

The following policies and accompanying regulations are referenced in this handbook. To view these policies and accompanying regulations or other policies and regulations in their entirety log on to: the District's home page at www.moundsviewschools.org and find the School Board's web page. The policy page is located at www.moundsviewschools.org/sb_policies.asp. They are under the title of Policy-Ends and Goals or Regulations-Ends and Goals.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (Policy and Regulations EG-3111)

Mounds View Public Schools will provide equal opportunity for all students and staff and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, marital status, economic status or public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, age, or other protected class status in compliance with State and Federal law.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Mounds View Public Schools is committed to providing all students with an opportunity to be successful. This commitment is consistent with Minnesota Rule 125A.55 Accommodating Students with Disabilities Act which states that: "A school or school district shall provide a student, "who is an individual with a disability," under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, United States Code, Title 29, Section 794, or under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law Number 101-336, with reasonable accommodations or modifications in programs." Contact Ann Bettenburg Director of Student Services 651-621-6048.

TRANSPORTATION (Policy and Regulations EG-0103)

Mounds View Public Schools complies with all applicable Minnesota Law relative to the transportation of students. Riding the bus is a privilege for those students who choose to do so either by residing more than two miles from school or by paying a fee for transportation. All K-12 students will be provided with school bus safety training. It is expected that students will conduct themselves in a respectful manner and not compromise the safety of others on the bus. Behavior problems on the bus will result in consequences ranging from a warning to loss of riding privileges.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (Policy and Regulations EG-1100 to 1104 and EG-2101)

Mounds View Public Schools will seek to fulfill the Mission Statement, and strive to fully develop the learning potential for all learners and will be accountable for the measurement, assessment and achievement of student learning. Instruction will be based on sound pedagogy, approved Learner Outcomes and will be modified by evaluation of student achievement.

Curriculum and instruction must: Actively engage students in learning; Deliver essential Learner Outcomes; Challenge students to meet high standards of achievement; Assure that all students possess core knowledge. Specific academic programs include: Graduation Requirements EG-1102, Credit for Learning Reg. EG 2101, etc.).

HEALTH AND SAFETY (Policy and Regulations EG-3102, 3103 and 3106)

Mounds View Public Schools will provide and promote an environment that is healthy and safe for staff, students and the public. The physical environment and facilities will be established and maintained in accordance with widely accepted standards and practices for use of facilities, and all applicable State and Federal Laws. All individuals, students, staff, parents and the public who are in district facilities are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is not disruptive or hazardous to the health and safety of self and others, and must not break any laws. Conduct which violates the expectations above will be regulated by the District and could result in loss of privilege to access a facility or school site. A comprehensive School Safety and Crisis Response Plan will be maintained by the School District and individual school facilities.

School personnel are mandatory reporters under the Maltreatment of Minors Act, Minnesota Statutes 626.556 et al. We are required to report to child welfare authorities if we know, or have reason to believe a child is being physically or sexual abused or neglected.

Students who are on medications or are suffering from communicable disease or illness will be treated according to applicable State and Federal law.

STUDENT CONDUCT (Policy and Regulation EG-3101)

Student conduct must not be disruptive, hazardous to the health and/or safety of self or others, or break any laws.

SAFETY AND CRISIS RESPONSE (Policy and Regulation EG-3103)

Mounds View Public Schools will develop and maintain a comprehensive School Safety and Crisis Response Plan and system for school-sponsored activities as defined:

School-Sponsored Activity: School-sponsored activities include all activities scheduled and supported by the Mounds View Public Schools. Examples include regular classes, interscholastic athletic and fine arts events, intramural programs, classes sponsored by Community Education.

Non- School-Sponsored Activities: Park and Recreation, community groups, non-residents, commercial enterprises, PTO and PTA groups whose programs schedule and utilize Mounds View Public Schools' facilities through Community Education are not school-sponsored activities.

