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STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK

**Show Up
Be Cool
Take Care of Business**



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR SCHOOL...

Academy For Change is a community day school program on the Alternative Education campus. AFC is a closed campus and focuses on students that have been expelled from their home school and/or have a School Attendance Review Board (SARB) contract.

The program's focus is to support the student in fulfilling their disciplinary and rehabilitation requirements and reconnecting students with their education.

Center for Alternative Learning is a short-term, one semester program. The program is meant to help students catch up on credits and return to their school of residence at the start of the next semester. We want you to promote because WE CARE ABOUT YOU!

OUR SCHOOL'S PILLARS...

1 SHOW UP - ATTENDANCE

Students will attend AFC for the duration of time, determined at their expulsion/SARB hearing. Arrive to school on time and ready to work. For both AFC & CAL students there is no homework, so attendance is crucial.

2 BE COOL - BEHAVIOR

Be respectful to staff and to other students. Ask for help when you need it, whether it means classwork or talking to a counselor. We are here for you, not against you!

3 TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS - CREDIT/WORK COMPLETION

Students will complete all their academic work. For AFC students only, they will need to complete their terms and conditions relating to their expulsion and/or probation.

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

- I will seek out support as needed. Connect with us and find your trusted adult!
- I will continuously set SMART goals for myself. (We will help you with this.)
- I will monitor my weekly progress.
- I will choose to be SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL with my full attention.
- I will wear all clothing in an acceptable manner. CUSD Administrative Regulation 5132 states that students may not wear, display or possess clothing and/or accessories that are interpreted by school personnel to be negative, derogatory or inappropriate. (See back page for specific dress code)
- I will wear close toed-shoes. No flip-flops or sandals. Also, slippers, house shoes, and slides are not acceptable. This is due to safety.
- Gum is not permitted on the AFC/CAL campus (Village).
- Outside food/drink cannot be consumed inside the classroom and must be finished prior to the start of the school day. If a student arrives late to school, any food/drink will be held by staff member(s) and returned at the end of the school day and no sooner.
- If I have a need to bring a backpack or purse, it will be checked in to the main office prior to entering the AFC/CAL campus (Village).
- I will stay with my assigned teacher at all times.
- When I arrive at school, I will turn in my cell phone, earbuds or any electronics to my teacher. It is my responsibility to give my teacher my electronics when I am tardy.
- Per Board Policy 5131.6, staff will not be responsible for any student's personal belongings which are brought to campus and are lost, stolen, or damaged.
- I will sit at my assigned level table in the cafeteria at all times.
- I will remain away from any other campus in Chico Unified, including Fair View and Oakdale's campus.
- I will leave campus daily by 3:35 p.m.

Dress Code

- Allowable Dress & Grooming
- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent and shoes.
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front and on the sides.
- Clothing must cover undergarments; waistbands and bra straps excluded.
- Fabric covering all private parts must not be see through.
- Hats and other headwear must allow the face to be visible and not interfere with the line of sight to any student or staff. Hoodies must allow the student face and ears to be visible to staff.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education.
- Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming
- Clothing may not depict, advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or any other protected groups.
- Clothing, including gang identifiers, must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff.
- If the student's attire or grooming threatens the health or safety of any other person, then discipline for dress or grooming violations should be consistent with discipline policies for similar violations.

SHOW UP (ATTENDANCE)



**"You can't achieve your dreams if you don't
show up to chase them!"**

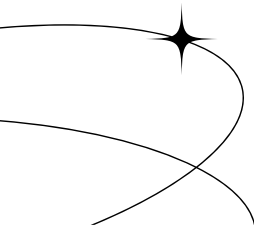


- Be here every day...on time. Attend ALL classes on your schedules.

When there is no verification within Five (5) school days, the absence is considered unexcused. If a student accrues three (3) or more unexcused absences, the student is considered to be truant (Ed Code 48260). Please phone the office at any time to report your child's absence. When leaving a message, please state your child's name, your name, date of absence and reason. Thank you for your help in clearing all student absences!

Parents/Guardians:
Please make sure to call the Attendance Office
when your student is going to be absent.

Attendance Office:
(530) 891-3092, press 32174



MEET THE WELLNESS TEAM

Our School Based Intervention Team (SBIT) is dedicated to serving our students by supporting and guiding them through academic, emotional, physical, and psychological transitions. Our team encourages personal growth and educational progress. We offer school site and district resources, and connect students/caregivers to community service agencies as needed.

Name	Title	Email	(530) 891-3092 + Phone Extension
Martha Andrade- McLemore	Wellness Counselor	mmclemore@chicousd.org	32140
Erika Garibay	Targeted Case Manager	egaribay@chicousd.org	32220
Chelsea Cornell	School Social Worker	chelsea.cornell@chicousd.org	32124
Janaea Jenkins	Intervention Specialist	jjenkins@chicousd.org	32117
Jef Inslee	Wellness Counselor	jinslee@chicousd.org	32137
Sierra Kaloustian	School Psychologist	skaloustian@chicousd.org	32272
Ritesh Kanji	Intervention Specialist	rkanji@chicousd.org	32270
Quinn Mendez	FV Academic Counselor	qmendez@chicousd.org	32114
Jose Mendoza	CAL/AFC/Oakdale Academic Counselor	jose.mendoza@chicousd.org	32141
Rhonda Odum	Oakdale Vice Principal	rodum@chicousd.org	71172
Catalina Rubio Torres	Targeted Case Manager	crubiotorres@chicousd .org	32127

I would like to see someone from the School Based Intervention Team, what should I do?

