

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL
2026-2027 Student Handbook
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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to educate and equip students with the academic, social, and emotional skills necessary to be successful and productive.

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CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Bob Pritchard – Principal
Karen Hall – Assistant Principal, 12th Grade
David Turner – Assistant Principal, 11th Grade
Dr. Hilary Reid – Assistant Principal, 10th Grade
Casey Price – Assistant Principal, 9th Grade
Dr. Eric Garner – Assistant Principal, RBA/APP
Al Morris – Athletic Director
Kim Adkins – Special Services Coordinator
Mandy Rominger – Counseling Coordinator
Latishua Scurlock – Instructional Coach
Becky Brady-Smith – BLADE Facilitator
Casey Hybarger – Operations Coordinator

INFORMATION GUIDE

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Registrar (423) 478-1113 Ext 8515
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CHS Website: chsraiders.com
CHS Attendance Email: chsattendance@clevelandschools.org
CHS Address: 850 Raider Drive Cleveland, TN 37312

2026-2027 CHS Important School Dates

August

- 2 Self Tour for Freshmen & new students
- 4 Reconnection Day A-K
- 5 Reconnection Day L-Z
- 7 First Full Day of Class
- 25 Open House

September

- 7 Labor Day (No School)
- 18 Hall of Fame Ceremony @ 9am
- 18 Homecoming Game
- 19 Homecoming Dance 6-9pm
- 22 Parent Conferences
- 25 Raider Way Day #1
- 29 Senior ACT retake

October

- 5-9 Fall Break (No School)
- 26 Trunk or Treat

November

- 3 Staff Development (No School)
- 11 Veterans Day Parade
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

December

- 4 Raider Way Day #2
- 16 3rd & 4th Block Sem Classes Final Exams
- 17 1st & 2nd Block Sem Classes Final Exams
- 18 Abbreviated Day
- 21-31 Christmas Break (No School)

January

- 1-5 Christmas Break (No School)
- 4-5 Teacher In-Service (No School)
- 6 Students Return
- 18 MLK Day (No School)
- 23 Winter Dance

February

- 15 President's Day (No School)
- 26 Raider Way Day #3

March

- 8-12 Spring Break (No School)
- 23 Junior ACT Day
- 26 Good Friday (School Closed)
- 29 Staff Development (No School)

April

- 16 Raider Way Day #4
- 17 Prom @ Five Points
- 26 Senior Finals 3rd & 4th Blocks - A Day
- 27 Senior Finals 3rd & 4th Blocks - B Day & Semester Classes
- 28 Senior Finals 1st & 2nd Blocks - A Day
- 29 Senior Finals 1st & 2nd Blocks - B Day & Semester Classes
- 29 Graduate of Distinction Ceremony
- 30 Senior Laptop Collection after exams

May

- 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 3 Senior Awards Night @ First Baptist
- 7 Senior Academic Signing Day
- 7 Senior Walk
- 13 Graduation Practice
- 13 Art-O-Rama 5-7pm
- 13 Senior Party @ 6pm-9pm (on the Benny)
- 14 Graduation 6:00 Raider Arena
- 15 Blue C Awards
- 17 Underclassmen Final Exams - 3B & 4B
- 18 Underclassmen Final Exams - 3A & 4A & 3rd and 4th Block Semester Classes
- 19 Underclassmen Final Exams - 1B & 2B
- 19 Underclassmen Awards
9th grade 12:15 10th grade 1:00 11th grade 1:45
- 20 Underclassmen Final Exams - 1A & 2A & 1st and 2nd Block Semester classes
- 21 Staff Development (No School)
- 25 Abbreviated Day

SECTION I – SCHOOL POLICIES

Many policies will reference Cleveland City Schools' Board Policy found online at [Cleveland City Schools](#) website and in the main office of the school.

BULLYING POLICY

The Cleveland City Board of Education has determined that a safe, civil, and supportive environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. In order to maintain that environment, acts of bullying, cyber-bullying, discrimination, harassment, hazing or any other victimization of students, based on any actual or perceived traits or characteristics, are prohibited.

Bullying can be defined as *repeated and systematic harassment and attacks on others, perpetrated by individuals or groups*. Bullying assumes many forms and can include many different behaviors, including, but not limited to:

- Physical violence and attacks
- Verbal taunts, name-calling, and put downs including ethnically-based verbal abuse and gender-based put downs
- Threats and intimidation
- Extortion or stealing of money and possessions
- Exclusion from the peer group
- Cyber bullying

BUS INFORMATION

Cleveland City Schools provides bus services only to students living within the city limits. The school bus is an extension of the school, and appropriate behavior by students is expected. Bus transportation is a privilege and can be revoked at the discretion of a CHS administrator. For more specific information, refer to Board Policy 6.308. To view bus routes and schedules, visit [Cleveland City Schools](#) website or call CCS Transportation at (423) 472-9576.

CAR PASSES

Car passes are not allowed. If there is an unexpected need to visit the car, get prior approval from the main office and students must walk out and return through the front door.

COURSE FEES

The Cleveland City Board of Education has approved fees for certain supplies and materials that enhance student learning and support instructional programs. These fees help provide valuable educational experiences and resources for students.

In accordance with Tennessee law, payment of Student Course Fees is voluntary. State law provides that schools may request, but not require, payment of fees. *“School systems may request but not require payment of school fees. No fees may be required of any student...as a condition to attending the public school, or using its equipment while receiving education training.”* No student will be denied enrollment, participation in school activities, or access to educational programs, services, or equipment because of an inability or decision not to pay a fee.

Any contributions made by families toward course fees are considered voluntary gifts to the school. A list of course-related fees is available in the Course Guide.

Students enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course are expected to register for and take the corresponding AP Exam. The cost of each AP Exam is approximately \$99.

DRESS CODE

Rationale

In order to provide a safe and secure school, strengthen the educational focus, and establish an orderly learning environment while preparing students for success in the professional workplace, students, parents, and faculty at Cleveland High Schools have established the following standards for student dress and appearance.

General Information

Students are expected to adhere to dress code on campus during regular school hours. If a student cannot comply with the dress code, he/she will not be allowed to attend classes. The student will be isolated, and a parent called to bring appropriate clothing. An administration detention will be given for each dress code violation. If an item is questionable, please obtain clarification from the school administration before wearing the item.

All Apparel

- Shorts, dresses, and skirts must be to the fingertips.
- Must be size appropriate.
- No article of clothing may be worn which implies or otherwise promotes alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, violence, gangs, racial or offensive language. This includes belt buckles and jewelry.
- Extraneous zippers, metal studs, chains, or dangling cloth strips are forbidden.
- Any item bearing the logo of any school other than Cleveland Middle and/or Cleveland High School(s) is strictly forbidden. College, military, or professional sports team logos are acceptable.
- No undergarments should be visible at any time.
- Pants, skirts, or shorts must be fastened about the waist.
- Pants, shorts, skirts, and dresses must not have any holes above the knee.

Unacceptable items include (but are not limited to): pajama pants, and blankets used as jackets.

Shirts

- Shirts must cover the waistline and have a modest neckline. Any style or pattern is acceptable as long as it is modest and appropriate.
- Unacceptable items include but are not limited to: items with a low neckline, spaghetti straps, tank tops, midriffs, any tops made of see-through material, or shirts with cutouts.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes or slippers are not allowed.