The Plan and system will identify and:

- a. Define actions to be taken by staff and school administration to minimize potential risk of harm to persons utilizing individual buildings for school-sponsored activities.
- b. Assure communication between school administration and local law enforcement regarding preventive safety strategies and crisis response plans.
- c. Assure easy identification of authorized presence of individuals in schools.
- d. Provide for periodic updating procedures relative to school safety.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Policy and Regulation EG-3109)

Mounds View Public Schools will maintain a respectful and safe learning environment that appropriately balances student rights with expectations for student behavior. Procedures will be consistent with State and Federal laws defining student behavior expectations as well as potential consequences.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING, VIOLENCE AND OTHE FORMS OF PERSONAL ATTACK (Policy and Regulation EG-3104)

Mounds View Public Schools will maintain a learning and working environment that is free from hazing, bullying, intimidation or violence of any type, including without limitation, religious, racial or sexual harassment, bullying, intimidation or violence. Procedures will be developed consistent with Minnesota Statutes 121A.03, 121A.0695 and 363.01 to 363.15 to ensure this environment. Consequences for disruptive, harassing, bullying, intimidating or hazardous behavior range from a warning to expulsion/ exclusion from school.

The foregoing prohibitions and definitions of harassment, intimidation, bullying, violence, hazing and other forms of personal attack apply to any format. This includes but is not limited to, physical contact, art work, unauthorized use of photographs, use of words, text messages or other written materials, use of the internet or other electronic communication formats such as social networking pages, etc.

PROTECTION AND PRIVACY OF STUDENT RECORDS (Policy and Regulation EG-3110)

Mounds View Public Schools will abide by all applicable State and Federal law regarding data privacy of student and employee records. Procedures will be consistent with State and Federal law to ensure the privacy of these records. An annual notice will be provided to all parents and guardians with regard to this policy and accompanying procedures.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Mounds View Public Schools performs criminal background checks on all employees including coaches and advisors and volunteer coaches and advisors. Mounds View Public Schools may deny employment or volunteer opportunities if anything should appear on the background check or if an applicant fails to disclose the existence of a criminal record where one is present.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY – STUDENTS (Policy and Regulation EG 2104)

The use of technology by students will be in compliance with Mounds View Public Schools regulations and applicable State and Federal laws.

The use of personally owned and school owned electronic devices on school grounds or at school supervised events, while encouraged, is a privilege, not a right. The use of these devices will be governed by the restrictions and acceptable use paragraphs of this policy and all other District policies and regulations and all applicable laws. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for the establishment of regulations and procedures to carry out this policy. The District may revoke the privilege to use this equipment for students who violate these policies and regulations or any applicable laws. In addition, the District may take disciplinary or legal action against students who violate these Policies and Regulations or any applicable laws.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Students in grades 6-8 will be recognized for academic excellence for achieving or exceeding a 3.6 grade point average for the school year. Students that qualify will be mailed an academic excellence award with their report card in June, and their names will be listed within our “A” honor roll announcement on the Chippewa Middle School website. A special Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony will be held for 7th and 8th grade students that maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or higher throughout sixth and seventh grade, and during the fall term of 8th grade.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students will do their own work and cite sources when using the work of others in papers and reports, etc. Students who engage in academic dishonesty will be referred to the office for consequence and will be required to demonstrate mastery of the assessed content (Policy 5500).

ACTIVITY BUSES

Activity buses will transport students to the general area of their homes and do not provide the same service as regular buses. Activity buses depart from Chippewa on Monday through Thursday at approximately 4:00pm. This is a privilege. Consequences will be assigned if behavior issues arise.

A variety of after-school sports and enrichment activities are offered by Chippewa and/or the District 621 Community Education Department. A nominal fee will be charged for participation.

AFTER SCHOOL KIDS (A.S.K)

After School Kids is a program providing social interaction with peers, cooperative study, and individual or small group academic assistance from an adult. The purpose of the program is to provide a routine place and time after school for students to focus on their academic work.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

Success in school is dependent on being in school every day. Minnesota State Law requires that each child between ages seven and eighteen attend school full time. Unauthorized absences will be treated as trancies. If a student is absent 10 or more school days in a given year, for any reason, a doctor's note may be required to excuse future absences. The following are considered the only acceptable reasons to miss school:

- Illness
- Religious Holidays
- Medical/Dental Appointments
- Family Emergency

A parent is required to call the attendance office by **8:00am** each day a student is absent. If a call is not received, the school office will call home. If phone contact cannot be made, a written excuse from the parent/guardian will be required when the student returns to school. If a student will be absent more than one day, please let the attendance office know and only one call will be necessary. Upon parental request, homework will be generated after the second full day of illness.

