# 2023-2024 ANNUAL PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Introduction

HomeTech Charter School is a free public school. We offer two different programs: Hybrid and Home Study. Our hybrid program combines a home school model with classroom attendance. Our students come to school for core, enrichment and elective classes to receive instruction from qualified and caring teachers and to interact with other students; they then receive a packet for independent study at home. Our home school program combines weekly meetings with our Independent Study Teacher and the student works at home to complete all assigned work without classroom support. Our Success Classes provide open time throughout the week for students to receive extra help from a teacher when needed. Student work areas provide a place for students to work on campus every weekday, with access to computers and printers.

Our campus is safe, welcoming and friendly for students and families. HomeTech Charter School emphasizes student/school/family communication, with weekly one-on-one teacher/student meetings and our online Aeries portal where parents and students can keep up to date on assignments, grades, attendance and more. HomeTech students receive full academic, social and emotional support, including intervention programs to target individual learning needs, a Credit Recovery program and an Early Graduation program. We have a counselor and special education teacher on-site.

HomeTech Charter School provides a unique alternative to traditional school settings, combining the benefits of independent study with a supportive classroom and campus experience and inspiring students to achieve their full potential.

# HomeTech History

HomeTech Charter School opened in 1994, when home computers were new and exciting. Our technology-based program was focused on a home school model, providing all families with the curriculum and a computer for home use. The original location included a student work area and four offices.

HomeTech Charter School evolved from an online-only program to the current hybrid program with direct instruction in several classroom settings as well as continuing to offer a full home study program with weekly teacher support.

#### **School Mission Statement**

HomeTech creates a welcoming and engaging learning environment by incorporating both classroom learning and independent study. Our flexible schedule and small class sizes allow for students to build confidence in achieving current and future success. Caring staff are committed to serving students academically, socially and emotionally to meet their full potential in and out of the classroom.

#### **School Address**

6249 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969

# **School Telephone**

530.872.1171

# Handbook Accessibility (print and web)

Available on the school website and a printed copy is available at the school office upon request. Please allow 24 business hours from time of request.

#### School Calendar & Dates to Remember

Refer to the School Calendar and the Announcements on the school website for important dates.

# **Daily Schedule**

Operational Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.

The class schedule is posted on the website. Check the website for updates.

# **Staff Directory**

| First    | Last                 | Extension  | Email [@hometech.org] | Title                                   |  |
|----------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Danielle | Reinolds             | 10         | dreinolds             | Administrative Assistant                |  |
| Julie    | Crandall             | 11         | jcrandall             | Principal/Superintendent                |  |
| Danielle | DiPietro-<br>Hawkins | 12         | ddipietrohawkins      | Enrichment/Secondary Teacher            |  |
| Theodore | Greenfield           | 13         | tgreenfield           | Secondary Teacher                       |  |
| Jess     | Mercer               | 15         | jmercer               | Support Specialist                      |  |
| Tina     | Hamm                 | 16         | thamm                 | Secondary Teacher                       |  |
| Julie    | VanRoekel            | 1 <i>7</i> | jvanroekel            | Elementary Teacher                      |  |
| Martin   | Svec                 | 18         | msvec                 | Secondary Teacher                       |  |
| Hailey   | Cahn                 | 19         | hcahn                 | Elementary/Independent Study<br>Teacher |  |
| Danya    | Reynolds             | 20         | dreynolds             | Secondary Teacher                       |  |
| Gail     | Kemp                 | 21         | gkemp                 | Tutor/Secondary Teacher                 |  |

#### **Student Outcomes**

All HomeTech Charter School students will be:

#### **Academic Lifetime Achievers**

- Students use critical thinking to organize, analyze, and synthesize information.
- Students communicate effectively using skills such as reading, writing, listening and speaking through a variety of mediums.
- Students think creatively while exploring a variety of problem-solving strategies.

#### Self-Directed

- Students create personal goals and objectives leading toward their learning and future growth.
- Students enthusiastically share the products of their work.
- Students actively seek knowledge while problem solving.

# Physically Fit / Healthy

- Students explore and participate in Healthy lifetime activities and access resources as needed.
- Students are aware of and actively reject unhealthy influences in their lives.
- Students present themselves as positive role models.

#### Introspective

- Students consistently focus inward evaluating their actions and the impact on others.
- Students are able to identify and address their current state of mind.
- Students apply personal learning styles and strengths while addressing areas of growth.

## Responsible Citizens

Students develop a global awareness and respect others and their environment.

- Students actively engage in our democratic society and participate in civil discourse suspending bias in order to gain insight.
- Students practice citizenship while positively impacting our environment.

