022-2023 Laker View. Inside you will find lots of information for the start of the school year, including information about student parking, Smart Start, the CHS Open House, and more. Please take a minute to read through The Laker View.

Thanks and have a great summer!

Best Regards,
Andrew Conforti
Principal

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HOW DOES CHS COMMUNICATE & WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO FIND INFORMATION?

→ **NEW THIS YEAR!** ParentSquare sent to you by: email, text message, recorded phone call, or in the **App!** Download the app for free in the App Store or Google Play



ParentSquare

- ◆ Emergencies
- ◆ Last minute updates (weather related, after-school activities, etc.)
- ◆ Reminders for specific groups (Tech School CTE & BTC, class related, clubs, etc.)
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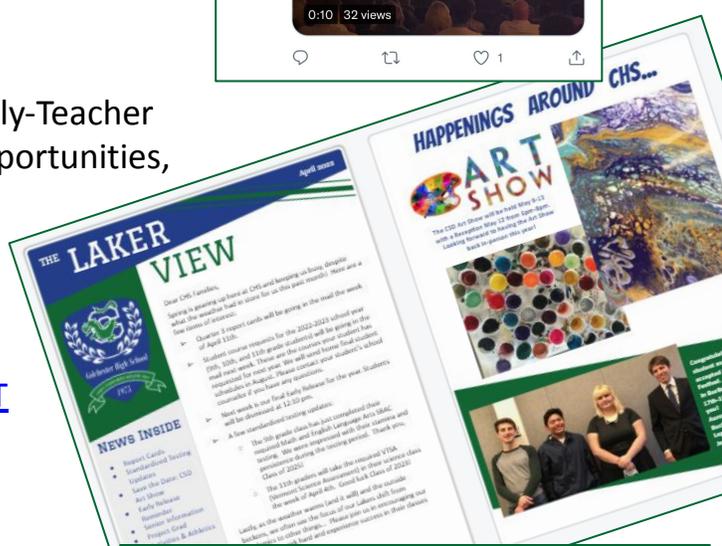


→ **The Laker View** emailed monthly & located on the website

- ◆ Important updates from the main office
- ◆ School Counseling & College Info
- ◆ Student Opportunities
- ◆ Upcoming Events (such as Open House, Family-Teacher Conferences, Concerts, Theater, Learning Opportunities, etc.)
- ◆ Community news
- ◆ Senior Info & Graduation
- ◆ Project Grad & Boosters Associations

→ **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/CHSLakersVT>

- ◆ Upcoming Events
- ◆ Reminders
- ◆ General happenings around the School
- ◆ Last minute updates (weather related, after-school activities, etc.)



→ **Twitter** @CHSLakersVT, @CHSLakersAP, @CHSAthleticsVT

- ◆ Just for fun! Happenings around the school & on the field.



SMART START

AUGUST 30, 2022

We are excited to kick off the school year with our annual Smart Start event! The purpose of Smart Start is to provide a warm welcome to all 9th grade students and those transferring to Colchester High School for the first time this academic year.

Smart Start is packed full of activities that provide new students the opportunity to tour the school, meet their Homebase advisor, navigate their class schedule, meet their teachers, administrators, and school counselors, and gather the tools and knowledge they need to 'get connected' and 'make every minute count' in the time they spend at CHS. Students can also look forward to an outdoor community BBQ where they can socialize with friends, faculty, and student ambassadors.

Buses will run on a normal school schedule for Smart Start. Students should plan to arrive at CHS between 7:00 and 7:45 AM and will be dismissed at 2:20 PM.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming all new students to Laker Nation!



A SPECIAL THANKS TO STUDENT AMBASSADORS!

Smart Start would not be a success without Student Ambassadors! Each year a small group of Seniors volunteer to become 'Lead Ambassadors' for this event. These students work with CHS administration during the summer to design opening and closing activities and to create a video that aims to inspire students to 'Get Connected' and 'Make Every Minute Count'.

In addition to Lead Ambassadors, CHS has more than 50 underclass student volunteers willing to give up their last day of summer vacation to participate in Smart Start! Student Ambassadors greet new students, pass along Laker knowledge, lead school-wide tours, and help students navigate their class schedules!

Student Ambassadors are one of many things that make CHS such a special place!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAKER VIEW

This is the **ONLY** paper copy of The View you will receive this year. If you have not provided an email address, or if you have had an email address change, please call 264-5701 to add or update your email information. You may also email Gabrielle.Brooks@cholchestersd.org with changes.

If you do not have an email address you can access The View on our Web site at the following address: www.csdvt.org/chs/news/lakerview.php

Please check out the CHS Website at the following address: www.csdvt.org/chs for block schedules, the A/B, CHS, and District calendars, as well as athletic schedules, updates, and much more!



CHS PICTURE DAYS
7 AM - 3 PM

**THUR. SEPT. 15TH &
FRI. SEPT. 16TH**

ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR AN ID

Beltrami will be photographing CHS students on September 15th & 16th. Students will have their pictures taken during their humanities class. Students will be informed as to which day they will be photographed prior to the picture day. The picture form is enclosed in this mailing. Pre-order online!

Go to: www.bsnap.hhimagehost.com; event: **CHS Fall Pictures 2022**; password is: **chs322** (password is case sensitive). Please note that the site will be live starting **August 1st**.

If you choose not to purchase a picture packet, your student will still need to be photographed for a school ID.

If your student attends CTE they may have their photo taken on either 9/15 or 9/16 between 7:15-7:30 AM or between 2:30-3:00 PM.

CHS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

In a few short weeks we will welcome students old and new to CHS. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to new faculty members at CHS.

Andrew Conforti
PRINCIPAL

Matthew Emery
HUMANITIES
TEACHER

Josie Lang
DISTRICT NURSE
CO-SUPERVISOR

Janelle Woodin
SCIENCE TEACHER

Danielle Dubro
SPECIAL EDUCATOR



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 15th
6:30-8:30 PM

1:1 LAPTOPS

RETURNING STUDENTS

All students were expected to turn in their laptops at the end of the year or formally request to keep their device over the summer. **If you DID NOT bring your laptop to the IT Help Desk before you left for the summer or request to keep it, here is what you need to do BEFORE the start of the 2022-2023 school year** to ensure your laptop is updated and ready to go:

MAJOR WINDOWS UPDATE NEEDED for 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- Drop off your laptop to the IT Help Desk anytime this summer Tuesday-Thursday between 7:30AM and 2:00PM. You can pick it up on or before the first day of school once it has been updated; or
- Call the IT Help Desk (264-5727) to make an appointment to drop off your device if the hours (7:30AM - 2:00PM) do not work for you or your family

NEW STUDENTS

CHS will begin distributing laptops to incoming 9th grade and new students the week of August 15th. Students can come to the IT Helpdesk anytime between 7:30AM and 2:30PM, Monday-Thursday, to pick up their school-issued device.