REPORTING AN ABSENSE

Call **651-621-6401**.

A voicemail system is in place to record calls during off hours. Please leave a detailed message with your child's name (**please spell their last name**), grade, reason for absence, and identify yourself.

ABSENSE WITH ADVANCE NOTICE

Please send a note at least one day in advance to make arrangements for your student to obtain an Advance Report for Excused Absence Form from the attendance office if your student will be absent for an extended period of time.

AUTOMATED PHONE MESSAGES

On occasion, Mounds View Public Schools will send voice mail messages to families. These notifications may include news about school closings, helpful reminders or announcements, and notices regarding student absences and lunch account balances. Within the exception of emergency calls, all messages are sent to the family's primary phone number on record with the school. Emergency calls will often be sent to all of the family's home, work and cell phone numbers provided to the school. Parents who wish to opt out can do so by sending an email message to webmaster@moundsvIEWSchools.org with the phone number(s) they wish to be blocked.

BUSES (Policy & Regulation EG-0103)

Riding a bus is a privilege. Students are expected to treat others respectfully, to keep the bus free from damage, and to ride in a way that does not endanger the safety of themselves or others. Students are expected to treat the bus drivers with the same respect that they treat staff within the school building. Bus problems will result in consequences ranging from a warning to loss of riding privileges. Every student and their parent(s) or legal guardian will be required to sign a Bus Safety Pledge Contract prior to the start of school. If criminal conduct occurs, local law enforcement officials and the Department of Public Safety may become involved. Parents and students should be aware that most of the school district's buses contain video recorders. School buses equipped with video recorders contain a notice of the video recorder.

CELL PHONES

Chippewa Middle School holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity, and responsible use of existing and emerging technologies, such as: cellular phones, digital picture/video cameras, and other personal electronic devices capable of capturing and/or transmitting data or images. Students who possess and/or use such devices at school or

school-sponsored events shall demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community. Cell phones will be allowed for educational purposes at the discretion of the teacher in each course. We ask that they are not a disruption to the learning environment. They will need to be off during classes that do not require them. Students are to keep their cell phones in their locker during PE, as cell phones are not allowed in the locker room.

CHARGER CAFÉ

Breakfast is served in the Charger Café before the start of the school day. A student may choose from a hot or a cold entrée each day. Students qualifying for Free Lunch are eligible for a free breakfast.

Lunch is also served in the Charger Café and is available to all students.

Students have their choice of three different school lunch lines. ***Popular Picks*** features one of two entrée choices. ***Primarily Pizza*** features a choice of pizza or various sandwich and salad options. ***Salads N'More*** features a complete salad bar with milk.

Students qualifying for free lunch may obtain a school meal at no cost. For those students bringing their own lunch, beverages may be purchased separately. Various snack options are also available for purchase in ***Snacks N' Stuff***. All food and beverages purchased must be consumed in the cafeteria.

A computerized system is used to purchase food in the Charger Café. Every student will be issued an account accessed by a PIN number. Students may deposit money into their account by check or cash at school or by credit card through FeePay or the PayPAMS website. Be sure the student's name and PIN number is noted on every payment. A drop box for check and cash payments can be found in Chippewa's front entrance and in the Charger Café ***Snacks N' Stuff*** area.

Mounds View Nutrition Services offers Free Lunch for qualifying families. Contact Mounds View Nutrition Services by calling **651-621-6022**.

Expected behavior in the Charger Café is as follows:

1. Be respectful of others.
2. Be responsible for cleaning up after yourself and assist with picking up items when requested to do so by a supervisor in the cafeteria. Do not throw food and take care to limit messes.
3. Remain seated throughout the lunch period until dismissal, unless you are throwing trash away or going out to the patio (weather permitting).