Please click on the link below and fill out the form to see or speak to someone from the team. We constantly monitor the form entries and will get back to you as soon as possible but if this is a CRISIS and it is outside of business hours please call the Crisis Line at (530) 891-2810 or 911.

<http://tinyurl.com/2xetmu55>



WORK PERMITS



Requirements for a Work Permit

1. All minors under 18 years of age, including minors employed by parents, must have a Work Permit.
2. Minors must meet mandatory school attendance laws in order to obtain a Work Permit.
3. Work Permits are required all year, not just when school is in session.
4. Work Permits must be kept on file at the minor's work site. Work Permits state the maximum hours minors may work.
5. Work Permits must be renewed at the start of each new school year or at the time a student obtains a new job.
6. Work Permits are mailed to the employer. It serves as an age certificate and states the maximum hours a minor may work based on their age.
7. Public schools have the legal right to restrict or reduce the type of employment and/or the hours of work, if the schoolwork or health of the minor is being impaired by the employment.

Steps to get a work permit

Step 1 - Find a job.

Step 2 - Once the job is confirmed you request a Work Permit application from Ms. Love.

Step 3 - The employer fills out their part.

Step 4 - You turn it in to Ms. Love.

Step 5 - Wait at least 24 hours to receive the typed up Work Permit.



STUDENT EMAIL AND PASSWORD SUPPORT



How do I access my email?

Your student email address ends in '@chicousd.net'.

For example: John Smith would have the following email :

js12345@chicousd.net

First initial, Last initial, student ID, @chicousd.net

What is my password?

Your birthday-entered 2 digits each for the year, month, and day (yymmdd).

May 15, 2006 would be : 060515

yy=06 mm=05 dd=15

STUDENT CALENDAR



STUDENT CALENDAR 2025/2026 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION Show up, Be cool, Take care of business!

	M	T	W	TH	F	Important Dates
August		19	20	21	22	First Day of School Aug. 19th
	25	26	27	28	29	
September	1	2	3	4	5	Labor Day, Sept 2nd
	8	9	10	11	**12	
	15	16	17	18	19	Alt. Ed Night Out, Sept 17
	22	23	24	25	26	Picture Day, Sept 24th
October	29	30	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	*10	End of session 10-10 - 1/2 Day
	13	14	15	16	17	1/2 day - Oct. 14
	20	21	22	23	24	Session 2 - Oct. 13th
November	27	28	29	30	31	Picture Day - Sept. 24th
	3	4	5	6	7	Make-up Pictures, Nov 12th
	10	11	12	13	**14	Veterans Day - Nov 11th
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	Thanksgiving Break-No School
December	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	WINTER BREAK Dec. 19 - Jan. 4
	15	16	17	*18	19	End of session 12-18
January	5	6	7	8	9	Session 3- Jan. 5th
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	26	27	28	29	30	1/2 day-Jan 27th
February	2	3	4	5	**6	
	9	10	11	12	13	Lincoln's Birthday Observed 02-13
	16	17	18	19	20	President's Day- 2-16-2026
	23	24	25	26	27	
March	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	*13	End of session 3-13 - 1/2 day
	16	17	18	19	20	Spring Break - March 16-20
	23	24	25	26	27	Session 4 -March 23rd
April	30	31	1	2	3	Spring Travel Day - April 3rd
	6	7	8	9	10	In lieu of Admission Day - April 6th
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	**24	
May	27	28	29	30	1	
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	Memorial Day Observed May 25th
	18	19	20	21	22	8th Grade Grad, June 4th
	25	26	27	28	29	End of session - 6-04
June	*1	*2	*3	*4	5	Graduation June 5th 9:30am

Key

- No School - Holiday Break
- Start of Session
- CUSD Staff Development - 1/2 day. Schedule B
- Legal Holidays
- Picture day - Sept. 24th
- Make-up pictures - Nov. 12th
- Alt. Ed Night out
- ** End of Unit

Schedule B for Students 25-26
October, 10th & 14th 2025
December 18th 2025
January 27th 2026
March 10th and 13th 2026
June 3rd 2026

June 1st, 2nd and 4th Half days
for FVHS / Oakdale Students only

ALL STUDENTS - 1/2 day June 3rd
Senior Lunch - June 3rd 2026
Last Day of School-June 4th

AFC / CAL Bell Schedule

Schedule A		
PERIOD	BEGINS	ENDS
First Bell	8:47	3 minute warning
1	8:50	9:05
2	9:05	10:00
3	10:00	10:55
Passing	10:55	11:10
4	11:10	12:05
5	12:05	1:00
Lunch	1:00	1:30
6	1:30	2:25
7	2:25	3:20

Schedule B Half Day Schedule		
Denoted on calendar with an asterisk *		
PERIOD	BEGINS	ENDS
First Bell	8:47	3 minute warning
1	8:50	9:05
2	9:05	10:00
3	10:00	10:55
Passing	10:55	11:10
4	11:10	12:05
5	12:05	1:00

Turn over for student calendar.

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STAFF DIRECTORY

Staff's Name	Position	Room	Contact Information
Andrew Moll	Principal	Main Office	amoll@chicousd.org
Rachel Love	Vice Principal	Main Office	rlove@chicousd.org
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