Please note that IT cannot give students their laptop unless they have signed the CSD 1:1 Contract and the Acceptable and Responsible Computer, Network, and Internet Use Policy (AUP) included in InfoSnap.

Students that use their own device while at CHS should complete the CSD BYOD Contract found under 'Resources' on the CHS website and submit it to the IT Help Desk.

DAMAGED DEVICES

If a student device is damaged it should be brought to the CSD Technology Help Desk as soon as possible. Damages are tracked and reported to administration and are cumulative over the four years students are enrolled at CHS.

Students that damage their laptop intentionally (puncturing the screen, popping off keys ...) will meet with an administrator.

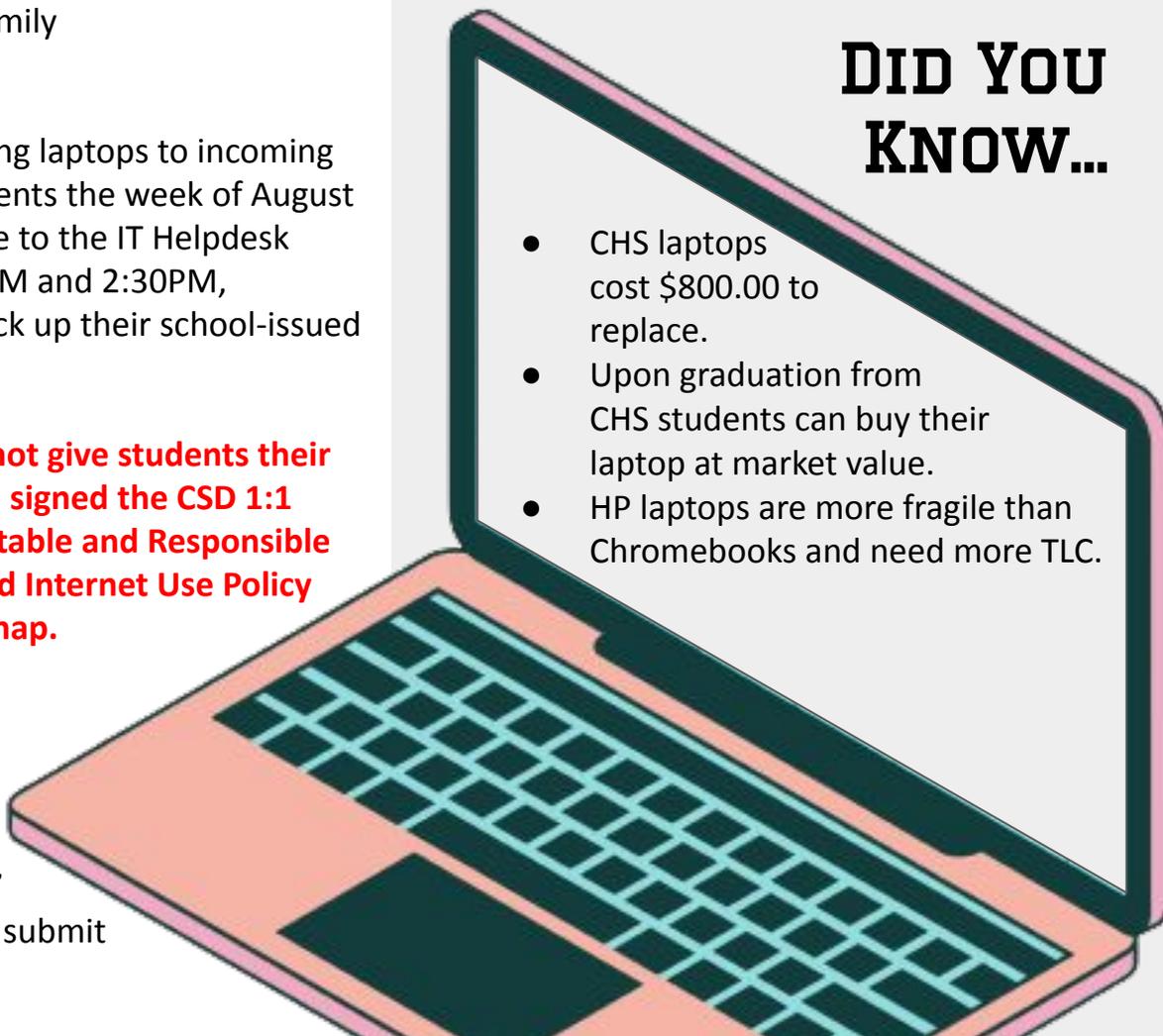
Please note that students and families may be charged for intentional damage that results in repair or the replacement of the device.

LOST or STOLEN ADAPTERS or BATTERIES

Adapters and batteries can be purchased from the district for \$35 or students/families can buy one online. If students/families need help purchasing the correct adapter or battery they should call (264-5727) or email the Help Desk at helpdesk@colchestersd.org.

DID YOU KNOW...

- CHS laptops cost \$800.00 to replace.
- Upon graduation from CHS students can buy their laptop at market value.
- HP laptops are more fragile than Chromebooks and need more TLC.





PARENT PORTAL INFO

Dear CHS Parents/Guardians,

Colchester High School will again be using PowerSchool's Parent Portal as our web-based communication program that allows parents and students secure internet access to real-time data about their student's school progress. You can access the Parent Portal using any computer that is connected to the internet. Parents/students are able to view a variety of information, including grades, attendance, assignment descriptions, and teacher comments. Parents and students alike will have their own login screen. Parents will be given one login for all children they have at CHS.

If you already have a Parent Portal or Student Portal account, then your login information has remained the same.

Parents or guardians who have questions or concerns about Parent Portal may contact Hope Renadette, CHS Bookkeeper, in the High School main office. You can call her directly at 264-5702 or email her at Hope.Renadette@colchestersd.org.

Students with questions or concerns about Student Portal should visit the Genius Bar in room 150, or you can email helpdesk@colchestersd.org.

We have posted detailed login directions and a Parent Portal user guide on the Colchester High School Website. The user guide is a document that introduces the Parent Portal, how to get started using it, working with the different menus to access information, and how to log out of the Parent Portal. The user guide should answer any questions you may have on how to use the Parent Portal.