#### Ethical

- Student's conscience rules his/her actions.
- Students use virtues to positively influence those around them.
- Students will ASPIRE to do what is right.

#### **Enrollment and Disenrollment**

#### **Enrollment Process:**

- 1. Complete online interest form or contact our office.
- 2. A HomeTech employee will contact you for the following:
  - a. Attend an optional information meeting and school tour.
  - b. Complete and turn in required and suggested registration paperwork.
- 3. Parent/Guardian and student attend enrollment meeting with school employee.
- 4. Welcome to HomeTech and reach out to any school employee for assistance. We are here to ensure your child's academic success.

HomeTech is required to follow all laws, rules, and regulations regarding immunizations required for students to enroll and shall not admit any student until the student is properly immunized as required by law.

Effective January 1, 2016: The California Legislature eliminated the exemption from specified immunization requirements based upon personal beliefs.

#### Foster Youth Rights:

A foster child who is placed in a licensed children's institution or foster family home shall attend programs operated by the local educational agency in which that licensed children's institution or foster family home is located, unless one of the following applies:

- 1. The student is entitled to remain in his or her school of origin;
- 2. The student has an individualized education program requiring placement in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, or in another local educational agency.
- 3. The parent or guardian, or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student pursuant to Section 361 or 726 of the WIC or Section 56055 ("educational rights holder"), determines that it is in the best interests of the student to be placed in another educational program and has submitted a written statement to the local educational agency that he or she has made that determination. This statement shall include a declaration that the parent, guardian, or educational rights holder is aware of all of the following:
  - a. The student has a right to attend a regular public school in the least restrictive environment.
  - b. The alternate education program is a special education program, if applicable.
  - c. The decision to unilaterally remove the student from the regular public school and to place the student in an alternate education program may not be financed by the local educational agency.
  - d. Any attempt to seek reimbursement for the alternate education program may be at the expense of the parent, guardian, or educational rights holder.

The parent or guardian, or educational rights holder shall first consider placement in the regular public school before deciding to place the foster child in a juvenile court school, a community school, or another alternative educational setting.

A foster child may still be subject to expulsion under applicable law and Board Policy.

Foster children living in emergency shelters (as referenced in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301, et seq.), may receive educational services at the emergency shelter as necessary for short periods of time for either of the following reasons:

- 1. For health and safety emergencies.
- To provide temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet the child's unique needs if
  a decision regarding whether it is in the child's best interests to attend the school of origin
  cannot be made promptly, it is not practical to transport the child to the school of origin, and
  the child would otherwise not receive educational services.

The educational services may be provided at the shelter pending a determination by the educational rights holder regarding the educational placement of the child.

All educational and school placement decisions are made to ensure that the child is placed in the least restrictive educational programs and has access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all students. In all instances, educational and school placement decisions shall be based on the best interests of the child.

Julie Crandall, Principal/Superintendent (530.872.1171) is designated as the educational liaison for foster children.

HomeTech will allow a foster child to continue his or her education in the school of origin for the duration of the jurisdiction of the court. If any dispute arises as to the school placement of a student under this section, the student has the right to remain in his or her school of origin, pending resolution of the dispute.

#### Disenrollment:

The Disenrollment policy covers EC 47605(J), 51746(b), 51749.5(7)(C), 5179.5 (a)(8)(B), 47605(d)(4) and (b)(5)(J)(iii)

California Education Code Section 51749.5 (a)(8)(B) requires the monitoring and notification if satisfactory educational progress is not being made to conduct an evaluation to determine whether it is in the best interest of the student to remain in the course or whether he or she should be referred to an alternative program, which may include, but is not limited to, a regular school program.

#### **Reasons for Disenrollment:**

- 1) Transfer/Withdraw: HomeTech is a school of choice. Students may choose to transfer to another educational setting at any time.
- 2) No Show/No Contact: The school shall disenroll any student who has failed to attend scheduled meetings or classes with no communication, upon enrollment. In the case of a no show/no contact situation, the following will occur:
  - a) HomeTech staff will attempt to contact the student's parent/guardian within the first three (3) days of the beginning of enrollment.
  - b) HomeTech staff will notify the student's district of residency if the student has not started the school year within the first 5 days.

#### Disenrollment Based on Inadequate Academic Progress:

 The school shall continually verify adequate academic progress by students in the school's independent study program. At HomeTech, inadequate progress equates to a student's truancy status. Truancy is defined as excessive missed assignments, missed advisory or home study meetings or appointments, and/or lack of proper communication.