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Student information such as school directories and yearbook pictures are not considered confidential information. If you do not want directory information shared, please contact the principal. Privacy rights belong to students and parents. State statute prohibits sharing educational data about students to third parties without consent (MN Statutes Ch.13/Data Practices Act).

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Alternative Learning Lab (ALL, formerly detention) will be served by students after school. ALL is in session Tuesday -Thursday.

Structured Learning Center (SLC) Students in this program may be assigned to a supervised room for all or part of the school day. Students may be directed to complete a problem solving assignment and develop a plan for improving their behavior. Dismissal from SLC will be at 2:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Out-Of-School Suspension (OSS) According to the MN Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, suspension from school will be implemented by the school administration after an administrative conference. Students who have been suspended may not be on school grounds or attend school events for the duration of the suspension.

TRY Program

An in-district suspension program.

Alternate Placement (AP) In certain circumstances, students may be placed in another school.

CODE OF CONDUCT This code includes, but is not limited to, the following areas of infraction and possible consequences. Students who violate district guidelines will be referred to the office for consequence.

Insubordination/Disrespect

- ALL
- SLC
- Suspension

Failure to Attend ALL

- Double ALL
- SLC

- Suspension

Inappropriate Behavior for Substitute

We expect our students to treat our substitute teachers with the same respect they would show towards any staff member. Inappropriate behavior with a substitute may result in two ALL.

Tardy Policy

- 3-6 Tardies = 1 hour ALL
- 7+ Tardies = SLC/parent contact

Use/Possession of Chemicals or Mock Chemical/Paraphernalia (Policy #4902)

- Referral to Office
- Confiscation
- Parent/Guardian contact
- 5 day suspension
- Referral to Chemical Education Program
- Possible expulsion

Tobacco Possession/Usage (Policy #4902)

- Referral to office
- Confiscation
- Parent/Guardian contact
- Suspension (ISS/OSS)
- 1st Offense – 1 day SLC or OSS
- 2nd Offense – 3 days SLC or OSS
- 3rd Offense – 5 days SLC or OSS
- Referral to Chemical Education Program

Fighting

- Referral to office
- Parent/Guardian contact
- Suspension or SLC 1-5 days
- Possible referral to AP
- Possible expulsion

Harassment/Hazing

- Referral to office
- Parent/Guardian contact
- Possible OSS
- Possible in-district or class transfer
- Possible expulsion

Inappropriate Public Display of Affection

- Warning
- Parent/Guardian contact
- ALL
- SLC

Endangerment

- Referral to office
- Parent/Guardian contact
- SLC or OSS
- Possible in-district or class transfer
- Possible expulsion

Theft/Vandalism

- Referral to office
- Parent/Guardian contact
- SLC or OSS
- Restitution

Use of the District Computer System

The District Computer System consists of all school district computers, software, and communications equipment. This includes internet access, email, voicemail, servers, and projectors. Use of the District Computer System is a privilege. There is no expectation of privacy. The District's system may only be used for appropriate educational purposes.

Students are prohibited from:

- Stealing or damaging any equipment
- Hacking in any manner
- Sending or receiving inappropriate material
- Using software that is damaging to a computer or computer network
- Installing or downloading software without authorization
- Concealing or altering their identity when sending messages

Trespassing

It is a misdemeanor for a person to enter or to be found on school property within six months after being told by school administration to leave the property and not to return, unless the administration has given permission to return to the property.

Truancy

A habitually truant student (3 or more trancies) may be referred to the Ramsey County Truancy Intervention Program (TIP) (M.S.260A.07).

Disabled Students

Will receive discipline in compliance with applicable state and federal laws regarding students with disabilities.

Possession of Weapons/Terroristic Threats

Includes, but not limited to, any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded. Devices or instruments designed as weapons which are capable of threatening or producing substantial bodily harm or death. Combustible and flammable liquids or pyrotechnic devices. “Possession” includes having a weapon on their person or any area subject to their control at school, on or near school premises, or at school-sponsored activities. This includes “look-alike” weapons or objects used as weapons.