Accessories

- Headwear is not to be worn by any student while in the school building; this includes hats, ball caps, sweatshirt hoods, wool hats, beanies, bandanas, do-rags, scarves, and skull caps.
- Large, long and/or heavy chains, studded or chained accessories, including wallet or belt chains are prohibited.
- Sunglasses indoors are prohibited.
- Blankets are not considered accessories and cannot be worn in the building.

Special Situations

If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious belief, disability or by the request of a doctor, a parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the

principal with a copy to the Public Information Supervisor at the Administrative Offices Building. Each case will be evaluated on an individual basis and if the parents and student are not satisfied an appeal may be sent to the Education Support Center.

Additional information

The principal, designated by the Board of Education as the educational leader of Cleveland High School, is generally responsible for the attitude, manners, and conduct of the students and staff. Therefore, the principal, subject to confirmation by the Director of Schools and the Board of Education, has specific authority to determine a standard of dress and good grooming that will be compatible with a wholesome school situation. All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness, and neatness; to dress in conformity with the accepted standards of the community; and to contribute in such a manner to the academic atmosphere and not detract from it. No attempt will be made to dictate fashion styles as long as they are in keeping with Cleveland City Schools' policies. It should be noted; however, that it is the responsibility of the student and parent to adhere to the Dress Code. The Administrators at Cleveland High School shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine if it is appropriate for school. Fashions that the principal deems a distraction to the educational process will not be allowed. In matters of opinion, the judgment of administrators will stand.

HALL PASSES

Students are responsible for requesting a SMART PASS and having a physical pass as well as their student ID at all times when they are out of the classroom. These passes are available at the discretion of any teacher, counselor, or administrator. Being in possession of blank Red Passes or using passes that have expired, could result in administrative action up to a Level 3 infraction.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, consult local media outlets or school social media accounts. See Board Policy 1.8011.

When a severe weather WATCH is announced by the National Weather Bureau or the Emergency Management Service, each principal is responsible for initiating procedures within the school building which will place all staff members on alert. Spotters will be positioned to watch for approaching weather problems.

When a severe weather WARNING is announced, each principal is responsible for using emergency procedures for student safety, including moving students and staff to appropriate safe areas.

In addition to the above procedures, the principals will make certain that all exterior doors are locked. If possible, a message will be sent to parents using the home communications system, stating the need for the lockdown. Signs will be posted on exterior doors that announce the lockdown. No students will be allowed to leave school during a lockdown. Parents will be permitted to enter the building and stay in a designated area determined by the school staff.

No Cleveland City Schools' sponsored activities will take place during the window of time when there is a severe weather WARNING administered by the National Weather Bureau or the local Emergency Management Service. During a severe weather WATCH, continuous monitoring should occur.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER (LMC)

To ensure the best possible environment, the following guidelines apply:

- Every student must have a pass to visit the LMC and must have school-related work to do.
- Students may check out up to three books at a time for a two-week period. The materials may be renewed after two weeks if no other student has reserved them.
- Overdue or lost books will need to be paid for by the end of each semester. Students with overdue or lost books will not be able to check out new books until the checked-out books are returned or paid for.
- Printing is also available \$0.25 per color page and \$0.10 per black/white page. Students must have money for copies with them to print.
- No food or drinks are allowed in the library.

LOCKERS

Lockers will be issued by student request only. Cleveland High School is not responsible for lost or stolen items in lockers. Any problems with locker operation should be reported to the office. Lockers are subject to search by school officials at any time.

LOST AND FOUND

Items that are found should be turned in to the main office. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of each semester.

LUNCH INFORMATION

Students should report to the Commons on time for their assigned lunch period and remain there until the dismissal bell rings. Students found outside the Commons during their assigned lunch period will be referred to an administrator. Students should maintain appropriate behavior and leave their table clean. Leaving trash at a table will result in disciplinary action and the student will be required to help clean the dining hall. Any problems during lunch can be handled by one of the teachers or administrators on duty.

Money may be placed into an account at any time by visiting the lunchroom staff before school hours or by the visiting [SchoolCafe](#). Make checks payable to Cleveland High School. Fines and money owed will carry over from year to year and must be paid in full in order to participate in graduation activities and ceremonies.

MEDICATION POLICIES/NURSE -

A registered nurse is on duty each day near the West Wing Administrative Offices. The clinic has the following guidelines:

- Any drugs, prescription or non-prescription should be turned in to the school nurse. Any student found in possession of drugs will be subject to zero-tolerance procedures.
- Any student who is sick must meet with the nurse prior to checking out of school. The nurse will contact the student's parent or guardian.
- A student may not stay in the clinic for an extended period or unattended.
- A student must have a pass from his/her teacher to visit the nurse.
- No medication, prescription or non-prescription, can be administered without a [Medication Consent Form](#) signed by a parent or guardian. For prescription medications, a physician's signature is also required.
- If the nurse is out of the office, an administrator will be made available to assist students.
- The nurse will confirm with an administrator to checkout for temperature over 100, vomiting seen by staff, or injury needing immediate medical attention.
- If the nurse or an administrator determines that a student is too sick to remain at school, parents must pick the student up.

OUTSIDE FOOD & FOOD DELIVERIES

Students are not permitted to order or receive food deliveries while on campus. The school will not accept food delivered by outside vendors or delivery services, including DoorDash, Uber Eats, Grubhub, or similar services. Any attempted deliveries will be refused, and Cleveland High School is not responsible for any costs incurred. Also be aware that any outside food may be confiscated by CHS administration.

Students who leave campus and return during the school day may not bring purchased food or beverages into the building.

Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary action for being out of their assigned location and/or opening an exterior school door to receive a delivery.

The school does not accept deliveries for students for birthdays, holidays, or other special occasions. This includes, but is not limited to, flowers, balloons, gifts, food, beverages, or other items.

PARKING

In order to park on campus, students must purchase a general parking permit. Students must present a valid driver's license, current proof of insurance, and registration. Students must have the mirror decal displayed at all times. There is a 10 MPH speed limit on campus, and sound systems should be kept at a low level. Students are not allowed to go to a vehicle during the school day without a pass from an administrator. Disciplinary action can be assigned to the student driver for non-registered or illegally parked cars.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION/OTHER DEVICES

Students are allowed to have cell phones and portable devices on school grounds. The Wireless Communication Device (WCD) must be left in the student's car or turned off in the backpack. Personal calls and recreational use are not permitted. The use of portable listening devices (wireless or wired earbuds/headphones) are not permitted. If a student needs to make a phone call, he or she can ask to use the public phone in the main office.

POSTERS AND SIGNS

All posters and signs must be approved and hung by Whitney Harden in the Media Center. Posters and signs (maximum of five) will only be placed at designated information centers and must meet the following criteria:

- Advertise school-sponsored events or meetings only
- Include information regarding group and/or event name, date, time, and location only
- Be no larger than 14" x 22" (half standard poster board size)
- Contains no glitter

SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS

In accordance with Tennessee state law, Cleveland High School conducts the following drills:

Fire Drills (Occur monthly) – Students leave the building in an orderly fashion, following the assigned routes based on location. In case the bell system is not operating, students will be given instructions over the intercom.

Lockdown Drills (Twice annually) – In accordance with Tennessee state law, lockdown drills are performed once per semester to ensure adequate preparation in case of an emergency. In the case that a lockdown drill/procedure is necessary, students will be given instructions over the intercom. An announcement/signal will be given by a school official to conclude the lockdown drill/procedure. Lockdown procedures are used for armed intruders and medical emergencies.

Tornado Drills (Twice annually) – When the signal is given for a tornado drill, students are to exit the classroom immediately and sit on the floor in their assigned area.