- 2) The signed Master Agreement requires the meeting of a minimum assignment goal or a process to determine if this program is in the student's best interest.
- 3) At any point, if the student or parent fails to communicate with HomeTech staff and/or the student does not show evidence of engagement in any part of the educational process (including Master Agreement Violations), the student may move directly to Step #4.
- 4) If a student is truant or considered disengaged, the following will occur:
  - a) First Occurrence Step #1 in Tiered Re-engagement
    - i) The Supervising Teacher will contact parent/guardian and notify them of their child's disengagement from school. The supervising teacher will also send a letter detailing the responsibilities of the student and a timeline in which the student must re-engage in the educational program before moving on to Step Two.
    - ii) The Supervising Teacher will outline the evidence of disengagement during the contact with parent/guardian and the steps involved in HomeTech's Tiered Re-engagement Process.
    - iii) The Tiered Re-engagement Letter #1 is then sent to the School Principal/ Superintendent/designee.
  - b) Second Occurrence Step #2 in Tiered Re-engagement
    - ) The Supervising Teacher will contact parent/guardian and notify them of their child's continued disengagement from school. The supervising teacher will also send a letter detailing the responsibilities of the student and a timeline in which the student must re-engage in the educational program before moving on to Step Three.
    - ii) The Supervising Teacher will outline the evidence of disengagement during the contact with parent/guardian and the steps involved in HomeTech's Tiered Re-engagement Process.
    - iii) The Tiered Re-engagement Letter #2 is then sent to the School Principal/ Superintendent/designee.
  - c) Third Occurrence Step #3 in Tiered Re-Engagement
    - i) The School Counselor or Support Specialist will contact parent/guardian and notify them of their child's continued disengagement from school. The school counselor or support specialist will identify barriers to the student successfully participating in the educational program and offer supportive services. The school counselor or support specialist will also send a letter detailing the responsibilities of the student and a timeline in which the student must re-engage in the educational program before moving on to Step Four.
    - ii) The Tiered Re-engagement Letter #3 is then sent to the School Principal/ Superintendent/designee.
  - d) Fourth Occurrence Step #4 in Tiered Re-engagement
    - i) The Principal/Superintendent will contact parents and send a letter scheduling a mandatory Student Study Team (SST) meeting. Both the parent and student are required to attend. Barriers to success in independent study will be identified and supports put in place to assist the student's success in independent study. The plan will be put in place for a minimum of two weeks.
    - ii) If the student become re-engaged and is meeting the requirements of the written agreement, the student will continue to be monitored by the Supervising Teacher and Principal/Superintendent.
    - iii) If the student fails to re-engage, a second SST will be scheduled.
  - e) Prior to disenrollment
    - i) The Principal/Superintendent will contact parents and send a letter scheduling a mandatory Final Student Study Team (SST) meeting. Both the parent and student are required to attend. The previous SST actions will be reviewed for success and additional barriers will be identified and additional supports put in place if available.
    - ii) If the student become re-engaged and is meeting the requirements of the written agreement, the student will continue to be monitored by the Supervising Teacher and Principal/Superintendent.
    - iii) If the student fails to re-engage, the parent/guardian will receive a disenrollment letter.
  - f) Involuntary Disenrollment

- i) This letter includes a notification of enrollment termination and Charter School Complaint Notice. (EC) Section 47605(d)(4) and (b)(5)(J)(iii)
- ii) The student will be withdrawn from the school and the district of residence will be notified unless the parent/guardian requests an appeal within five (5) working days of the date of Truancy Letter #3.
- iii) A special meeting with School Principal/ Superintendent/designee, Supervising Teacher, parent and student may be necessary when a parent requests an appeal.
- iv) If the parent fails to respond by the predetermined disenrollment date, the student will be withdrawn.

#### Inadequate Progress Policy for Student with an IEP:

- 1) Tiered Re-engagement letters are issued to all students in order to alert the student and the parent of the following:
  - a) The student has excessive missed assignments, missed meetings or appointments, and/or lack of proper communication to be in the program which follows Independent Study regulations.
  - b) The Personalized Learning setting may not be appropriate.
  - c) The Personalized Learning System of education may be contrary to the best interest of the student.
- 2) Students who have qualified for Special Education services often meet with other certificated professionals in addition to their Supervising Teacher. All certificated personnel who work with a student must alert the Supervising Teacher when assignments are not completed so that the teacher can issue the Truancy Letter to the student.
  - a) Supervising Teacher must issue Tiered Re-engagement Letters for a student with an IEP according to the procedures for all students.
  - b) All certificated personnel who work with a student with an IEP must report truancy/master agreement/engagement violations so that the Supervising Teacher can issue the appropriate notification of disengagement or truancy according to the procedures for all students.
  - c) The IEP Case Manager will be invited to all SST meetings and will be consulted throughout the re-engagement process.