- Referral to office
- Confiscation
- Parent/Guardian contact
- Suspension
- Possible in-district school transfer
- Police Report

The administration may recommend expulsion.

DISMISSAL

Students are expected to leave school as soon as their last class is over. Students remaining in the building must be in an activity supervised by an adult. Students are not allowed to wander through the school unsupervised after regular class hours. Students are not allowed to leave school grounds after school and then return to school to receive a ride home or ride the activity bus. If an activity finishes early, students must remain in the front lobby.

DRESS CODE

Rationale for student dress code and personal appearance – our main objective is to create a safe and respectful environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed.

Student clothing must not hinder the identification of a student.

- No sunglasses
- No masks
- No face paint
- No other disguises

Student clothing must cover backs, shoulders, chest, stomach, and midriffs.

Appropriate dress expectations include:

- No cleavage may show.
- No spaghetti straps or bra straps showing - shoulders must be covered.
- No halter tops or dresses that tie in the back of the neck.
- Skirts, shorts, and dresses must reach the mid-thigh (even with leggings worn).
- No wearing hats, hoods, caps, do-rags, bandanas, or any other non-religious headwear.
- No sagging pants/shorts or under garments showing.
- No loose-fitting, large arm hole tanks (muscle shirts).
- No clothes that portray inappropriate graphic or language.
- No attire that glorify violence or weapons or which advertise chemicals, drugs, or alcohol.
- No clothing, jewelry, or accessories which pose a health or safety risk or are disruptive to the learning environment.
- No outerwear, such as jackets, may be worn during the school day.
- No backpacks or purses are allowed in the classroom. They must be stored in lockers during the day.
- Any clothing, apparel items, tattoos, jewelry, etc. worn to designate gang affiliations is strictly prohibited.

Violation of dress code could result in a student being sent home to change clothing.

FUNDRAISING

Any student sales must be school-sponsored and approved by administration.

HALLWAYS

Running in the halls, pushing, and shoving can cause injury and is prohibited. Consequences are issued for inappropriate hallway behavior. Food and beverages are not allowed in the hallways until after 2:45pm.

HEALTH CARE

The licensed school nurse and health paraprofessional are available during the school day to discuss matters of personal health. They can provide medical assistance when needed. Approval from a teacher is required to go to the health office. Students may not leave the school building for health reasons without reporting to the health office. Accidents which occur

during the school day must be reported to the health office immediately. Parents must sign ill or injured students out of school in the office.

HOMEWORK

Homework is a regular part of school studies and is expected to be completed. Students should plan time for homework each night. A general rule of thumb is 45 minutes, 5 days per week. Success for all learners is emphasized at Chippewa. Teachers are willing to provide extra assistance to students when needed.

HONOR ROLL

After each semester, an honor roll list will be posted for students with grade point averages of 3.6 or higher (“A” Honor Roll) and students with grade point averages of 3.0 to 3.59 (“B” Honor Roll). Honor roll is based on the average of seven classes. There are no weighted grades.

INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTER (IMC)

The IMC contains library materials including books, reference materials, computers, and magazines. These materials are provided for class assignments and recreational reading. No materials will be allowed out of the IMC without being checked out. Materials may be checked out for one or two weeks and may be renewed. If students are in need of a reference book, please seek assistance from an IMC staff member. Current magazines may not be checked out; however past issues may.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL

- Electronic games
- Skateboards/Rollerblades
- Laser lights
- Chain wallets
- Heavy chain jewelry/belts
- Spiked jewelry
- Scooters (motorized and non-motorized)
- Trading cards

LOCKERS

Students will be assigned a hall locker and a physical education locker. Hall lockers are new and we ask that you take good care of them. Combinations will be given to the students. You should not give your combination to anyone. Other tips for keeping a secure locker:

- Keep your locker locked

- Do not leave valuables in your locker overnight
- Use your assigned locker only
- Report locker problems to the office

Lockers are considered school property. School administration may check lockers at any time deemed necessary. It is expected that students will maintain lockers in excellent condition. At the end of each school year, school personnel will inspect all lockers. Students will be assessed fines for damage including: scratches, markings, decals, stickers, and extra clean out if needed.

LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS

The school will make every effort to help find student property that is lost or stolen; however, the school is not responsible for such items. We ask students not to keep money or valuable property in lockers. If students need a safe place to keep an item, they can bring it to the front office. Lost or stolen items should be reported to the office immediately. The lost and found table is located at the front of the building.

MEDICATIONS (Regulation EG-3106)

Prescription and over-the-counter medications will be kept in the Health Office and administered under the supervision of the licensed school nurse. The parent/guardian is responsible to send a written note or obtain a written order from a physician or licensed health care provider. Medication authorization forms are available in the Health Office. According to school policies, **all medications are required to be submitted to the Health Office** in the original container, labeled with the student name, medication, strength, date prescribed, reason given, and directions for use. This includes any over-the-counter medications.

Short term prescription medication (10 days or less) may be given as prescribed by a physician or licensed provider with written parent/guardian permission.

Long term prescription medication (over 10 days) will require a written order from a physician/or licensed health care provider. Authorization must be provided each year.

All controlled medication, as defined by the Federal Narcotics Act, must be brought to the Health Office prior to school and will be administered in the Health Office. Violation of the school's policy in regard to medications will be considered a violation of the Students Right and Responsibilities Policy (5114) and may result in disciplinary action if a student is found with possession.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the pledge of allegiance, for any personal reason, may elect not to do so. Students must respect another person's right to make that choice.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE BUILDING

To leave the building during the school day the following procedure must be followed:

- Bring a note from your parent/guardian to the attendance office **before school**. Attendance will provide a pass for approved dismissal time.
- Before leaving the building, sign out in the front office.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education is a part of the student's curriculum. Students are expected to attend and participate on a daily basis. A written request from a parent will be required in order to have a student excused from class.

Parent requests will be honored for a period of one to three days. **For requests of more than three days, a physician's statement is required.**

Students who do not participate in Physical Education will be assigned the following consequences (quarterly):

- First Offense: parent/guardian contact and loss of participation points
- Second Offense: student is sent to dean, contact parent/guardian and loss of participation points
- Third Offense: ALL assigned and loss of participation points

Every student must change for PE class. Students will also be required to bring a swimsuit and towel during swimming units. Chippewa is not responsible for items stolen from the gym locker rooms.

PROTECTIVE DRILLS

Fire, severe storm, and lockdown drills will be conducted throughout the year. Emergency information is posted in each classroom. During drills, students are expected to remain quiet and follow directions from staff.

Severe Storm and Lockdown Drills are announced over the intercom and by an alarm. Fire drills are sounded by an alarm.

REPORT CARDS

Report card grades are issued at the end of the semester. They are available online. If you do not have internet access, please contact Student Services (651-621-6406) for a paper copy.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Announcements regarding school closings due to inclement weather or hazardous conditions will be delivered via a Mounds View Messaging phone message, accompanied by an e-mail message. Most announcements will come within 30 minutes of a determination to close schools. Information will also be posted at www.moundsvIEWSchools.org and on Cable Access Channel 20. Families may also access local television and radio outlets, however no guarantee is made that media will share our information or deliver it in a timely manner. Families are encouraged to keep their contact information up-to-date with their children's schools to ensure receipt of voice mail and e-mail messages. Families should always assume that schools are open unless they hear differently.

SCHOOL DANCES

Several times throughout the school year the Student Council sponsors an after school dance from 2:45-4:30pm. A fee is charged for admittance. Students attending the dance must be enrolled at Chippewa and currently taking classes in the building. **Guests are not allowed.** Appropriate behavior and dress are expected. If a student chooses to leave school during a dance, they may not return. Concessions are available. Students involved in inappropriate behavior may not be allowed to attend future dances.