STUDENT IDS

Student IDs will be used for numerous reasons. Students should carry their ID on their person. If a student would like to have a replacement ID made, they may do so for a cost of \$5.00. Masks, headware, or sunglasses are not allowed to be worn in school ID pictures. Mrs. Hargis in the West Wing office can help get a new ID made.

TEXTBOOKS

When a student is issued a textbook by a teacher, he/she becomes responsible for a reasonable amount of upkeep. If a textbook becomes lost, stolen, or damaged, the student is responsible for paying for a replacement.

TECHNOLOGY

- **Device Issue:** Every student receives a district device, protective case, and charger for school and home use. Students must use their **Cleveland City Schools-issued device** for all instructional activities while on campus. In accordance with **Cleveland City Schools District Policy**, personal devices may not be used for educational purposes at any time while on school property.
- **Fee & Agreement:** Students must pay a **\$25 annual BLADE fee** and submit a signed **BLADE Device Agreement** before receiving their device.
- **Network & Device Rules:** Personal devices and personal hotspots/tethering are strictly prohibited on campus. Students must use district-issued hardware and Wi-Fi exclusively.
- **Damage & Returns:** The warranty covers **1 accidental damage incident** per school year. Further damage, lost accessories, or unreturned equipment will incur replacement fees on the student's PowerSchool account.
- **Day Users:** Students designated as Day Users must pick up and return their device daily at the BLADE Office.

BLADE Penalty Box (Policy Discipline)

Violations of technology policies restrict non-essential web access while preserving access to required academic tools. Every offense includes an email notification to the student, parent/guardian, and administrator.

- **1st Offense:** Email warning.
- **2nd Offense:** 2-week restriction.
- **3rd Offense:** Restriction for the remainder of the semester.

- **4th Offense:** Restriction for the remainder of the school year.

Administrative Discretion: Administration or parents may place a student in the Penalty Box immediately for severe or repeated infractions, bypassing the progressive steps.

VISITORS

All visitors must sign in at the Front Office Window, located at the East Side/Football Field Entrance to the building, and must wear a visitor's badge while on campus. Valid ID is required to gain access to the building or information on a student. Students are not allowed to have friends visit them during school hours, including lunch, without permission from the Principal. Persons deemed to be inappropriate visitors by an administrator will be escorted off campus by a School Resource Officer. Cleveland High School reserves the right to close campus to visitors for safety reasons at any time.

SECTION II – ATTENDANCE

Truancy is defined as an absence for an entire day, major portion of the day, major portion of any class, or study hall or any activity during the school day for which the student is scheduled.

TIERED INTERVENTION PROCEDURES

Tier I – Prevention-Oriented Supports

Attendance Guide will be published to parents/students prior to the start of the school year

- Families will be notified when student absences occur
- Additional follow-up will be made by the school admin/designee if a student accumulates (5) unexcused absences

Tier II – Campus Court Mediation (6+ unexcused absences per school year)

- The conference scheduled with student, parent, school personnel, and Juvenile Court mediator
- Conference notes and the creation of an attendance agreement will be drafted by all participants
- A review date will be set for all Tier II cases

Tier III – Campus Court Review/Services (Implemented if more unexcused absences occur after TIER 2)

- Review meeting scheduled with all participants
- Referral by the mediator to services deemed necessary
- Referral by the mediator to “Behavioral Unit” if deemed necessary
- Further absences or non-compliance will result in a petition to Juvenile Court

*If Tier II or Tier III are unsuccessful with a student and the school can document that the student’s parent is unwilling to cooperate with the truancy intervention plan, then a referral may be made to Bradley County Juvenile Court without having to implement subsequent intervention tiers.

*When total absences (excused and unexcused) exceed 10% of the school year, the principal or designee may implement the above tier system.

*If a student is counted unexcused for a tardy or a check out (5) times this action equals (1) unexcused absence.

*Link to Cleveland City Schools Student Attendance Policy 6.200. [Click here.](#)

*Student disciplinary consequences may be enforced at the recommendation of the building administrator in conjunction with attendance personnel. These consequences might include in-school suspension, community service and citations.

*More than ten consecutive or fifteen total (excused or unexcused absences) by a student during any semester renders a student ineligible to retain a driver’s permit or license, or to obtain such if of age. In order to qualify for reclaiming a driver’s license or permit, a student must pass at least (3) full credit courses at the conclusion of any grading period and have satisfactory attendance.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

School hours are 7:30am to 2:30pm. Students must be seated in first period by 7:30 am daily. Dismissal will begin promptly at 2:30pm. Students arriving on campus prior to 7:20 am must enter the building at the front door (Car Riders) or Science Wing door (Bus Riders) and remain in the commons until the 7:20am bell rings. Breakfast is served from 7:00am to 7:20am daily. Students are not permitted to remain on campus after 2:45pm unless under the direct supervision of a faculty member.

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION FOR LEARNER'S PERMIT

Any student aged 15-17 years old and desires a learner's permit must request an attendance verification form. Students must pass three out of four core classes in the previous and current semester. Students cannot have more than ten consecutive or fifteen total absences in the current semester. These forms are valid for thirty days. Please allow a two-day period for processing. See Board Policy 6.200.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

Students arriving on campus after 7:30 a.m. are considered tardy to school. Disciplinary action may be assigned for excessive unexcused tardies.

All students must check out through the Front Office and may not be checked out after **2:00 p.m.**

A parent, guardian, or designated emergency contact attempting to check out a student must be listed in the student's PowerSchool account and present valid identification. If a parent or guardian cannot come to the school, an email request must be sent to chsattendance@clevelandschools.org and verified at least two hours before the requested checkout time.

Student drivers may check themselves out by bringing a parent note or approved email request to the Attendance Office for verification before 7:30 a.m. Students should never leave campus without signing out through the Front Office.

Students who become ill during the school day must check out through the school nurse or an administrator.

Students enrolled in Capstone, Work-Based Learning, dual enrollment, or other approved off-campus programs must check in and out through the Front Office according to their approved schedules. These students will be provided a special pass that will need to be presented each day as they check out/in.

EXCUSED ABSENCES/TARDIES

Tennessee Law recognizes five reasons to excuse an absence or tardy:

- Personal illness
- Illness of an immediate family member
- A death in the family
- Religious observances regularly observed by persons of a certain faith
- Circumstances which, in the judgment of the principal, create emergencies over which the student has no control

Students are allowed six (6) parent notes per year to excuse tardiness to school. When a student is absent or tardy, a note with the student's name, date, absence information and parent signature must be sent or emailed (chsattendance@clevelandschools.org) to the school. Parent or doctor excuses will ONLY be accepted within five school days after the last date of absence/tardy. Only six days of absences per year may be excused by a parent. Excessive incidences of tardiness to school will equate to and accumulate toward the total number of absences. Five tardies to school equal one absence. A tardy to school or class is determined by the bell schedule.

Students are expected to be on time for all classes. Students are marked tardy if they arrive in the first half of the block without a red pass from a teacher or administrator. Students are considered absent if they arrive after 45 minutes into the class period. Excessive tardies can be referred to Campus Court. Juniors and Seniors are permitted two days per school year for college visits. Documentation from the college must be provided.

18-YEAR-OLDS

If an 18-year-old student has irregular attendance, due to excessive, unexcused absences, they are advised that enrollment in school can be in jeopardy. Based upon state law, if an 18-year-old student misses 10 consecutive days or 15 days due to unexcused absences, their enrollment can be terminated.