#### Disabled Students-Section 504 of the Rehabilitation ACT OF 1973

Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101, et seq.) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Section 504 requires schools identify and evaluate children with disabilities in order to provide them a free, appropriate public education. Individuals with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including seeing, hearing, walking, breathing, working, performing manual tasks, learning, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, reading, concentrating, thinking, speaking, are eligible to receive services and aids designed to meet their needs as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students are met.

- Name and contact information of HomeTech's designated individual for implementing Section 504: Julie Crandall, Principal/Superintendent, (530) 871-1171 ext. 11.
- Please contact the school office for information on screening and evaluation procedures used by HomeTech when there is a reason to believe a student has a disability under Section 504
- A student has the right to a written accommodation plan if the student qualifies for services under Section 504.
- A student has the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate based on the student's needs.
- A copy of the parents or guardians legal safeguard can be obtained by contacting the Section 504 designee or the school office.

Special Education: Child Find System-IDEA; EC 56301

Federal and state law require that a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment be offered to qualified students with disabilities ages 3 through 21 years. Any parent suspecting a child has exceptional needs due to a disability may request an assessment for eligibility for special education services.

#### Special Education: Complaints-EC 56500.2

Parents or guardians have a right to file a written complaint with the school if they believe the school is in violation of federal or state law governing the identification or placement of special education students, or similar issues. State regulations require the party filing the complaint to forward a copy of the complaint to the Superintendent/Principal at the same time the party files the complaint with the California Department of Education.

#### Special Education: Due Process Hearings-EC 56502

The State Superintendent is required to develop a model form to assist parents and guardians in filing requests for due process. Available at www.dgs.ca.gov/oah/SpecialEducation.aspx is the model form for parents that wish to initiate due process hearings relating to special education rights.

#### Special Education: Inspection Of Records-EC 56043(n)

Upon request, parents or guardians of children with exceptional needs may examine and receive copies of the student's records within five business days after a request is made and prior to any Individualized Education Program meeting, hearing or resolutions session regarding their child.

# **Homeless Rights**

#### E.C. 48852.5

School-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. Eligible children have the right to

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended
  when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your
  preference.

If the school believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the school must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.

- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

## Non-Discrimination and Uniform Complaint Process (UCP)

The Board of Directors is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. School programs and activities shall be free from discrimination, including harassment, based on a student's: disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other protected class.

# **Complaint Process**

HomeTech ensures it is compliant with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. However, there may be times when students may take issue with employees or students or someone may believe that a violation of federal or state law is occurring at the school. HomeTech encourages the person(s) complaining to first address the issue with the other person directly using conflict resolution skills when possible.

Any student who feels that they are being or have been subjected to harassment, discrimination, intimidation and/or bullying should immediately contact their teacher or any other trusted employee of the school. Staff must report complaints to the Principal/Superintendent within one (1) day of receipt of the complaint. Complaints can also be filed directly with the Principal/Superintendent by visiting the office.

Any school employee who observes any incident of harassment involving a student shall report this observation to the Principal/Superintendent within one (1) day, regardless of whether the victim files a complaint.

In any case of harassment involving the Principal/Superintendent, the employee who receives the student's report or who observed the incident shall report to the President of the HomeTech Board of Directors.

The Principal/Superintendent or Board President will immediately investigate the complaint in accordance with Policy. Where the Principal/Superintendent or Board President finds that sexual harassment has happened, they shall take prompt, appropriate action to end the harassment and address its effects on the victim. The Principal/Superintendent or Board President will also advise the victim of any other remedies that may be available. The Principal/Superintendent or Board President will refer the matter to law enforcement authorities, where required.

The following person(s) has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Uniform Complaint Process, including non-discrimination policies:

Name/Title: Julie Crandall, Principal/Superintendent

Address: 6249 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969

**Phone:** (530) 872-1171

If the complaint is against the Principal/Superintendent the Board President can be contacted through the school office or by contacting the authorizing agency, Paradise Unified School District.

Policies can be requested by contacting the school office. Please allow 24 business hours from the time of the request.

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit https://ocrcas.ed.gov/contact-ocr for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

#### **Foster Youth Rights**

A complaint of noncompliance with foster youth rights requirements may be filed with HomeTech under the Uniform Complaint Procedures set forth in Chapter 5.1 (commencing with Section 4600) of Division 1 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. See information in preceding paragraph.