STUDENT LOCKER PROCEDURE

Lockers are no longer pre-assigned to each student.



Lockers will only be assigned to students upon request.

If you are interested in obtaining a locker, please see the Attendance Office.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each year we receive a number of calls regarding back to school supplies. We ask that all students bring their school issued laptop to school everyday. In addition to the laptop, pens/pencils and paper would be helpful on the first day of school. Teachers will inform students of any necessary supplies specific to each class during the first few days of school.

They are not expected to purchase those supplies immediately. The Labor Day weekend offers some extra time for school supply purchase.

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

student schedules are now available to view in Powerschool. Both you and your student may access their student schedule for the 2022-2023 school year through the Powerschool portal located on our CHS website. If you need assistance accessing your student's schedule on Powerschool, please contact Patty Ward at 264-5713.

The school counselors have been working to make corrections on schedules, but there may be additional corrections that require family input. An add/drop period will run for **students with errors in their schedules**. Please call the guidance office for an **appointment starting Thursday, August 18**. Appointments are scheduled by speaking directly with the registrar (Patty Ward) at 264-5713. Appointments are not scheduled by leaving a message.

- August 23 12th grade drop/add
- August 24 11th grade drop/add
- August 26 10th/9th grade drop/add

A second add/drop session will be available once school begins. Please contact school counseling to schedule an **appointment starting Wednesday, August 31**. Appointments are scheduled by speaking directly with the registrar (Patty Ward).

- September 1, 2 - Senior Class drop/add
- September 6 - Junior Class drop/add
- September 7 - Sophomore Class drop/add
- September 8 - Freshman Class drop/add
- September 9 - All classes drop/add

Please note:

- **All students must carry a minimum of 6.0 credits**
- **Students are expected to go to and remain in a class until the change is made**
- **No change will be made based on teacher preference**

OPEN CLASSES ALERT!

If you have a study hall first semester, then you do not need to wait for a drop/add appointment.

Why fill your study hall with a class?

Colleges are looking for students who challenge themselves academically. If you are a freshman or sophomore take this opportunity to fulfill some of your graduation requirements.

If you are dropping a study hall to add a class, don't wait until drop/add!

Take the time to carefully review the list below and if there is a class you would like to add please see your counselor immediately.

SEMESTER 1

A1	Basic Guitar, French I (year long), International Politics, Psychology, Spanish I (year long)
B1	AP US History (year long), VIVA!
A3	Engineering Lab
B3	Intro to Arabic
A4	Drawing, Food! From Soil to Stomach, Intermediate Piano, PE I, Pottery, Psychology, Public Speaking
B4	AP US History (year long), Breaking into Coding, Human Ecology, Painting, PE I, Yearbook (year long)
A5	Beginner Piano, Philosophy
B5	Chorus (year long), EPL, Math of Sports



The SAT Registration Calendar 2022-23

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 27, 2022	July 29, 2022	August 16, 2022
October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

Students can register at sat.org/register.

The late registration deadlines above are for paper registration.

Online and phone late deadlines are listed at sat.org/register.



National Test Dates in the U.S.

www.act.org for Additional Information

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 10, 2022	August 5, 2022	August 19, 2022
October 22, 2022	September 16, 2022	September 30, 2022
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022	November 11, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

HOMEBASE/ADVISORY TIME

One of the ways we ensure success at CHS is focusing on **academic excellence** and **building strong connections and relationships** with students. A key strategy that allows for us to do this work is Homebase/Advisory Time, also known as “AT.” The “A” represents Academic Acceleration, Access, Activity and Advising. The “T” stands for Time.

Homebase and AT are required for all CHS students grades 9-12.

Students are expected to attend Homebase or AT every morning from 9:09-9:39 during mod 2. It’s important for students and families to know that HB/AT is credit bearing and impacts a student’s GPA. Each quarter students earn a P (100%) or F (0%) that reflects their attendance and participation in HB/AT and at the end of the year, are granted .25 credits for their successful completion.



HB/AT STRUCTURE

Monday/Friday: Homebase

Students meet with their academic advisor in their Homebase location to build community, engage in service projects, and schedule AT appointments for the week.

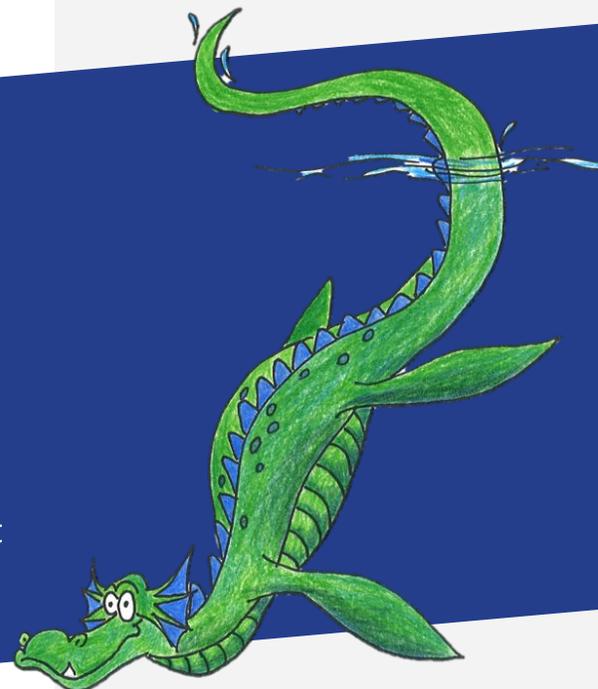
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: AT

Students follow their scheduled weekly appointments and meet teachers for support, academic acceleration, silent study, research, activity time, and/or targeted skill instruction.

HOW HB/AT WORKS

All CHS students are assigned an advisor and a Homebase location. Each Monday, students meet with their Homebase Advisor to make an AT (Mod 2) schedule for the week. Students review their academic progress in PowerSchool and create an intentional AT schedule that allows them to check-in with teachers for support, academic acceleration, silent study, research, activity time, and/or targeted skill instruction.

Homebase/AT is also used to pre-book individual, grade-level, or whole-school groups for assemblies and other activities. The HB/AT Calendar shows any changes to the regular HB/AT schedule and is available on the CHS Website.



Student Parking Information for the 2022-2023 School Year



Since demand for parking exceeds the available space, only **seniors** and **juniors** are eligible to obtain a limited number of parking permits for the Colchester High School parking lot. Those without a school-issued parking permit may park along the road to Bayside or in the Bayside Ball Field parking lot.