HOMEBOUND

Any student who requires homebound instruction should make an appointment to see a school counselor. Medical documentation is required for verification.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR ABSENTEES

Students may access their class assignments using Canvas and/or Edgenuity at any time. Students are encouraged to email their teachers if they need assistance in understanding directions given in the online platform. Students should review individual class syllabus for make-up work policies.

Per CCS Board Policy 6.200 Students will have an equal amount of time plus one day to make up work missed due to an excused absence. (i.e. student is absent Monday, make-up work must be turned in Wednesday; student misses Monday and Tuesday, make-up work must be turned in Friday). Make-up work for unexcused absences will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Make-up work for absences (arranged at least one week in advance) may be provided

NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Excused absence for participation in "non-school-sponsored extracurricular activity." TCA 49-6-3022 . The law provides that a school principal (or designee) may excuse a student from school attendance to participate in a non-school-sponsored extracurricular activity if the following conditions are met:

- The student must present proof of the student's participation in the activity.
- The student's parent, prior to the occurrence of the activity, submits to the principal a written request for the excused absence – the request must be submitted at least 7 business days prior to the student's absence and shall include the student's name, student's ID number, grade, dates of absence, reason for student's absence and signature of both the student and the parent.
- The principal shall approve all requests in writing.
- The principal may limit the number and duration of such approved activities for requested excused absences.
- The principal shall excuse no more than 10 absences each year for students participating in non-school extracurricular activities.

SECTION III – BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

The Raider Way – “Work Hard, Get Smart, Be Nice”

Raider Way Reward Dates: 2026 – 2027

Session:	Deadline	Reward Day
Session 1	September 18 (1st Qtr.)	September 25
Session 2	December 4 (2nd Qtr.)	December 11
Session 3	February 19 (2nd Qtr.)	February 26
Session 4	April 9 (3rd Qtr.)	April 16

How to Qualify for Raider Way

- Passing all classes (D or above) by the deadline date for the given quarter
- No In School Suspension between the session dates
- No Out of School Suspension between the session dates
- No Cell Phone Confiscation between the session dates
- Administration can revoke the privilege for multiple interactions

Absences and missed work can impact grades. Students must have all missed assignments submitted by the Tuesday before the deadline.

CODE OF CONDUCT – See Board Policy 6.30

The Board expects all school staff, students, and parents to assume responsibility for appropriate behaviors in schools. Staff, students, and parents have the right to expect safety, non-discrimination, and a focus on learning in the schools. Staff, students, and parents have the responsibility to:

- Follow the rules of the school and the laws of the country
- Treat themselves and others with respect
- Handle personal and school property carefully
- Behave at all times in a manner that encourages learning

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT PLAN (BSP)

A BSP is initiated for a student who is at-risk academically or behaviorally, or has extensive needs that require a specific plan of action. A meeting will be coordinated through the Grade Level Administrator and/or Grade Level Counselor. Goals for academics, behavior, and attendance will be reviewed.

CAMPUS COURT

The Bradley County Juvenile Court has implemented a program that meets in the school buildings. This Campus Court handles issues related to truancy and unruly behavior. Parents will be notified by phone and/or mail if they are required to appear in Campus Court.

CELL PHONE PROCEDURE (Wireless Communication Device = WCD)

WCD are always prohibited from the moment the student arrives on campus until the final bell. This includes before school, passing periods, lunch and during dismissal. All WCDs must be

turned off and stored in the backpack during the entire school day. Cleveland City Schools nor its employees shall be responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of personal wireless communication or other electronic devices. Unauthorized recording, photographing, or live streaming is strictly prohibited.

ALL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES, including but not limited to:

- Cell phones
- Smartwatches
- Wireless earbuds/headphones (wired or wireless)
- Personal tablets or similar devices
- Smart Glasses

1st Unauthorized Use of Device: Student's phone taken for 7 days. A parent can pick it up any time before the 7-day period is up.

2nd Unauthorized Use of Device: Student's phone is taken for 7 days. A parents can pick it up before the time is up, they will pay a \$50 fine.

3rd Unauthorized Use of Device: Student's phone is taken for 14 days. The student will have to attend orientation for an alternative placement. Parents can pick up before time is up, they will pay a \$100 fine.

4th and subsequent: Student's phone is taken and not returned until a parent meeting. The student will lose the privilege to bring a WCD to campus. (CCS Policy 6.300)

NOTE: Refusal to turn over a device when asked will result in immediate disciplinary action for insubordination.

Exceptions are made under the following conditions:

- Documented medical need with administrative approval.
- IEP or 504 plan accommodations
- Emergency situations, as determined by school staff

DETENTION

Detention may be held during lunch. The student must sit silently for the entire time and must bring class assignments. No cell phones allowed during detention. Failure to serve a detention by the assigned deadline will result in further action.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING AUTHORITY (DHA)

Students who are expelled for more than 10 days have the right to appeal by requesting a review by the Disciplinary Hearing Authority. A request for a DHA can be made by calling Cleveland City Schools Administrative Office Building at 423-472-9571.

DRESS CODE PROCEDURE

- 1st and 2nd Violation: Warning and correction made
- 3rd and 4th Violation: Lunch detention & parent notification for each
- 5th - 7th Violation: All day office detention for each violation
- 8th Violation: BSP and ISS
- 9th Violation: OSS and Parent Conference

JUVENILE CITATIONS

School Resource Officers (SRO) may issue citations as part of a student's consequences. The Bradley County Juvenile Office can assign students a monetary fine based on the disciplinary referral. Payment of fine may be given or mailed to Bradley County Juvenile Office.

PARTICIPATION IN PROM & DANCES AND / OR SENIOR WALK with requirements

- Only Juniors and Seniors of Cleveland High School are permitted to purchase prom tickets.
- To participate in prom and dances, students must be in good standing (academic and /attendance).
- Any student that has been suspended out of school is not eligible for prom, dances, and senior walk.
- RBA / APP students are not eligible for prom, dances, and senior walk.
- Any guest of a CHS student to prom or dances must be preapproved by administration. See Guest Participation Form in the main office.
- Only seniors who are passing all classes and have fulfilled attendance requirements on the day permission forms are due will be permitted to participate in the Senior Walk.
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SKIPPING PROCEDURE

- 1st Violation: Office detention 1 block
- 2nd Violation: Office detention 2 blocks
- 3rd Violation: All day office detention and parent notification
- 4th Violation: ISS/parent notification
- 5th Violation: OSS and BSP upon return to school
- 6th Violation: OSS and possible change of placement

STOP IT APP

STOPit is an anonymous reporting app to be used by students and parents to anonymously report unsafe conditions or situations. Downloaded the app from the Apple App Store, Android Store, Windows, or Google Play.

- Step 1: Download the *STOPit* App or visit the [website](#).
- Step 2: Enter the code of your grade level:
 - 9th Grade: CHS2030
 - 10th Grade:CHS2029
 - 11th Grade: CHS2028
 - 12th Grade: CHS 2027

SUSPENSIONS (IN-SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL)

Students assigned to In-School Suspension (ISS) will report to the designated ISS location on the dates assigned by administration. While in ISS, students will complete classroom assignments in a supervised, structured environment. Students who complete their coursework may be required to work on ACT preparation activities or other assignments as directed by the ISS teacher.

Students assigned to Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) are prohibited from being on school property or attending any school-sponsored activity, whether held on or off campus, during the suspension period. Students who violate this restriction may be cited for trespassing and escorted from campus by the School Resource Officer.