A complainant not satisfied with the decision of HomeTech may appeal the decision to the CDE and shall receive a written decision regarding the appeal within 60 days of the CDE's receipt of the appeal.

If HomeTech finds merit in a complaint, or the Superintendent/Principal finds merit in an appeal, HomeTech will provide a remedy to the affected student.

The above protections shall also apply to students of military families, those in foster care, students who are homeless, former juvenile court school students, migratory children, and students participating in a newcomer program, as defined in Education Code section 51225.2(a).

# **BEHAVIOR**

## **Student Attendance and Absences**

HomeTech is an independent study program designed to meet the educational needs of students enrolled in our charter school. Independent study is an alternative education program intended to teach the knowledge and skills of the core curriculum. In independent study, work product (completed assignments) equates to attendance.

Students are required to complete school work every day that school is in session per the school calendar in order to generate attendance. Attendance Record Sheets must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the student's advisory teacher or home study teacher each month.

To comply with attendance requirements for HomeTech, students and parents must:

- Complete assignments as outlined on the Student Work Packet
- Meet regularly with the assigned staff members(s)
- Complete required independent study paperwork

Daily attendance is a key element in the academic and social learning progress of students. All students between the ages of 6 and 18, not legally exempted from this requirement, are required to attend school. Days of attendance are measured by assignments completed. Lack of work product equates to lack of attendance in school. Lack of attendance in school can be deemed truancy. Therefore, completion of assignments is imperative to remaining in independent study.

HomeTech has analyzed all implemented curriculum at each grade level and has determined that students in grades 7-12 must complete a minimum of four (4) weekly assignment packets with passing grades each school week, or 60% of all assigned work for grades TK-6 in a learning period, in order to have satisfactory attendance.

The maximum length of time that a TK-12 independent study student has between the time the assignment is given and the time that it is due is thirty (30) school days. If a student fails to comply with this written agreement, fails to make satisfactory educational progress as determined by the supervising teacher, or fails to complete 4 weekly packets with passing grades for 7-12 or 60% of all assigned work for grades TK-6 in a learning period, an evaluation will be made to determine whether independent study is an appropriate strategy for the student.

Unless specifically cited in a student's individual education plan (IEP), all students are expected to meet the established attendance requirements. HomeTech implements the following strategies when students are not meeting attendance requirements to ensure each student has an equal opportunity to experience academic success in an independent study program:

- 1) letter(s) and/or communication to the student and/or parent/guardian;
- 2) meeting between the student, teacher and/or counselor;
- 3) meeting between the student and principal;
- 4) an increase in the time the student works under direct supervision.

#### **Excused and Unexcused Absences**

There are no excused absences at HomeTech. Students may be excused from classroom activities for illness. This does not exempt them from completing the work assigned independently. Three (3) absences are considered significant and the student will be placed in tiered-reengagement. Continued absences may result in a determination that independent study is not an appropriate placement.

#### Late Arrival and Early Departure Instructions

Students are to be dropped off/picked up no more than 15 minutes prior to/after the start of class and scheduled meetings. Parents and students must ensure the student has school work to complete if they have more than 15 unstructured minutes between classes.

# **School Rules and Discipline**

One of HomeTech Charter School's major goals is to help students develop and maintain responsible behavior in order to perform at their highest academic level in school. The school staff works very hard with those students who have difficulties. Frequent contacts are made with parents, so they may be aware of and help with any potential difficulties. The ultimate goal of the staff and principal is to assist in teaching our students responsibility and to assure the necessary instruction/behavior modification is taking place to effectively and positively change a student's inappropriate behavior.

#### Why do we have school wide expectations?

Schoolwide rules identify specific behavioral expectations across school settings. All staff and students are expected to know the schoolwide rules. To be most effective, regular reinforcement using the schoolwide expectations will be part of the school culture.

#### Every student is expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Students will be responsible for understanding and following the rules and regulations for the classroom, and the school.
- Students will respect the valid authority of any member of the school staff and volunteers.
- Students will come prepared for class and will respect the rights of the other students to learn.
   Failing to do so, he/she will be disciplined in accordance with the California law, Charter Policy and the rules and regulations of the school.
- Students will pursue the required course of study in which he/she is enrolled in a satisfactory manner.
- Students will obey the authority of the school at all school functions whenever and wherever held.
- Students will maintain consistent, regular and prompt attendance.

#### Student Cell Phones and Personal Items

Cell phones must be off or silenced and out of sight during class (in backpacks, etc.). Cell phones left on student desks can be very distracting and may reduce engagement in student learning. Students may use phones during breaks between classes, lunch, or non-class times unless permitted by the classroom teacher for a specific purpose. However, if there is an urgent situation, the student should notify the teacher of the emergency and then step outside the classroom to use the phone for emergency purposes only and immediately return to class.