Process for Obtaining a CHS Parking Permit

On **August 22, 2022, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**, seniors and juniors must submit in person, a complete parking application packet and \$5.00 fee (cash or check payable to CHS) to Phyllis Etienne in the CHS Faculty Room. There are 75 designated spots for seniors and 55 designated spots for juniors. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If the number of requests exceeds the number of available spots, students will be placed on a waitlist in the order they arrived. Students on the waitlist will not pay the \$5.00 fee or receive a parking permit at this time. In the event a spot opens, Ms. Etienne will notify the student and family. **Students who are unable to drop off their parking application packet and fee on August 22nd should contact Chad DeMagistris, Assistant Principal, by email at Chad.DeMagistris@Colchestersd.org.**

2022-2023	Parking Application Checklist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ CHS parking permits issued to Juniors and Seniors only ★ Sophomores must park at Bayside ★ Students must come to CHS in person on August 22nd to submit their parking application and \$5.00 parking permit fee (cash or check payable to CHS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A completed student parking application (see next page) <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the student's valid driver's license <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the valid registration of the vehicle the student will be driving <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the proof of insurance for the car the student will be driving <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 cash or check payable to CHS

Student Parking at CHS

Parking at CHS is a privilege. Due to a limited number of student spots in the CHS parking lot, we offer the opportunity for seniors and juniors to apply for a parking permit. In order to be eligible to park in the CHS lot, students must complete a parking application, submit a copy of their driver's license, registration, insurance card, and pay a \$5.00 parking permit fee (cash or check payable to Colchester High School) and receive a school-issued parking permit from the CHS administration.

Student Parking at CHS continued...

To park on school property during school hours, all vehicles must display a CHS parking permit. Students who display a CHS parking permit have permission to park in the student parking lot (spots lined in yellow). A student parking permit does not guarantee a specific parking spot, but allows a student to park in any of the designated student parking spots if there is one available.

The Town of Colchester in partnership with the school district, maintains the road to Bayside and the Bayside Ball Field parking lot for overflow parking. All licensed drivers without a CHS parking permit are able to park here.

Student Parking Violations

In the event that a vehicle is parked in the CHS lot without a CHS parking permit or parked illegally in an undesignated space, firelane, visitor parking, handicapped parking, or staff parking, the following steps are taken:

First Violation:

- A sticker may be placed on the vehicle
- The student is called to the planning room where they are issued a parking violation in the amount of \$25.00 payable to Colchester High School
- The student will move their vehicle
- Parent notification

Second and Subsequent Violations:

- A sticker may be placed on the vehicle
- The student is called to the planning room where they are issued a parking violation in the amount of \$50.00 payable to Colchester High School and/or towed from CHS (owner is responsible for all towing fees)
- The student will move their vehicle
- The student may lose parking privileges and/or Senior Privilege
- Parent notification

Other Motor Vehicle Violations: Any student who exceeds the speed limit, fails to come to a complete stop at stop signs, and/or drives reckless will be referred to the School Resource Officer and may lose their parking privilege. Under no circumstances will unregistered motor vehicles (including snowmobiles, dirt bikes, ATV's, etc.) be allowed on school property.

Note: all outstanding debts must be paid before a student can receive graduation tickets.

In addition, all vehicles on CHS property are subject to the CSD Search and Seizure policy. Specifically: *“Students are permitted to park on school premises as a matter of privilege, not of right. The school retains authority to conduct routine patrols of student parking lots and inspections of the exteriors of student automobiles on school property. The interiors of student vehicles may be inspected whenever a school authority has reasonable suspicion to believe that illegal or unauthorized materials are contained inside. Such patrols and inspections may be conducted without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant. For the purposes of this section, a student vehicle shall mean the vehicle that the student parked on school premises that day.”*

Colchester High School

Parking Application 2022-2023

Name	
Grade	
Make/Model/Year/Color of Vehicle	
License Plate #	
Driver's License #	

The Agreement

By submitting this application, students and parents/guardians agree to the following agreement and potential violations outlined on the previous page of this application packet:

- 1. A student's vehicle is to be parked only in the student parking section of the parking lot (lined in yellow).**
- 2. Students must follow the Colchester High School Safety Plan. This includes using approved entrances to the building.**
- 3. Students must follow all Early Dismissal/Late Arrival and/or Senior Privilege rules.**
- 4. Students are expected to drive in a respectful manner. Failure to obey traffic laws and/or reckless driving will not be tolerated.**
- 5. Park at your own risk. Individual insurance policies assume all liability. Colchester School District, including Colchester High School, is not responsible for any damage while parked on campus.**

If a student is found to be in violation of the above agreement or any school rules as outlined in the Student Handbook or if their vehicle is used to violate the above agreement or any other school rules as outlined in the Student handbook, their privilege to park in the CHS parking lot may be revoked. If a parking permit is revoked, the parking fee will not be refunded.

I have read the above agreement and understand all rules, regulations, and potential violations regarding the parking privileges at CHS. By signing below, I agree to abide by these rules and regulations. Failure to do so may result in the loss of my privilege to park at CHS.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



CHS DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

30 MINUTE AT

A1/B1 7:45 AM - 9:05 AM

AT (Advisory Time)

A2/B2 9:09 AM - 9:39 AM

A3/B3 9:43 AM - 11:03 AM

A4/B4 11:07 AM - 12:55 PM

Lunch #1 11:07 AM - 11:34 AM

Lunch #2 11:34 AM - 12:01 PM

Lunch #3 12:01 PM - 12:28 PM

Lunch #4 12:28 PM - 12:55 PM

A5/B5 12:59 PM - 2:20 PM

Price Chopper Tools for Schools

The Price Chopper Tools for Schools program is underway. Sign up with your AdvantEdge Card to support CHS. Once you sign up, everything you purchase at Price Chopper with your AdvantEdge Card earns points to help our school get a larger share of the \$500,000 in FREE equipment to be distributed throughout Tools for Schools program. If you don't have a card, visit the Customer Service Desk at any Price Chopper location.