TARDY PROCEDURE – See Board Policy 6.312.1 – Resets at semester break

- 1st – 4th Tardy: Warning and correction made
- 5th – 9th Tardy: assigned Lunch Detention and parent emailed
- 10th Tardy: Behavior Support Plan meeting with parent/guardian
- 11th – 14th Tardy: ½ Day office detention and parent emailed
- 15th – possible change of placement and/or OSS

STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND CONSEQUENCES

The following are guidelines for student behavior and will be subject to the discretion of administration.

Level I:

Off-Task Student Behavior which impedes classroom instruction and violates classroom social contract will be handled by the classroom teacher. Teachers must use three teacher interventions/actions prior to submitting an administrator referral; one of these must be a phone call.

STUDENT OFF-TASK BEHAVIOR	POSSIBLE TEACHER ACTION(S)
Unauthorized Use of School-Issued Device Minor Disruptive Behavior Sleeping Cheating Plagiarizing	Review of Social Contact Contact Parent On-Task Questions Student Conference Parent Phone Call Additional Assignment and Parent Phone call Teacher Time Before/After School/During Lunch

IMMEDIATE PARENT CONTACT BY THE TEACHER IS REQUIRED AFTER 2ND OFF-TASK BEHAVIOR

Level II:

Student behavior whose seriousness or frequency tends to disrupt the learning climate. Included in this level are misbehaviors which do not represent a direct threat to the health and safety of others and/or whose educational consequences are serious enough to require corrective action on the part of educational or administrative personnel.

STUDENT OFF-TASK BEHAVIOR	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
Continued Violation of Social Contract (3 Off-Task Incidents)	Office Detention
Outside of Approved Area Without Hall Pass/Skipping	Follow Skipping Procedure on page 18
Public Display of Affection	Office Detention
Parking/Driving Violation	SRO Referral / Possible Loss of Parking Privilege / ISS
Altering/Forging School Documents	Office Detention
Failure to Complete Level I Teacher Action	Office Detention
Violation of Technology Use Policy	Loss of Computer Privileges

Minor Damage/Destruction of Property	Replacement / Referral to SRO / Community Service
Possession of Tobacco/Paraphernalia/ E Cigarettes/Vapes	Confiscation / SRO Referral (Citation) and Mandatory Vape School / ISS for 4 blocks
Leaving Campus Without Permission	1st Offense – Office detention / SRO Referral (Citation) 2nd Offense – ISS and BSP /SRO Referral (Citation) 3rd Offense – OSS / SRO Referral/Parent Conference 4th Offense – Possible change in placement

Level III – Behavior directly against persons or property and/or whose consequences may seriously endanger the health or safety of others in the school including continuation of Level II. A Behavior Support Plan will be written for students with multiple Level III Offenses.

STUDENT OFF-TASK BEHAVIOR	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
Continuation of Level I or II Offenses	BSP & ISS
Violation of Safety Procedures	BSP & ISS / SRO Referral
Insubordination regarding Cell Phone Confiscation	1 Day OSS per Confiscation due to insubordination (Fee will be added to Student Account if applicable)
Bullying / Cyber-Bullying / Harassment / Hazing	BSP & ISS / SRO Referral
Horseplay/Shoving/Pushing	ISS / OSS / SRO Referral
Inciting a Fight	BSP / OSS / SRO Referral
Physical Altercation	3 Days Minimum OSS / BSP/ SRO Referral
Harassment (Physical, Sexual, or Verbal)	BSP & ISS or OSS / SRO Referral
Major Classroom/School Disruption	BSP & Office Detention / OSS / SRO Referral
Abusive / Threatening Language	BSP & Office Detention / OSS / SRO Referral
Theft	BSP & ISS or OSS / SRO Referral (punishment TBD based on value of stolen property)
Possession or Consumption of Alcohol or public intoxication	BSP / 10 Days OSS / SRO Referral / Possible Change of Placement
Possession or Viewing of Pornography / Inappropriate	BSP & ISS / SRO Referral
Inappropriate Sexual Behavior	BSP & OSS / SRO Referral
Gambling	BSP & ISS / SRO Referral
Failure to Report to detention	BSP / ISS / OSS
Continued Violation of Behavior Expectations	BSP / ISS / OSS / SRO Referral

Violation of BSP	Change of Placement
Photographing, filming, or recording another person (student or adult) without his/her knowledge or permission is a violation of the cell phone policy.	Parent conference/ BSP/ISS

Level IV-(Zero Tolerance Acts) – In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the following offenses shall not be tolerated:

1. Bringing to school or being in unauthorized possession of a firearm on school property;
2. Unlawful possession of any drug, including any controlled substance, controlled substance analogue, or legend drug on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event;
3. Aggravated assault;
4. Assault that results in bodily injury upon any teacher, principal, administrator, any other employee of the school, or school resource officer;
5. Valid threats of mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity as determined by a threat assessment team.
6. Possession of dangerous weapons made or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious bodily injury or anything that in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of causing death or serious bodily injury; or committing any of these offenses shall result in a student being expelled from the regular school program for at least one (1) calendar year unless modified by the Director of Schools. Modification of the length of time shall be granted on a case-by-case basis. Students that commit zero tolerance offenses may be assigned to an alternative school or program at the discretion of the Director of Schools.

When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal shall notify the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.

SECTION IV – GUIDANCE/COUNSELING

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Cleveland High School counseling program is to support all students through a comprehensive and developmental approach by addressing academic, career, and personal/social skills necessary to achieve quality learning and lifelong success as directed by Cleveland City Schools. The school counselor's role is to foster personal responsibility in students as they work toward becoming successful 21st century citizens in an ever-changing society.

ADDING OR DROPPING A CLASS

A google form regarding schedule change is emailed out to current students after the master schedule of classes is finalized in the spring. Priority will be given to student schedule changes if they are academically misplaced or if a graduation requirement is not being met.

ATTENDANCE/GRADES AND PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Regular attendance is essential for academic success and school engagement. Only absences that meet state-approved criteria will be excused. Students with absences totaling 10% or more of the school year (up to the date of an event) will not be permitted to participate in certain school activities. Students must be passing all classes as well. If a student is requesting to attend another school dance/activity, these guidelines will be used to determine if the student qualifies to attend.

KEY ATTENDANCE / GRADE CUTOFFS FOR MAJOR EVENTS:

- Homecoming (Sept 18 , 2026): Students with 5 or more unexcused absences by Sept 14, 2026 may not attend.
- Winter Dance (Jan. 23, 2027): Students with 9 or more absences (excused or unexcused) by Jan 15, 2027 may not attend.
- Prom (April 17, 2026): Students with 14 or more total absences (excused or unexcused) by April 1, 2027, may not attend.
- Graduation (May 14, 2026): Seniors with 16 or more total absences (excused or unexcused) by May 6, 2026, may not participate in the graduation ceremony.

Appeal Process

Students who believe an absence has been incorrectly classified or who have extenuating circumstances may submit a written appeal to the Attendance Office. Appeals must be submitted no later than five (5) school days prior to the event in question.

Each appeal should include:

- Appropriate supporting documentation (e.g., physician's notes, court documents, or other relevant records)
- A brief written statement explaining the circumstances of the appeal

All appeals will be reviewed by the Attendance Appeals Committee. If additional information is needed, the student may be requested to appear before the committee to discuss the appeal.

CLASS RANK

Class rankings are first calculated at the beginning of Senior year. Seniors meeting the requirements to be a "Raider Scholar" are ranked first in order of GPA, with all other students ranked after in order of GPA. Final Class Ranking will be completed after graduation.