We realize parents may need to communicate with their child about transportation or other high priority items. Parents may call the front desk, (530) 872-1171 x10 to contact their child or to deliver an urgent message.

#### Consequences:

- First offense: Warning by teacher to put away the cell phone
- Second offense: Staff will give students the choice to put the phone away or leave the class. The teacher will communicate with parents (via phone, text or email) if their child chose to leave class instead of staying for instruction. We ask the parent to speak with their child about their responsibilities at school and to support the cell phone policy.
- Third offense: Required parent meeting with principal about student's repeated cell phone use during class. A plan will be developed between parent and principal for structured cell

phone use at school, which may mean the cell phone is kept at the front desk during class times.

Repeated offenses beyond third: A required meeting with the principal to determine if the
Home Study program is the more appropriate educational program given the student's
disengagement from classroom instruction in the hybrid program.

#### Harassment

As required by law, the HomeTech Board of Directors policy on Harassment and Uniform Complaint Procedures are posted on the school's website for ease of accessibility.

HomeTech Charter School strives to maintain an environment that encourages and fosters appropriate conduct among all persons and respect for individual values, and is committed to creating an environment free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying, whether actual or perceived. Such discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying violates board policy and will not be tolerated. This policy applies to anyone on campus at the school or those attending school sponsored activities.

Any form of retaliation against anyone who has complained or formally reported discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying or against anyone who has participated in an investigation of such a complaint, regardless of whether the complaint relates to the complaining person or someone else, will not be tolerated and violates this policy and the law.

#### **Sexual Harassment**

The Principal/Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all students receive age-appropriate instruction and information on sexual harassment. Such instruction and information shall include:

- 1. What acts and behaviors constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same gender;
- 2. A clear message that students do not have to endure sexual harassment;
- 3. Encouragement to report observed instances of sexual harassment, even where the victim of the harassment has not complained;
- 4. Information about the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made.

#### **Complaint Process**

Any student who feels that they are being or has been subjected to sexual harassment shall immediately contact their teacher or any other employee. A school employee to whom a complaint is made shall, within 24 hours of receiving the complaint, report it to the Principal/ Superintendent or designee.

Any school employee who observes any incident of sexual harassment involving a student shall report this observation to the Principal/ Superintendent or designee, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

In any case of sexual harassment involving the Principal/ Superintendent or any other employee to whom the complaint would ordinarily be made, the employee who receives the student's report or who observed the incident shall report to the non-discrimination coordinator or the Board President.

The Principal/ Superintendent or designee to whom a complaint of sexual harassment is reported shall immediately investigate the complaint in accordance with administrative regulation. Where the principal or designee finds that sexual harassment has happened, they shall take prompt, appropriate action to end the harassment and address its effects on the victim. The Principal/ Superintendent or designee shall also advise the victim of any other remedies that may be available. The

Principal/Superintendent or designee shall refer the matter to law enforcement authorities, where required.

# **Disciplinary Measures**

Any student who engages in sexual harassment of anyone at school or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity is in violation of this policy and shall be subject to disciplinary action, and the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

# **Behavior Expectations**

HomeTech's progressive discipline matrix provides evidence-based supports, interventions, and logical consequences to ensure that unwanted student behaviors are addressed in a productive and educational manner.