[Our school code is 15210.](#)



EARLY RELEASE 2022-2023

Wednesday, October 26th, 2022

Wednesday, December 7th, 2022

Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

Wednesday, April 5th, 2023



EARLY RELEASE BELL TIMES

A1/B1

7:45 AM - 8:38 AM
53 min class, 4 mins to pass

A3/B3

8:42 AM - 9:35 AM
53 min class, 4 mins to pass

A5/B5

9:39 AM - 10:32 AM
53 min class, 4 mins to pass

A4/B4

10:36 AM - 12:10 PM

Lunch #1

10:36 AM - 10:59 AM

Lunch #2

10:59 AM - 11:22 AM

Lunch #3

11:22 AM - 11:46 AM

Lunch #4

11:46 AM - 12:10 PM

Buses tentatively pick up at 12:10. Hold students in class until we announce that the buses are here.

On the four early release days listed above students are released at 12:10 PM. The bus situation for tech students will be as follows.

Essex Tech bus will bring students back to CHS at 2:30 and they are responsible for finding their own ride home. The bus that picks up students will be doing the Milton/Georgia route, so any students needing to go home to Milton/Georgia should stay on the bus. Any students who are unable to attend CTE because of transportation issues should contact Carolyn Dickinson, CTE Assistant Director at 802-857-7534 or cdickinson@ewsd.org.

BTC transportation will be provided for BTC AM and PM students. The BTC AM students will take the bus as usual, returning to CHS for the 12:10 p.m. dismissal. The BTC PM students will be brought to MBS at 2:40 in the afternoon as usual and will be responsible for finding their own ride home.

SENIORS 2023

Dear Class of 2023:

Welcome to Senior Year! This is one of those special moments that you have been waiting for -- Senior Privilege!

Senior privilege is an earned privilege that allows seniors the opportunity to exercise a level of freedom that is not afforded to other students. The concept was originally introduced by the class of 1994. To be eligible for senior privilege, seniors must have completed 17 credits and 3 years of high school. Seniors must maintain good standing or will not be eligible for senior privilege for one or more quarters. Senior privilege will not begin until the student receives approval from **both** their parent/guardian and the CHS administration.

If you are interested in participating in senior privilege, please read the attached application (on the next page) and **return a signed signature form to Phyllis Etienne, CHS Attendance Secretary, room 116, by Friday, September 9, 2022.**

Please note that all seniors will attend a senior privilege/class meeting with the CHS Administrative team the week of **September 6-9 during Homebase.**

If you have any questions about senior privilege, please contact Mr. DeMagistris at 264-5734 or Chad.DeMagistris@colchestersd.org.



CAP/GOWN & DUES INFO:

Seniors will receive cap/gown and announcement information at the **mandatory senior AT on Wednesday, October 12th** with the Josten's representative. Josten's will return on Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 11th during lunches (11:07-12:55) to collect the orders.

Senior dues are \$20 and cover the cost of the class gift, flowers, and other costs associated with graduation.

Your payment to Jostens for your cap/gown/tassel and any other items you order from Jostens, as well as your senior dues should be paid at the time the order is placed on November 11th or 12th.

****PLEASE NOTE:** You will need two checks, one to CHS for senior dues in the amount of \$20 and a second check to Jostens for payment of the cap and gown and any other items you order.

Seniors attending CTE can pick up the information packet in the main office at CHS beginning the afternoon of October 12th. CTE seniors can return their cap and gown order and dues to the main office by November 10th. The main office is open 6:30-3:30 daily.

CLASS OF 2022

SENIOR CALENDAR 2022-2023

SEPTEMBER:

- 6-9** **Senior Privilege AT**
- 20** **Senior College Night** – 6:30-8:00 PM - CHS Performing Arts Center
- 29** **VSAC Financial Aid Night** – 6:30-8:00 PM CHS Performing Arts Center
- Transcripts** – Requesting transcripts in Naviance explained in AT
- Senior Guidance Timeline** – A review of the Senior Guidance Timeline in AT

OCTOBER:

- FAFSA** – FAFSA info explained in AT
- 12** **Cap and Gown Information** – Mandatory AT for seniors, cap/gown and announcement information is presented in Performing Arts Center
- 25** **FAFSA Forms Night** - 6:00-8:00 PM CHS Library

NOVEMBER:

- 10-11** **Seniors Place Order for Cap/Gown** – Seniors place order for cap/gown/announcements in the main lobby during lunches. CTE students can drop their order/dues off in the main office prior to November 10th and their order will be submitted.
- 18** **Yearbook Submission Deadline!** - Submit your portraits, quotations, activities, baby pictures, etc. Check out the full list here: [Senior Yearbook Information](#)

JANUARY:

- VSAC Scholarships** – VSAC Scholarship packet distributed and explained in AT

FEBRUARY:

- Local Scholarships** – Local scholarships given out and explained in AT

APRIL:

- Local Scholarship Deadline**

JUNE:

- 8-14** **Final Exams** - **Dates subject to change due to snow days
- 13-15** **Mandatory Graduation Practices** – 1:00-4:00 PM in Performing Arts Center; Class picture, cap/gown distribution, senior walk, paperwork
- 16** **Class Night** – 6:00 PM in Performing Arts Center
- 17** **Graduation** – 10:00 AM in Gymnasium
- 17** **Project Grad** – evening and overnight

****Dates subject to change due to snow days.**

CHS Senior Privilege Application

2022-2023



Application Due: Friday, September 9, 2022

Overview of Senior Privilege

The intent of the senior privilege concept is to allow students opportunities to develop responsibility for managing their non-class time. It provides a transition from the constraints of a public high school to the freedom experienced in the real world that students will enter when they graduate. The concept was originally introduced by the class of 1994.

How to Apply

Step 1:

Please review the conditions outlined below and sign and return the signature agreement page to Phyllis Etienne, CHS Attendance Secretary, room 116, by **Friday, September 9, 2022**.

Step 2:

Seniors will attend a senior privilege/class meeting with the CHS Administrative team the week of September 6-9 during Homebase. Extra copies of the senior privilege application will be available at this meeting for those students who have not yet submitted their signature agreement form.

Step 3:

Senior privilege will not begin until the student receives approval from a parent/guardian and the CHS administration. Once the student submits their signature agreement form they will be given a temporary senior privilege card. Until reflected in the student's schedule, seniors must sign in and out of room 116 upon leaving and returning to CHS.

Senior Privilege Conditions

1. The student has attained senior status and has a full time schedule.
2. The student agrees to follow all school policies, safety procedures, and regulations.
3. The student agrees to attend all classes and all other school functions scheduled during the school day. Missing school for non-school activities without an administrator's permission may result in the cancellation of senior privilege for the duration of the year. Absences for school activities and prolonged absences as a result of illness will not impact senior privilege. Excessive class cuts and/or tardies may result in the loss of senior privilege.
4. Seniors are required to attend HB and AT.
5. The student agrees that their parent or guardian will call CHS in the morning when the student will be absent from school for that day. Senior privilege does not override the requirements of the attendance policy.
6. The student agrees not to transport any underclassmen or seniors off-campus who have lost senior privilege. The violation of this condition may result in an automatic loss of that student's senior privilege for the remainder of the year.
7. If a student decides to leave the CHS campus, they must leave campus immediately or return to study hall. Loitering in the parking lot and school building may result in loss of senior privilege.