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

To be in “good academic standing”, Seniors must have 20 credits at the beginning of the school year. Juniors must have 12 credits at the beginning of the school year. Sophomores must have 6 credits at the beginning of the school year.

CORRESPONDENCE / ONLINE COURSES

Credit for correspondence or online courses for current students will be granted only if prior approval was given by the Principal.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Cleveland High School's counseling staff is a highly qualified group trained in many areas. The following services are offered to the students, parents, and faculty:

- Academic Advisement and Counseling
- Graduation Checklists and Requirements
- Military, College, and Career Planning and Exploration
- At-risk Assistance for Students
- Support Teams and Referral
- Short-term Counseling and Crisis Intervention
- Standardized Testing Program Coordination
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Homebound Services Coordination
- Small Group Counseling and Classroom Presentations

COURSE LOAD

All students in grades 9-12 must take 9 courses per school year. Any exceptions must be approved by the Principal.

EARLY POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES (EPSO)

Advanced Placement

Cleveland High School offers many courses that prepare students for the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. AP courses are introductory or second year college courses. They require much more time and work, but they offer greater opportunity to master a subject and to explore it in greater depth. Any student enrolled in an AP course is **required** to register for and take the corresponding AP exam (approximately \$99). Students with a 3 or higher on the AP exam will be reimbursed for the exam fee. Scores on AP exams can be honored by universities toward awarding credits. Check with the individual institution you are interested in. Once the course selection process is complete, student – and/or parent-initiated requests to drop an AP course will only be considered if the student is found to be academically misplaced.

Dual Enrollment

Cleveland High School, in conjunction with Cleveland State, Lee University and TCAT Athens offers both On-and Off-Campus Dual Enrollment. Dual Enrollment allows students to earn high school and college level credits simultaneously. Grades earned through Dual Enrollment will earn 1 honors – level credit at CHS and will be calculated into the student's GPA if the course is at least three credit hours. Students are responsible for the cost of tuition/books and are encouraged to take advantage of the state dual enrollment grant. Dual enrollment class selection and participation should be taken seriously as students are not permitted to drop an off-campus dual enrollment once enrolled.

The following are requirements to register for a Dual Enrollment course:

- Student must be a Junior or Senior and must have a parent's permission
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ACT scores of at least 19 composite and 19 or 20 sub-test in the applicable subject area of the course.
- Exceptions to requirements above will be considered based on enrolling College's guidelines

State Dual Credit

Cleveland High School students have the opportunity to earn college credit that can be applied to any Tennessee public postsecondary institution. Dual credit allows students to earn high school and college level credits simultaneously. Grades earned through Dual Credit will earn one honors level credit at CHS. All students take a standards-based challenge exam to fulfill postsecondary credit. CHS course fees vary, but there is not a class tuition fee assessed.

Local Dual Credit

Cleveland High School students have the opportunity to earn college credit that can be applied to the local cooperating institution, currently Cleveland State Community College, MTSU, Chattanooga State, and Brillare Beauty Institute. Dual Credit allows students to earn high school and college level credits simultaneously. Grades earned through Dual Credit will earn one honors level credit at CHS. All students take a standards-based challenge exam to fulfill post-secondary credit. CHS course fees vary, but there is not a class tuition fee assessed.

Industry Certification

Students may receive industry certification after completing a sequence of courses, usually a combination of dual credit and dual enrollment, in a specific sequence. Students must pass all challenge exams and meet all safety expectations. Industry certifications are offered in conjunction with a local institution, currently Cleveland State Community College and Tennessee College of Applied Technology. Fees associated with certification tests vary and are generally the responsibility of the student.

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

Information from the [TDOE Report Card](#) can be accessed on the Tennessee Department of Education's Website. Bookmark this page and refer to it regularly since it contains links to the various state assessments, strategies, graduation requirements, testing dates, and other helpful information.

EXIT EXAMS/REQUIRED TESTING

The State of Tennessee requires that ALL students have an ACT score prior to graduating. All 11th graders will take a free ACT exam and the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) on campus. A free ACT retake opportunity will be provided in the fall of the student's senior year. Students in various classes will take the TNReady/End of Course exams which will count as a Final Exam in those particular courses.

FINAL ASSESSMENTS - must be given on the day of the schedule exam EVERY class at Cleveland High School is required to give a final assessment worth 15% of the final average. Students are not permitted to take final assessments early. If a class uses a TNReady/EOC exam as a final exam, a final assessment must be given on the scheduled final exam day. Projects are not allowed to be used in the place of an exam. Students with excused absences (as defined by the State of Tennessee) will be permitted to take assessments within five days. Suspended students will be given a separate time to take final assessments.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

A student's GPA is determined by a four-point scale:

- A=4 quality points
- B=3 quality points
- C=2 quality points
- D=1 quality points
- F=0 quality points

A GPA is calculated by dividing the student's total number of quality points earned by the number of credits attempted. Grades are weighted to allow for honors or EPSO classes. Also, if a class is repeated because of failure, two courses will appear on the transcript, but only the later/passing class will be calculated in the GPA. If a student fails a class, the student must retake the exact same course to replace it in the GPA calculation. High school courses offered at the middle school are calculated in the overall GPA. Students are permitted to retake high school courses offered at the middle school for a higher grade.

GRADING SYSTEM

Final averages are calculated by the following formula:

$(0.85 \text{ times the semester average}) + (0.15 \text{ times the Final Exam})$

Grading Scale

A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	0 - 59

GRADING ADVANCED COURSEWORK

Advanced coursework grades will be weighted by the teacher with additional percentage points to calculate the final average.

The following percentage points will be added to the final grade in these advanced classes:

- Honors Courses – three (3) percentage points
- Local and Statewide Dual Credit, Capstone Industry Certification Aligned – four (4) percentage points.
- Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Courses– five (5) percentage points

Dual Enrollment Grading (if the college only sends letter grades, below is Cleveland City Schools' Numeric Equivalent with (5) percentage points added):

A - 95 becomes 100

B - 84 becomes 89

C - 74 becomes 79

D - 64 becomes 69

F - 54 becomes 59

GRADE CHANGES/INCOMPLETES

When a student wishes to challenge or request a grade be changed, the original teacher has the authority to grant or modify a grade. Incompletes are not to be awarded. Grades will be entered as they are calculated with zeros for missing work and will be updated when the work is turned in to the teacher.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2027

Students must accumulate at least 28 credits to fulfill graduation requirements.

Class of 2028 and 2029 and 2030

Students must accumulate at 29 credits to fulfill graduation requirements.

(Must also acquire a credit in Computer Science)

- **ENGLISH – 4 credits**
 - Students must take an English class every year of high school.
- **MATHEMATICS – 4 credits**
 - Must include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and a 4th higher-level course)
 - Students must take a math class every year of high school.
- **SCIENCE – 4 credits**
 - Must include Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a 3rd and 4th course
- **SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 credits**
 - Must include World History and Geography or AP Human Geography or AP European History, United States History, and Economics/United States Government
- **WORLD LANGUAGES – 2 credits in same language**
- **TECHNOLOGY – 1 credit**
 - Must be chosen from an introduction class in a CTE area
- **FINE ARTS – 1 credit**
- **PERSONAL FINANCE – ½ credit**
- **PHYSICAL ED/WELLNESS – 1 credit in Wellness & ½ credit in Physical Ed**
 - Student may receive ½ Physical Ed credit by documenting a total of at least 67.5 hours of physical activity in a school- sponsored group
- **ELECTIVE FOCUS – 3 credits**
 - Must be from the list of approved Focus Areas
- **OTHER ELECTIVES – 4 credits**

GRADUATION SPEAKERS

Three students from the Senior Class will be selected to speak at graduation. The members of the honor group select two speakers by secret ballot, and the senior class selects the third speaker as the Class Representative by secret ballot. The Senior Class President delivers the welcoming speech at graduation. The Principal reserves the right for final approval of graduation speakers.