|  | Outside  | Common Areas   | Classrooms   | Conference Room  | Independent Study<br>(Off Campus)   |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Respect  How can I treat others like I want to be treated?               | *Use positive/polite language & tone of voice *Respect school property *Respect personal space & belongings *Keep PDA appropriate for school *Dress appropriately for school                                 | *Use positive/polite language & tone of voice *Respect school property *Respect personal space & belongings *Keep PDA appropriate for school *Dress appropriately for school | *Use positive/polite language &<br>tone of voice<br>*Respect personal space &<br>belongings<br>*Keep PDA appropriate for school<br>*Dress appropriately for school | *Use positive/polite language & tone of voice *Respect personal space & belongings *Keep PDA appropriate for school *Dress appropriately for school *Let others work quietly | *Complete your own work; use<br>your own words and ideas<br>*Respect school property  |
| Responsibility  How can I do the right thingeven when no one is looking? | *Keep area clean  *Use school property responsibly  *Own your actions  | *Keep area clean  *Use electronics appropriately  *Return computers to charging station  *Use school property responsibly  *Own your actions                                 | *Keep area clean  *Use electronics as instructed  *Use school property responsibly  *Own your actions  | *Keep area clean  *Use electronics appropriately  *Use school property responsibly  *Return computers to charging station  *Own your actions  *Know and follow posted rules  | *Share knowledge not answers  *Use school property responsibly  *Own your actions   |
| Achievement  How do I succeed?   | *Manage your time well  *Socialize appropriately   | *Manage your time well  *Socialize appropriately   | *Be on time and on task  *Be an active learner  *Do your own best work  *Meet deadlines  | *Manage your time well  *Use for school work only  | *Manage your time well *Set goals *Use time wisely *Do your own, best work *Seek help *Complete assignments *Meet deadlines |
| Empathy  How can I support others?                                       | *Be kind  *Respect others' ideas & differences  *Stay calm & think before you act or speak  *Be a positive role model for others  *Acknowledge the strengths in others  *If you see something, say something | *Be kind  *Respect others' ideas & differences  *Stay calm & think before you act or speak  *If you see something, say something   | *Be kind  *Respect others' ideas & differences  *Be cooperative & encourage others  *If you see something, say something   | *Be kind  *Respect others' ideas & differences  *Encourage quiet work  *If you see something, say something  | *Be kind  *If you see something, say something  |

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# **Disciplinary Actions**

At school, teachers are the primary agents in encouraging positive student behavior and in utilizing corrective measures to remedy negative behavior. Teachers and the principal will administer, depending on the nature of an offense and the level of its severity, the following disciplinary alternatives, not inclusive or necessarily in this order. Discipline is progressive in nature.

- Counseling/verbal warning
- Loss of privileges/implement interventions
- Parent notification
- Parent/teacher conference
- Assignment of special tasks (writing prompts)
- Suspension from classroom by the teacher

Referral to the principal for action may be necessary when classroom teachers have not been successful in correcting the student's actions. Parents of students who have been referred to the principal for this reason will be called. The principal will determine the severity of the disciplinary incident by examining the student's past behavioral history and the nature of the offense. Disciplinary action will be applied according to California law, HomeTech Charter School policy and the rules and regulations of the school.

Principal actions are as follows: (Generally several steps would be followed, the principal will determine the disciplinary action necessary according to the severity of the offense)

- Counseling
- Parent notification/conference
- Placement on school discipline steps/parent contacted
- Probation (school restriction from student activities and extracurricular activities) parent contacted
- Implemented interventions (including but not limited to mandatory meeting with school counselor or support specialist)
- School suspension

#### **Disciplinary Step System**

A student is placed on <u>Step 1</u> of the discipline system when referred to the principal because of repeated or less serious offenses (e.g., excessive violations for disruptive behavior). A teacher counsels the student and contacts parents/guardians.

A student is placed directly on <u>Step 2</u> of the discipline system for serious offenses (fighting, lying, cheating, truancy, forgery, defiance, damaging property, stealing, disruption, etc.) or if he/she has continued the type of behavior for which he/she was previously placed on Step 1. This action necessitates a conference with the parent/ student/ principal. A letter is sent to the parents.

A student is placed on <u>Step 3</u> for continued misbehavior. This action necessitates a call and an additional conference with the parents and a follow-up letter is sent to the parents.

A student is placed on <u>Step 4</u> for continued misbehavior or for a further serious offense. In a situation where a student commits an act serious enough to warrant expulsion, the Superintendent/Principal will recommend disenrollment in writing to the Board of Directors and specify relevant conditions and issues. Both the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student will be notified in writing of the disenrollment proceedings and their rights. The disenrollment hearing is formal and legal in nature. The parent and student may present the student's case for staying at HomeTech Charter School at that time.

The step system is progressive for a school year (i.e. a student who has been placed on Step 1, a further offense would place him on Step 2, 3, or 4 depending upon the seriousness of the offense). A student cannot be on the same discipline step twice within one school year.

# Suspension

- 1. Suspension is a consequence for serious misbehavior. Students who are suspended will be excluded from school for a period of 1-5 days. Parents are notified as soon as possible by telephone and will receive written notification. The student may not be on or near any school grounds (within 600 feet in any direction) while they are suspended from school. Absence from school due to suspension is unexcused, and class work is made up at the discretion of the teacher.
- 2. A teacher may suspend any student from his or her class for the day of and the day following any acts enumerated in Ed Code Section 48900.
- 3. The Principal/Superintendent may use their discretion to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion to address student misconduct pursuant to Ed Code Sections 48900(v) & 48900.5.

The full Suspension and Expulsion Policy, information on student rights and the due process procedures can be requested of the school office by phone, email or in-person.

