

**Summary of Changes to the 2018-19 Secondary School
Handbook and Code of Conduct**

Topic	Change(s)
Updated Vision and Mission Statement (pg. 4)	Updated to reflect the most recent language. Added MHS PBIS statement.
Attendance Protocols (pg. 13)	<p>Added: Per MA Law Chapter 76, Section 1, the school principal may excuse cases of necessary absence not exceeding seven day sessions or fourteen half day sessions in any period of six months.</p> <p>Students who exceed 14 consecutive or cumulative absences in a school year, due to a medical condition, will be required to complete the Physician's Statement for Home and Hospital Education.</p>
Responsibility for Positive Behavior (pg. 17)	<p>Added PBIS Statements and rubrics.</p> <p>Deleted:</p>
Responsibility for Appearance (pg. 17)	Consolidated the Middle and High School policies.
Responsibility for Use of Electronic Devices (pg.15)	<p>Amended these lines:</p> <p>Students should recognize that information security begins with responsible individual behaviors; including, but not limited to, a secure password, signing out of any and all devices, and exercising caution when viewing, storing, and sharing personal information and data.</p> <p>The Melrose Secondary Schools Code of Conduct applies to all digital interactions on the school network and on personal devices used on school grounds.</p>
Responsibility Regarding Alcohol and Illicit Drugs (pg. 18)	Added language about vaping.
Academic and Social Probation (pg. 22)	Consolidated the language.
Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan (pg. 20)	<p>Added:</p> <p>Parents (both the victim's parents and the aggressor's parents) will be notified. Consequences for the infraction of aggressive behavior and/or bullying are listed in the "Aggressive Behavior Consequences Rubric" located in the rules for behavior and discipline of students section of this handbook. The Melrose Public School's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan can be found on the District's</p>

	<p>website at: https://www.melroseschools.com/sites/melrosemaps/files/uploads/melrose_bullying_prevention_and_intervention_plan.pdf</p> <p>Deleted:</p> <p>On May 3, 2010, Governor Patrick signed into law a comprehensive legislation to address bullying in schools. "An Act Relative to Bullying in Schools", Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2010, requires all schools to create and implement strategies to prevent bullying, and to address bullying promptly and effectively when it occurs.</p>
<p>Melrose Secondary Schools Chartwells Lunch Policy (pg. 21)</p>	<p>Amended this line:</p> <p>The selection will then be limited to regular meal choices and a la carte items will not be available for purchase until payment is received and the negative balance is paid.</p> <p>Updated link:</p> <p>https://www.melroseschools.com/district-home/pages/online-payments</p>
<p>Rules of Behavior and Discipline of Students (pg. 24)</p>	<p>Added this line:</p> <p>b. Emergency Removal: A student may be removed from school immediately, when charged with a disciplinary offense and the continued presence of the student poses a danger to persons or property, or materially and substantially disrupts the order of the school.</p>
<p>Range of Consequences (pg. 29)</p>	<p>Added this line:</p> <p>Where appropriate, educators will use restorative practices in lieu of or in addition to consequences listed below. Restorative practices may include restorative chats, restorative circles, apologies, community service, restitution, and educational programming.</p>