

2026-2027 Student Handbook Changes Summary

Board Members,

Below you will find a list of the updates made throughout the student handbooks for 2026-2027 across sites and programs. The handbooks have been updated by administrators at each level, aligned with MN statute/current law, and reviewed by district administration. They are an operational/management tool our administrators use to effectively communicate and run our schools. They will be communicated starting in early August to ensure students and families have clear information regarding the expectations, policies, and practices for the upcoming school year.

Elementary Summary of Changes

- Cover page- update cover page
- Page 1- update year to 2026-2027
- Page 1-3- update formatting and page numbers
- Page 1 - added "Photo and contact information release" to table of contents
- Page 2 - added "Trademarks and logo usage" to table of contents
- Page 2 - added "Digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work" to table of contents
- Page 5 - update title of "Learning and Innovation" department
- Page 6- update wording under "Targeted Services"
- Page 8 - added section on photo and contact information release
- Page 10 - added section on trademarks and logo usage
- Page 10 - added section on digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work
- Page 12- removed "-" after a bullet point under "Severe Behavior"
- Page 18 - fixed a typo, "change" to "chance"
- Page 20 - updated party invitation language

Central Middle School Summary of Changes

- Cover page- update cover page
- Page 1- update year to 2026-2027
- Page 1-5- update formatting and page numbers
- Page 2- remove "student of the quarter"
- Page 3 - added "Photo and contact information release" to table of contents
- Page 3 - added "Trademarks and logo usage" to table of contents
- Page 3 - added "Digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work" to table of contents

- Page 4- strikeout “activity bus” in table of contents
- Page 5- add “inciting a fight or assault” in table of contents
- Page 5- strikeout “tardies” in table of contents
- Page 13- update retake information under “evaluation/reportingsystem/grades”
- Page 15- remove “student of the quarter content”
- Page 15-16- update “student usage of generative artificial intelligence (AI)” content
- Page 17 - added section on photo and contact information release
- Page 22 - added section on trademarks and logo usage
- Page 22 - added section on digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work
- Page 28- add content to “plagiarism/copyright/licensing” to cover electronic wearables
- Page 28- add content to “tech support” regarding reporting stolen devices
- Page 34-35- change consequences under “abuse, verbal or written”
- Page 25- remove “activity bus” content
- Page 36-37- change consequences under “bullying/cyberbullying”
- Page 39- add “inciting a fight or assault” content
- Page 41- change wording and consequences under “posting disruptive videos/photos”
- Page 42- remove “tardies” content
- Page 42-43- change wording and consequences under “threats and intimidation; physical, verbal, written”
- Page 44- change consequences under “vandalism”
- Page 64- change procedures for “riding a different bus home”

Eden Prairie High School Summary of Changes

- Cover page- update cover page
- Entire document- update page numbers in content and on each page
- Page 1- update year to 2026-2027
- Page 3 - added “Photo and contact information release” to table of contents
- Page 3 - added “Trademarks and logo usage” to table of contents
- Page 3 - added “Digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work” to table of contents
- Page 1-7- update table of contents to include “early graduation” and “proficiency and placement assessments” and “supplemental online enrollment (acceptance of outside credits” and “unauthorized sale of food or personal items” and “open hour: eden prairie online” and to remove “credit for prior learning” and “guiding vision”
- Page 8- update content under “graduation requirements” removing references to state exams and night school

- Page 8- add “early graduation” content to provide guidance on early graduation requirements
- Page 8- remove “credit for prior learning” content
- Page 9- add “proficiency and placement assessment” information
- Page 9- update “dropping courses” content by removing permission form information and adding open hour instead of study hall
- Page 10- update “failing and re-taking a course” to include EPO as a re-take option
- Page 10- update “grading and evaluation process” wording removing subheading “guiding vision”
- Page 11- update “grading scale” to include deadline and pass grade re-take information
- Page 12- update “reassessment policy” information
- Page 12- replace “are missing” with “have not yet met” under “non passing grades options to pursue credit”
- Page 13- introduce “supplemental online enrollment” content
- Page 14-15 update “student usage of generative artificial intelligence (AI)” content
- Page 15- fix typo- capital a
- Page 17 - added section on photo and contact information release
- Page 18- update “contacting your student” information
- Page 19 - added section on trademarks and logo usage
- Page 19 - added section on digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work
- Page 21- change “either” to “the” under “hennepin technical college: transportation”
- Page 23-24 add “juniors” to “privileges- seniors” content, delete “juniors paragraph” and remove mention of “seniors”
- Page 30- strikeout last point under “expectations of adult and students”
- Page 36-37- update academic probation procedures
- Page 39- update “removal from class” duplicate paragraph
- Page 41- update “abuse, verbal or written” to include online and off campus behavior
- Page 41-42- add “optional” and “required” to chemical health consequences
- Page 43- add attendance details for students present on campus, not attending class
- Page 43- update “backpacks/unattended property”
- Page 43- add “school threat” to “bomb threat” and update content
- Page 45- add to “co-curricular” behavior
- Page 46- change “restricted study” to “in-school suspension” under “disruptive behavior and insubordination”
- Page 52- reword text under “falsifying permits”
- Page 52- remove descriptions under “personal property/nuisance objects”
- Page 56- create content “unauthorized sale of food or personal items”
- Page 60- remove “dismissal”

Tassel Summary of Changes

- Cover page- update cover page
- Page 1- update year to 2026-2027
- Page 8 - added section on photo and contact information release
- Page 9 - added section on trademarks and logo usage
- Page 9 - added section on digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work

EPO Elementary Summary of Changes

- Cover page- update cover page
- Page 1- update year to 2026-2027, remove banner
- Page 1-3- update page numbers, formatting
- Page 2 - added "Photo and contact information release" to table of contents
- Page 2 - added "Trademarks and logo usage" to table of contents
- Page 2 - added "Digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work" to table of contents
- Page 5 - updated title of "Learning and Innovation" department
- Page 7 - under "Attendance Expectations" changed typical start time from "9:00" to "8:30"
- Page 7- updated language regarding absence submission on Parent Portal
- Page 20 - added section on photo and contact information release
- Page 21 - added section on trademarks and logo usage
- Page 21 - added section on digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work

EPO Secondary Summary of Changes

- Cover page- update cover page
- Page 1- update year to 2026-2027, remove banner
- Page 1 -add "supplemental online enrollment" and "proficiency and placement assessments" to table of contents
- Page 1-3- update page numbers and formatting
- Page 2 - added "Photo and contact information release" to table of contents
- Page 2 - added "Trademarks and logo usage" to table of contents
- Page 2 - added "Digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work" to table of contents
- Pages 6-7 - updated language regarding graduation "early graduation" and "night school"
- Page 7 - added "supplemental online enrollment" section
- Page 8 - added "proficiency and placement assessment" section

- Page 9 - updated “course grades” with pass grade re-take information
- Page 10 - updated language regarding “grading practices”
- Page 13 - revised language regarding “generative artificial intelligence (AI)”
- Page 14 - update “absence procedures” for reporting absences
- Page 29 - added section on photo and contact information release
- Page 30 - added section on trademarks and logo usage
- Page 30 - added section on digital accessibility in public-facing or student-produced work