Cancellation and/or Suspension of Senior Privilege

Any of the following may result in suspension of Senior Privilege:

- Failure to observe one or more of the above conditions
- Excessive tardies to class as a result of senior privilege
- Incidence of any Level B, C, D, E disciplinary infraction
- Infractions related to having a car on campus: failure to obtain a current parking permit, parking illegally and others as applicable

Signature Agreement

Both the student and the person legally responsible for the student must agree to all stipulations and processes stated in the above conditions. In addition, the senior and their parent or guardian agree to accept all legal liability for the seniors' actions in the exercise of senior privilege. This acceptance holds harmless and blameless the Colchester School District and staff members.

Parent / Guardian Name Printed

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Student Name Printed

Student Signature

Date

SENIOR YEARBOOK INFO

All senior portraits and other senior section photos and content (including senior quotations and messages), are due by **Friday, November 18th, 2022.**

We strongly prefer that photos be submitted electronically (in .jpg format) - the picture quality is much better.

All senior portraits, photos, and content should be submitted via the google forms that will be sent to all seniors at the start of the school year.

If you are unable to submit your senior portrait electronically, you may put a hard copy in the drop box in the main office; yearbook staff will scan the photo and return it to you.

BUY YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

2023 Yearbooks are on sale now!

- Yearbooks will be on sale for \$65 through September 16th.
- After the fall sale, yearbooks will be on sale for \$75. The last day to preorder a yearbook is June 16th.

Note: If you don't pre-order a yearbook, we cannot guarantee any extra orders - don't let your student miss out on this amazing publication! Order your yearbook now!

There are two ways to order a yearbook:

1. Use your credit or debit card to pay online at www.jostens.com
2. Write a check made payable to CHS, and submit it to Ms. Gagne's mailbox in the main office along with an order form (available in the main office). Seal it in an envelope and clearly label your name.
*Sorry, we are no longer accepting cash for yearbook payment.

Please visit the CHS Yearbook website for more information (CHS Website >Other resources >Resources >Yearbook).

FROM THE ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Dear Lakers,

I am so excited for the start of fall sports at CHS! Participating in co-curricular activities is a very important part of the high school experience, and I cannot wait to see all of our Lakers on the first day of practice..

★ **All Athletes will need to be registered** before they can take the field for the first day of practice. Our registration is done online and the link is on the CHS athletics homepage.

★ **It is our policy at CHS that all student athletes are required to have a Well Exam every 3 years.** If you do not have an updated physical on file, you will not be allowed to practice until we have that documentation.

★ **If you are interested in playing any fall sport there will be an in-person meeting on August 14th at 6:00 pm in the performing arts center.** This meeting will consist of two parts; an all athlete meeting and a sport specific meeting.

During these meetings, I will give an outline of the season, going over important information in the handbook, and you will have a chance to meet your coaches. The fall practice and game schedules will also be distributed at these meetings. The first day of practice for football is Monday August 15th and Thursday August 18th for all other sports.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions you may have. I hope to see you at many of our games and events!

Go Lakers!!

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SCHOOL SAFETY, ENTRANCES AND CAMERAS

Dear Parents and Students,

Colchester High School is committed to providing a safe learning environment for our entire school community. To help achieve this goal, the Colchester School Board has approved the use of surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property. The purpose of the video cameras is to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of our school community as part of our school safety practice and procedures.

Video cameras have been installed at Colchester High School in all entrances, hallways, stairwells, parking lots, and fields. Students, staff, and community members may be recorded on camera when on school grounds. Video recording may be conducted without prior notice, without a warrant, and without student or parent consent. The District may use the video recordings in conducting investigations and disciplinary hearings when deemed necessary. The Colchester School District Policy on Video Surveillance is included on the last page of The View.

Cameras and keyless entries have also been installed at CHS and all other District schools. During school day hours keyless swipe identification cards will be used by district employees and a camera entry buzz system will be used by the general public to gain access to the building during certain school hours. Guests to the building will be asked to identify themselves before entry access to the building.

The purpose of our use of video camera surveillance and entry access is to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of our school community as part of our school safety practice and procedure.

As you may be aware, Clear the Halls (lock-down) Drills are being practiced in schools not only in Vermont, but in most other school districts around the country. The purpose of these drills is to practice our building and district procedures in the event that a dangerous situation happens; much the same as we practice fire drills. We ask that parents **not** pull their children out of school to miss these practice drills. It is important that we all practice and learn from these procedures. Parents do not need to be in the school while the drills are going on. If you are in the building, you will be expected to practice along with us and follow our procedures.

The focus of the administrative team, faculty, and staff is to provide a safe and secure school environment for all students. It is our intention to create the safest environment possible for our children. Please do not hesitate to call me (264-5701) or email me (Andrew.Conforti@colchestersd.org) if you have any questions about this information.

We are proud of Colchester High School and continue to strive for a positive school environment in a climate of respect, responsibility, and pride.

Sincerely,

Andrew Conforti
Principal

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following are summaries of some of the policies and procedures at Colchester High School. A complete listing is available on the CSD Website.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

Cheating is theft. Aiding another student in cheating is wrong and will be dealt with as cheating as well. Plagiarism, using someone's words and/or ideas as one's own, is a serious offense. Plagiarism includes another student's copying another student's composition and/or copying and using audio, video, and printed matter not one's own. The use of help notes such as *Cliff* or *Monarch* without crediting that source is considered plagiarism. The English teacher, at the start of each year, will provide students with guidelines regarding plagiarism. (See the earlier section on Plagiarism.) **The consequences for a student who cheats, both providing and stealing the information, are as follows:**

1. The student will receive a failing grade.
2. The teacher will notify the assistant principal's office in writing of the incident.
3. The assistant principal will meet with the teacher and student and ensure the student's parents and school counselor are notified of the incident.
4. The student will have an opportunity to redo the assignment for 50%. The teacher, the student, and the assistant principal will determine the parameters of the work to be redone.
5. The second incidence of cheating is a Level C infraction. Referrals are cumulative for any or all of a student's classes within a given school year.
6. The assistant principal will notify the National Honor Society, if applicable.