StudentVUE and ParentVUE

At Chippewa Middle School, we emphasize student engagement in the learning process and believe that school success is dependent on positive communication between the teacher, the student, and the parent. New for the 2016-17 school year, students will have access to viewing their grades, assignments, and attendance information through a StudentVUE portal. Similarly, our parent portal, ParentVUE, will serve as an easy to access online data base designed to provide parents with information related to their child's current academic performance, attendance, and standardized test history. StudentVUE and ParentVUE are taking the place of SchoolView.

As Chippewa students enter sixth grade, they are each given their own password and student ID number for StudentVUE. We encourage you to look at ParentVUE with your child once or twice a week. We want to empower the students to advocate for themselves whenever possible.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Chippewa has a Student Council with representatives from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Student Council meetings may be held before or after school on a bi-weekly basis. Many types of school matters are discussed at the council.

meetings. Announcements will be made in September regarding Student Council.

STUDENT PICTURES

Student pictures will be taken during the Welcome Back Day in August.

STUDENT STORAGE

Student storage is available next to Room 252. Items such as school projects, sports equipment, or other items which do not fit into lockers should be stored in this location. The Front Office is not to be used as a storage area.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (Deans)

The deans meet with students about academic or personal issues. Deans will also work with students about behavioral concerns at school or on buses. Appointments to see a dean are advised.

TARDIES

Students are expected to show up on time and be prepared for class. Any time a student is late for a class and does not have a pass, they will be considered tardy. If a student is late for first period class, they need to report to the front office. All other records of tardies will be kept by the classroom teachers. Three times tardy to the same class in a quarter will result in an hour of ALL.

TEACHER WEB PAGES

Chippewa teacher web pages are a good resource for information. Look to teacher's web pages for assignments, worksheets, calendars, supply information, and much more. If your student is absent, this is a good way to find work they have missed. In addition, web pages include the teacher's phone number and e-mail address if more information is needed.

TELEPHONE USAGE

A phone is available for student use before and after school in the front lobby. If an emergency arises during the day, students may use the phone in the front office. If a parent calls with an emergency during the day, a message will be taken and given to the student.

TEXTBOOKS

Students will be issued textbooks in most classes. The textbook remains the property of the school, but becomes the responsibility of the student. The condition of the textbook will be noted when issued to students. Any

change in condition may result in a fine. Students are expected to maintain their textbooks in good condition.

TRANSPORTATION

Can my child ride home with a friend or use another bus stop?

No. For safety reasons, students may only ride their assigned bus and must get on and off at their assigned stop only.

Does my child need to keep the bus pass all year?

Yes. Please have your child keep the pass in his/her backpack. This is helpful for substitute drivers and for activity bus drivers at the secondary level. Drivers will also conduct pass checks to verify rider eligibility.

Are sports equipment and musical instruments allowed on the bus?

The following is a list of items that students are allowed and not allowed to bring to and from school. This is meant to be a guide from a safety and space perspective.

Items Allowed

- Backpacks
- Small Musical Instruments (held in lap)
- School Projects (held in lap)

Items Not Allowed

- Skis, Poles, and Boots
- Lacrosse, Hockey, and Pole Vaulting Sticks
- Skate Boards and In-Line Skates
- Pets
- Sleds
- Balloons

Transportation Services

Fee: Those who reside less than 2 miles from child's school have busing available for a fee. If children qualify for free school meals, the fee for busing will be waived.

No Fee: Busing is available at no fee for students living two miles or more from school.

Out Of Chippewa Attendance Area: Bus service is not available from your home address.

VISITORS (Policy EG-3103)

All visitors, as they enter the Chippewa foyer, will need to be let into the building and report to the greeter desk. You will need to show a state issued

ID and a visitor badge will be printed for you. If you are dropping items off for your student, you may leave items with the greeter and they will be sure your student gets them.

Parents are welcome to visit anytime. We do ask that an appointment be made with the teacher(s) or other personnel you wish to see.

Student Visitors: Requests for student visitors are discouraged and will be granted on very rare occasions and for a limited amount of time, e.g. one class period. Requests for visitors can be submitted by parents to the administration one week in advance. Concerns about student's safety, classroom space, and disruptions will prohibit the approval of student visitor requests.