MILITARY RECRUITERS

Our school is required to provide, on requests made by military recruiters or institutions of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name, address and telephone listing not be released to military recruiters or institutions of higher education. If you prefer that Cleveland High School not share this information about your child, please notify the East Wing Counseling Office in writing.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Information can be accessed on the NCAA website. Visit the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#). You should also make an appointment with the NCAA counselor who can provide specific information on core classes, transcript requirements and other eligibility requirements for your student athlete.

PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS

Progress reports and report cards are available online through PowerSchool. A paper copy can be mailed at the parent's request. Requests should be made each grading period through the Counseling Office.

RAIDER SCHOLAR

Students progress toward Senior Raider Scholar status by meeting the honors course requirement and by obtaining a 3.5 CUMULATIVE GPA. In order to fulfill the honors course requirement, students should complete:

- 3 AP, DE, or Honors courses for White Cord
- 6 AP, DE, or Honors courses for Blue Cord
- 9 AP, DE, or Honors courses for Red/White/Blue cord
- 12 AP, DE, or Honors courses to graduate as a Raider Scholar

Seniors classified as a "Raider Scholar" will be ranked first before other Seniors and will walk first in the Graduation Procession.

Raider Scholars must also complete the following requirements:

- ★ Take 4 AP classes or 2 AP & 2 DE classes
- ★ Two of the three honors classes must be core classes each year

Raider Scholar honor graduates will graduate with the Latin Honors Criteria:

- ❖ Summa Cum Laude (3.91-4.0)
- ❖ Magna Cum Laude (3.76-3.9)
- ❖ Cum Laude (3.5-3.75)

Raider Scholar honor graduate designation is determined senior year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Millions of dollars in scholarships are offered to Cleveland High School seniors each year. Students should check the Counseling Office at www.chsraiders.com under the "Counseling" tab for a scholarship calendar as well as scholarship applications during senior year.

SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS

The counseling office provides academic transcripts as needed for scholarships, military, jobs, and college applications. Final Transcripts will be mailed starting the week after graduation. The online transcript request form can be found at www.chsraiders.com under the counseling tab.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Cleveland High School offers Individualized Educational Programs (IEP's) for students with intellectual, emotional, or physical disabilities. A multi-disciplinary team that includes counselors, classroom teachers, resource and administrative school personnel, parents, and the student will help develop this program. Students who are experiencing difficulties in classes may refer themselves for special services through a grade level counselor. Parents may also request students to be tested. Answers to frequently asked questions can be answered at the state website: [TDOE Special Services](#)

TRANSFER CREDIT

Cleveland High School accepts credits earned at any regionally accredited or state-approved high school.

TUITION (NON-RESIDENT) STUDENTS

A student residing outside the boundaries of Cleveland City Schools must complete the Cleveland City Schools [Cross-Zone/Tuition Form](#) and receive approval by the school principal. The student must pay a tuition fee established annually by the Board. Tuition amounts for the 2026-2027 school year are \$800.00 for Bradley County residents and \$1675.00 for residents outside Bradley County. Tuition must be paid in the main office before a student begins classes.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

Requests for withdrawal are made through the East Wing Counseling Office. Withdrawals are subject to the following guidelines:

1. Parents or guardians must authorize the withdrawal in writing and provide a copy of their picture ID.
2. The student must complete the withdrawal form, return textbooks, and clear all financial obligations.
3. The Counseling Office provides a copy of the withdrawal form, student's transcript, test scores, and immunization record when requested by the new school.

504 PROCEDURE

Requests for a 504 need to be made through the counseling office.

SECTION V – STUDENT CODE OF ETHICS

MISSION/PHILOSOPHY

Extracurricular activities play an integral part in the life of students at Cleveland High School by assisting in promoting the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. The staff of CHS recognizes that the athletic fields, gymnasiums, concert halls, and other performance venues are an extension of the classroom, where teaching is foremost in the development of character. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All participants do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, and fair play.

STUDENT CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

All students under the age of eighteen (18) shall present a signed and dated statement from their parent/guardian before joining any club or organization or participating in activities of a club or organization. The Director of Schools/designee shall develop administrative procedures outlining this recordkeeping process. See Board Policy 4.300.1

PARTICIPATION STANDARDS

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. Students **MUST** meet specific standards in order to earn this privilege. At a minimum, the following standards are required of all student-athletes/performers.

1. Exhibit public behavior that will reflect positively on the program, school, and community.
2. Exhibit responsible, respectful, and trustworthy behavior to students, the coach/director, student bodies, and community.

3. Exhibit responsible and respectful behavior on social media.
4. Exert efforts to maintain a high level of academic achievement as well as maximum effort in practice and competition.
5. Comply with all program, school, TSSAA, and school system rules, regulations, and policies.
6. Exhibit appropriate behavior at all program and school-related activities.
7. Attend all team functions unless ill or given prior permission to be absent by the coach/director.
8. Respect calls and decisions made by game officials.
9. Display good sportsmanship/character at all times.
10. Report to the coach/director any issues or developments that may affect eligibility status, including change of residence.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

All student athletes are required to have a valid annual medical physical on a TSSAA medical form and have it on file with the athletic trainer or the athletic director. (Athletics only)

1. All student athletes competing in secondary athletics will be required to complete ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) concussion evaluation system every two years. ImPACT testing baselines will be used as an aide in concussion identification and as part of the return to participation plan required by the State of Tennessee and the TSSAA following a concussion. Student athletes must also be evaluated by an ImPACT testing trained physician following a suspected concussion.
2. All students participating in extracurricular activities are also required to have on file a parental consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian stating that the student has the consent of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian to participate in practice, athletic contests, or performances.
3. Students must attend at least a half day of school in order to participate in a practice or contest on that day. If the principal or designee grants an excused absence in advance for a prescheduled activity, or an unforeseen emergency, the student may participate on that day. A half day of school is not two blocks, but the number of minutes the child is in school. A half day is 210 minutes.
4. In addition to other infractions, a student may be suspended or removed from a program for unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to classes or team/program practices.
5. A student may not participate when he/she is serving an out-of-school suspension. The student becomes eligible to participate on the next school day following the suspension.
6. A student must meet the TSSAA academic requirements (athletes only). A student must also meet the coaches/director's requirement for academic standards. A student participant may be put on suspension or even be removed from a team/program if he/she is not in good standing.
7. Parent and student contracts must be on file prior to the student being able to participate in practices, activities, contests, etc.

TEAM/PROGRAM SELECTION

Students will be evaluated to determine the level of play in which each will participate. Coaches/Directors will expect students to perform at his/her highest level in the areas of performance, attitude, and competitiveness. The official start date for each season as set forth by TSSAA rules will serve as the tryout period (For Athletics). The length of the tryout period will be determined by each individual sports head coach or program director. The staff in each sport or program has sole discretion of which students make the team or program. There will be no guarantee as to the playing/performance time for any student. Off season legal issues or drug/alcohol use could prohibit a student from participation on a team based on the administration's decision.