USE OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

(Prescription as well as over-the-counter medication): Colchester School District believes that it is more desirable for medications to be administered by parents/guardians in the home. Whenever students routinely take medications at home, however, parents/guardians must ensure access to the student's physician and communicate with the school regarding the medication, dosage, and possible side effects of the drug.

The district clearly recognizes that some students will need to take medications during the regular school day. **Medication must be brought to school by a parent or guardian** in a container labeled by the pharmacy or physician and stored in a secure, locked storage place. For safety reasons, **no medication should be brought in by the student.** Except in rare or emergency situations, such medications will be administered by the school nurse or a building administrator according to the district's defined procedures.

Individual considerations will be given to students who must keep medication with him/her/them at all times (i.e., inhaler). They must keep the medication in a secure place and notify staff of use. Anyone found not to be responsible for safekeeping and use of inhalers will have to keep medication locked in the nurse's office and it will be administered by the school nurse or a building administrator.

The school nurse shall keep a record of all medications administered on the student's individual medication log. This policy identifies separate procedures for chronic and temporary conditions.

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: WEAPONS POLICY

DATE ADOPTED: September 19, 2017

PURPOSE

It is the intent of the Colchester School District to comply with the federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 and state laws, requiring school districts to take appropriate disciplinary action including possible expulsion or long-term suspension of students who bring to school or possess at school firearms and/or weapons. It is further the intent of the Board to expand the category of prohibited weapons pursuant to state law, and as defined by this policy. Additionally, it is the intent of the Board to maintain a student discipline system consistent with the requirements of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Vermont State Board of Education rules.

I. CONDUCT PROHIBITED

It is a violation of this policy for any student at any time to possess or bring a weapon: to school; on school grounds (including parking lots and cars in parking lots); on school buses or other vehicles used to transport students to/from school and school activities; and/or at school functions, whether held on school property or at another school sanctioned site. The School Board shall take appropriate disciplinary action against any student who violates this policy in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. "Firearm" shall mean items and devices defined as "firearms" in 18 U.S.C. §921, including, but not limited to:

1. Any weapon (including a starter pistol, BB, and pellet gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, or other propellant;
2. The frame or receiver of any weapon described in 1 above; or
3. Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer.
4. Any destructive device, including explosives, incendiaries, or poison gas, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. A bomb;
 - b. A grenade;

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- c. A rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces;
 - d. A missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce;
 - e. A mine; or
 - f. A device similar to the above-described devices; or
 - g. Any combination of parts designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described above and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.
- B. “Weapon” shall mean any device, instrument, material or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury. This includes items such as knives, “brass knuckles”, switch blade/butterfly/and other types of knives, chains, clubs, and stars, poison or other toxic materials, etc. as well as items usually designed or used for another purpose, but that are capable of inflicting serious bodily harm, if used in an aggressive, belligerent or threatening manner, such as scissors, compasses, or a two by four.
- C. “Weapon” shall also mean a hoax device, so designed, assembled, fabricated or manufactured as to convey the physical appearance of an explosive or incendiary bomb, or of any of the devices listed in subparagraph II-A 1-4 of this paragraph.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Confiscation of the Firearm and/or Weapon

Administrators or other delegated school officials will exercise judgment and caution, using law enforcement if necessary, to confiscate any article identified as a weapon under this policy. Any such actions should be taken so as to minimize the risk of further endangering self or others.

B. Notification of Law Enforcement

Where a student brings to school or possesses at school a firearm and/or weapon, school officials shall immediately refer the student to a law enforcement agency.

C. Disciplinary Proceedings

- 1. Any student who brings a weapon to or possesses a weapon at school shall be referred by the Superintendent to the School Board for appropriate disciplinary action including, but not limited to, expulsion or long-term suspension.
- 2. A hearing conducted by the School Board under this policy shall afford due process as required by law, including but not limited to those outlined by State Board of Education rules, as applicable.

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: PREVENTION OF HARASSMENT, HAZING AND BULLYING OF STUDENTS

DATE ADOPTED: August 16, 2016

I. POLICY STATEMENT

The Colchester School District (hereinafter “District”) is committed to providing all of its students with a safe and supportive school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with respect.

It is the policy of the District to prohibit the unlawful harassment of students based on race, color, religion, creed, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. Harassment may also constitute a violation of Vermont’s Public Accommodations Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and/or Title IX of the federal Education Amendments Act of 1972.

It is also the policy of the District to prohibit the unlawful hazing, bullying of students and related acts of retaliation. Conduct which constitutes hazing may be subject to civil penalties.

The District shall address all complaints of harassment, hazing, bullying and retaliation according to the procedures accompanying this policy, and shall take appropriate action against any person - subject to the jurisdiction of the board - who violates this policy. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit punishment of a student for conduct which, although it does not rise to the level of harassment, bullying, hazing or retaliation as defined herein, otherwise violates one or more of the board’s disciplinary policies or the school’s code of conduct.

The Model Procedures are expressly incorporated by reference as though fully included within this Model Policy. The Model Procedures are separated from the policy for ease of use as may be required.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

The superintendent or his/her designee shall:

1. Adopt a procedure directing staff, parents and guardians how to report violations of this policy and file complaints under this policy. (See Model Procedures on the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students)
2. Annually, select two or more designated employees to receive complaints of hazing, bullying, harassment, and/or retaliation at each school campus and publicize their availability in any publication of the District that sets forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards of conduct for the school.

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Second Reading: August 16, 2016

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: SCHOOL SEARCH AND SEIZURE POLICY

DATE ADOPTED: November 3, 1999

POLICY STATEMENT

To maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety and welfare of students and school personnel, school authorities may search a student, student lockers or student automobiles under the circumstances outlined below and may seize any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

1. **Personal Searches:** A student's person and/or personal effects (e.g., purse, book bag, etc.) may be searched whenever a school authority has reasonable suspicion to believe that the student is in possession of illegal or unauthorized materials.

If a pat down search of a student's person is conducted it will be conducted in private by a school official of the same sex and with an adult witness present, when feasible.

If extreme emergency conditions require a more intrusive search of a student's person, such a search may only be conducted in private by a school official of the same sex, with an adult witness of the same sex present, and only upon the prior approval of the principal or assistant principal or one of their superiors, unless the health or safety of students will be endangered by the delay which might be caused by following these procedures.