CHARACTER EXPECTATIONS

An important mission of the activities program is to teach and reinforce values relating to sportsmanship, competition, and fair play. We strive to produce students who respect their opponents, compete hard, and understand the virtues of following rules. It is expected that the coaches, directors, team parents, and spectators respect this mission by exhibiting appropriate behavior.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Participation in extracurricular activities often includes intense competition and poses the potential for serious, catastrophic, or life-threatening injury. Participants and parents are urged to consider that there are inherent risks and hazards associated with athletic participation. Risks vary from sport-to-sport and can occur under direct supervision and with the use of proper safety equipment.

INJURIES

If a student is injured in an athletic event/performance or practice, individual insurance will be the primary insurance used, and TNRMT will be the secondary insurance. If there is no insurance, TNRMT will be the primary insurance. In the event that surgery is needed, an administrator will need to file a catastrophic insurance claim. If an accident report is not filed, there will be no insurance coverage. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete/parent to ensure administration is aware of the need for surgery and files a catastrophic insurance claim. Cleveland High School and Cleveland City Schools will not be responsible for those payments. It will be the responsibility of the athlete's family to make any payments exceeding the insurance coverage.

TRAVEL

Many teams/performance groups will travel to away games/performances by bus. There will be occasions when coaches, directors, parents, or other school personnel transport students to sporting events, performances, or activities. In such cases, all parties must follow the carpool policy, if they are transporting any student other than their child.

CARPOOL POLICY

No student can drive him/herself to or from a competition/event. They must ride in a car with a coach, director, parent, or other school personnel, and they all must leave from point A to the event together. After the game/performance, a parent can leave the game/performance with his/her child to go home as long as they have no other student in the car with them. Anyone leaving the facility transporting a student, other than their child, must return to point A with the carpool.

HAZING

Hazing is prohibited at all times. Hazing involves any act that subjects others to mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule, whether it is done in person, social media, or etc. If a student observes a situation of hazing, they are responsible to report it to their designated adult or they will be held responsible for negligence. In some instances, hazing constitutes a criminal act. At a minimum, hazing may lead to immediate dismissal from an organization.

COMMUNICATION

Parents should not attempt to address coaches immediately after games and practices, or directors after performances. Coaches/Directors have many post-game/post-performance/practice responsibilities, including supervision of students. Also, the post-game/performance/practice is often emotionally charged, and not conducive to productive discussion. If a parent feels a need to communicate a concern, the parent should contact the coach/director and/or administrator to arrange a meeting at a later time.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

Cleveland High School will strictly adhere to the policy that a disgruntled parent, fan, or student MAY NOT address a coach/director before, during, or after a contest/performance. Procedures for addressing a concern:

1. If the concern starts with your child, have your child talk with the coach/director first.
2. Email the coach/director and request a meeting.
3. If there is no resolution, contact an administrator to request a meeting.

UNIFORMS

All student athletes/performers are expected to adhere to the practice uniform and game uniform requirements set forth by each coach/director.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

All students at Cleveland High School are expected to refrain from the use of all tobacco products (including vaping devices and paraphernalia), drugs, and alcohol, both in school and out of school. Parents are responsible to oversee and monitor their student's behavior while off school grounds and are expected to take appropriate, decisive action to identify and prevent non-prescribed use of these substances by their student.

CHS staff, including coaches/directors and administrators, are charged with the task of alerting students to the harmful effects of tobacco products, drugs, and alcohol and to take corrective action upon verification of student use of these items. The commitment to tobacco-free, drug-free, and alcohol-free behavior is especially important for those students who represent Cleveland High School in any school sponsored activity. The reputation of our school and the ultimate safety and welfare of students are jeopardized if the commitment is broken. For this reason, the Cleveland High School Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Pledge has been developed.

DISMISSAL/QUITTING PROGRAM

Once a student begins practice (the 1st day of tryouts) in a sport/program and his/her squad membership is terminated for a reason other than being cut due to lack of ability, he/she is ineligible to participate in any other sport during that season unless he/she is given prior approval by administration. Should a student voluntarily quit or be removed from a team/program, he/she is ineligible to participate in any other sport/program during that season unless he/she is given prior approval by administration.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The use of social media, network sites, personal web pages, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, blogs, etc. are considered an extension of how students/staff and Cleveland High School. Pictures and/or information included on such sites will be considered the truth. Any student who posts information that is derogatory, threatening, disrespectful, or bullying towards peers, coaches, opponents, teachers, administrators, and other community members or that is demonstrating/insinuating acts of drug/alcohol use, sexually inappropriate behavior, or any other

inappropriate actions will be held to the same standards as if acting in person. The consequences could include suspension or dismissal from the team/program and suspension from school, or legal ramifications. This also includes fake accounts or profiles created to circumvent following the policies and procedures laid out in this Handbook.

ACTIVITY PROBATION

If a student is involved in a significant breach of the Extracurricular Handbook, they will appear before the Activity Council. The student may be placed on probation from the team/program in lieu of or in addition to other penalties. If a second breach of general policy occurs within one calendar year of being placed on probation, the student will be suspended from participation in the Cleveland High School extracurricular program(s) for a length of time to be determined by the administration.

GENERAL DISCIPLINE

The rules, policies, and procedures addressed in the Extracurricular Handbook do not cover every possible infraction. Any infractions not listed will be covered by TSSAA, Cleveland City Schools and/or Cleveland High School discipline policy and procedures, and individual team/program rules consequences for students not adhering to any rule, policy, or procedure will be at the discretion of the principal.

SPECTATORS

Any parent, fan, or spectator who acts in a disruptive manner will cause the game or program to be suspended until the situation is resolved or the spectator is removed by the administration. As a result of such a removal of that spectator will not be allowed to return to any CHS extracurricular events until they have met with administration to discuss the length of the suspension that will ensue. Any parent, fan, or spectator who is berating or disrupting in nature may be asked to leave the activity.

In such a case, that spectator will not be allowed to return to any CHS extracurricular events until they have met with the administration to discuss the length of the suspension that will ensue.

Any unsportsmanlike violation by a student-athlete, parent, fan, or spectator will be reported to the Principal by the game administrator within 24-hours of the incident to discuss the length of the suspension.

Cleveland High School recognizes that the athletic fields, gymnasiums, and performance halls are an extension of the classrooms in which teaching is foremost in the development of character, integrity, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

LINK TO SPORTS: [CHS HEAD COACHES 26-27](#)

LINK TO CLUBS LIST: [CLUB LIST 26-27](#)

2026-2027 Clubs will meet on Wednesdays

RED Clubs Sept 9, Oct 14, Dec 2, Jan 13, Feb 10, March 17, April 14

- ATS the Bridge
- Biology Club
- French Honor Society
- Interact Club
- International Thespian Society (ITS)
- Key Club
- Science National Honors Society
- Spanish Honor Society
- HOPE
- Student Government Association (SGA)

BLUE Clubs Sept 16, Oct 21, Dec 9, Jan 20, Feb 17, March 24, April 28

- Art Club
- Best Buddies
- Beta Club
- Creative Writing (Ink & Fable)
- Environmental Awareness
- Jazz Club
- LEO Club
- Pathways to Success

SILVER Clubs Sept 23, Oct 28, Dec 16, Jan 27, Feb 24, March 31, May 5

- Automotive Club
- Aviation
- Cosmetology
- Crim Justice
- Culinary
- DECA
- Engineering and Robotics
- eSports
- HOSA

Before School / After School / Outside Club Time

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- Key Club
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Pickleball Club
- Yearbook