2. **Locker Searches:** Student lockers are school property and remain at all times under the control of the school; however, students are expected to assume full responsibility for the security of their lockers. Periodic general inspections of lockers may be conducted by school authorities for any reason at any time without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.
3. **Automobile Searches:** Students are permitted to park on school premises as a matter of privilege, not of right. The school retains authority to conduct routine patrols of student parking lots and inspections of the exteriors of student automobiles on school property. The interiors of student vehicles may be inspected whenever a school authority has reasonable suspicion to believe that illegal or unauthorized materials are contained inside. Such patrols and inspections may be conducted without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.
4. **Seizure of Illegal Materials:** If a properly conducted search yields illegal or contraband materials, such findings shall be turned over to proper legal authorities for ultimate disposition.

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First Reading: October 20, 1999

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Last Reviewed: July 17, 2018

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE POLICY

DATE ADOPTED: September 4, 2012

PHILOSOPHY

Consistent with state and federal laws, the Colchester School District not only believes that every student has the right to a drug free school, but also affirms that it is our collective responsibility to achieve this goal. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and abuse are detrimental to all students, adults, and to the education of other students as well as our entire school community. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and abuse, and dependency, however, are treatable health problems. We assume responsibility for providing preventive education to all students as well as interventions (identification and referral) for students suspected as users.

POLICY STATEMENT

In support of our philosophy, Colchester prohibits the use, possession, distribution, and sale of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, or any substance portrayed as a drug or any devices associated with these substances, in school and in all buildings and grounds owned, operated, or rented by the Colchester School District, or at any school sponsored activities.

All procedures described in this Policy shall comply with the federal and state laws referenced below including Vermont State Board of Education Rules 4200, Alcohol and Drugs; 4300, Disciplinary Action, due to suspension and expulsion; and 4312 and 4313, Long Term Suspension or Expulsion of Students with a Disability under the IDEA or Handicap under Section 504. Copies of these Rules are available in the Superintendent's office.

DEFINITIONS

ALCOHOL

Includes alcohol, spirits, and malt beverages as defined by 7 V.S.A. § 2 which includes but is not limited to beer, porter, stout, ale, wines, cordials, and liquors. Alcohol may also include medicinal products such as Listerine and Nyquil which contain high percentages of alcohol. If a student is using such a product for medicinal purposes, the medicinal purpose must be reported to the school nurse and the product kept by the nurse during school hours.

Last Adopted: April 1, 2003

Date Warned: May 11, 2012

First Reading: May 15, 2012

Second Reading: August 21, 2012

Third Reading: September 4, 2012

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

DATE ADOPTED: October 2, 2018

POLICY STATEMENT

The district recognizes its responsibility to maintain order, safety, and discipline on school grounds. The district recognizes the value of electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property in protecting the health, welfare, and safety of its students and staff, and to facilitate investigation of incidents on school grounds.

IMPLEMENTATION

The school board authorizes the installation and use of video cameras in public areas of the school, such as (but not limited to) hallways, auditoriums, lobbies, the cafeteria, and school grounds including the parking lot, sidewalks, playing fields, and other school grounds. Individuals including students who are in such areas do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Such video recording may be conducted without prior notice and without student or parent consent.

The district shall notify its students and staff annually that video surveillance may occur on school property. The district shall incorporate the notice in the Student Handbook, on the district's website, and/or in a separate mailing to students. The district shall post a notice at the main entrance of each school district building where video surveillance is in effect.

The use of video surveillance equipment on school grounds and on other district property shall be supervised and controlled by the building administrator or their designee. At no time should students, staff, parents and/or community members have any expectation that anyone is monitoring events on the surveillance cameras as they occur. Nor should they assume that someone will immediately respond to an incident in progress. All incidents of concern need to be reported immediately to the administration.

The use of video recordings from surveillance equipment shall be subject to the other policies of the district, including the policies concerning directory information and confidentiality of student and personnel records. The video recordings will not include sound recordings.

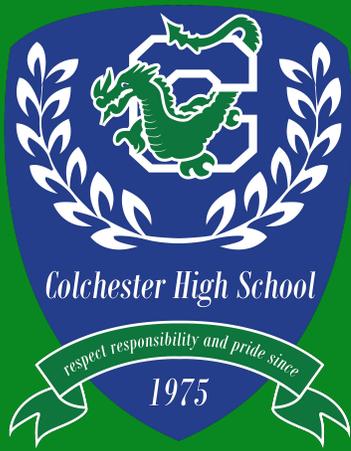
The district retains the right to use video recordings in student disciplinary hearings and staff personnel hearings. Subject to Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) and federal and state law, the resulting videos may be turned over to the proper legal authorities for criminal prosecution, where criminal conduct is involved.

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We demonstrate
RESPECT & COMPASSION
for ourselves, one another,
and our school.

We create
SAFE SPACES
where all Lakers can thrive.

We
WORK TOGETHER
to build on one another's
strengths and perspectives.

We cultivate a
STRONG & CONNECTED COMMUNITY
that respects and celebrates
all Lakers.

We empower all Lakers to
use their voice, pursue their
aspirations and be
ACTIVE & ENGAGED
members of our community.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August:

- 5 ACT Registration Due for Sep. 10 Test
- 14 Fall Sports Parent/Athlete Mtg. 6P
- 15 Football Practice Begins
- 16 **School Board Mtg. 7P**
- 18 Fall Sports Practice Begins
- 22 PDC Retreat 9-3P
- 23 TL Retreat 9-3P
- 24 New Teacher Mentoring 9-12P, Rm 200
- 25 Teacher In-Service
- 26 Teacher Prep Day
- 27 SAT Test Date
- 29 Teacher In-Service
- 30 SmartStart Freshman & New Students
- 31 **Start Quarter 1**

September:

- 2 SAT Registration Due for Oct. 1 Test
- 6 **School Board Mtg. 7P**
- 7 **TL Mtg. 2:40P**
- 8 **Faculty Mtg. 2:40P**
- 10 ACT Test Date
- 12 **Dept. Mtg. 2:40P**
- 14 **TL Mtg. 9:43A**
- 15 CAP Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 5:30P
- 15 Open House 6:30P
- 15-16 Picture Days
- 16 ACT Registration Due for Oct. 22 Test
- 19 **PDC Mtg. 2:40P**
- 20 Senior College Night 6:30P
- 20 **School Board Mtg. 7P**
- 21 **TL Mtg. 2:40P**
- 22 **Faculty Mtg. 2:40P**
- 26 **Dept. Mtg. 2:40P**
- 26-30 Spirit Week
- 28 **TL Mtg. 9:43A**