# SAFETY AND PRIVACY

#### Safe Place to Learn Act

#### E.C. 234, 234.1

HomeTech prohibits discrimination and harassment based on characteristics set forth in EC 220 and Penal Code 422.55, and follows a procedure for receiving, investigating and maintaining records of complaints of discrimination and harassment. This process ensures complainants are protected from retaliation and the identity of a complainant is kept confidential if appropriate. More information, including staff designated to receive complaints can be located in the Complaints section of this document.

# **Emergency Procedures**

HomeTech is committed to providing safe, secure, and nurturing environments for students, families, and employees. HomeTech last revised its Comprehensive School Safety Plan in 2023. The plan includes all state mandated components to be included in a school safety plan, an extensive incident command and response section, tactical considerations with first responder input, and is referenced in the annual school accountability report card prepared pursuant to Education Code Sections 33126 and 35256.

HomeTech's Comprehensive School Safety Plan provides an effective method in which to protect the health, safety and well-being of its students, staff, employees and property during a crisis, emergency or disaster. While not all crises are listed, response procedures are easily adaptable to any situation.

All staff are trained to be proficient in knowing what to do during an emergency and when to do it, ensuring the safest environment possible for our school community. Annually, HomeTech school staff complete state mandated trainings. Our school practices regular drills as required by the state such as earthquake and fire drills, in addition to best practice preparedness drills such as lockdown, shelter, and evacuate.

HomeTech's safety program includes plans to communicate with parents/guardians, to reunite students with parents/guardians after an emergency event occurs, and to keep students safe until reunification is achieved. HomeTech works closely with local first responder agencies as well as the Butte County Office of Education and the County of Butte to ensure timely response and assistance when needed.

Crises, disasters and emergencies can occur at any time, without advance notice or warning, endangering the lives and safety of people at schools and offices. California Government Code, Chapter 8, Division Title 1, sections 3100 and 32101 states: "All public employees are hereby declared to be disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law." It is paramount that this plan be familiar to all staff and that drills be regularly practiced. The key to any plan's effectiveness is the ability to apply it.

It is the sincere hope of HomeTech that no major crisis, disaster or emergency ever occurs, however if one does, it is intended that this plan will help ensure the safety of students and staff in life threatening circumstances.

An updated file of all non-sensitive safety-related plans and materials is readily available for inspection by the public. Members of the community may feel free to contact the school to share thoughts and suggestions on identified ways to improve school safety.

# Firearms Safety

CA public schools are required to to remind parents and legal guardians of their responsibilities for keeping firearms out of the hands of children as required by California law. There have been many news reports of children bringing firearms to school. In many instances, the child obtained the firearm(s) from his or her home. These incidents can be easily prevented by storing firearms in a safe and secure manner, including keeping them locked up when not in use and storing them separately from ammunition.

To help parents and guardians understand their legal responsibilities, the CA Department of Education annually provides information on California law regarding the storage of firearms. Please review and evaluate your own personal practices to assure that you and your family are in compliance with California law.

• With very limited exceptions, California makes a person criminally liable for keeping any firearm, loaded or unloaded, within any premises that are under their custody and control where that person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, and the child obtains access to the firearm and thereby (1) causes death or injury to the child or any other person; (2) carries the firearm off the premises or to a public place, including to any preschool or school grades kindergarten through twelfth grade, or to any school-sponsored event, activity, or performance; or (3) unlawfully brandishes the firearm to others.

The criminal penalty may be significantly greater if someone dies or suffers great bodily injury as a result of the child gaining access to the firearm.

- With very limited exceptions, California also makes it a crime for a person to negligently store or leave any firearm, loaded or unloaded, on their premises in a location where the person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to it without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, unless reasonable action is taken to secure the firearm against access by the child, even where a minor never actually accesses the firearm.
- In addition to potential fines and terms of imprisonment, as of January 1, 2020, a gun owner found criminally liable under these California laws faces prohibitions from possessing, controlling, owning, receiving, or purchasing a firearm for 10 years.
- Finally, a parent or guardian may also be civilly liable for damages resulting from the discharge of a firearm by that person's child or ward.

Please contact the county or city for additional restrictions regarding the safe storage of firearms.

Thank you for helping to keep our children and schools safe. Remember that the easiest and safest way to comply with the law is to keep firearms in a locked container or secured with a locking device that renders the firearm inoperable.

#### Time on Campus

As an independent study program, HomeTech Charter School schedules individual student appointments and support classes throughout each week. Students should be on campus for educational purposes only. Once scheduled appointments, activities, support classes and or study periods end students should leave campus until the next scheduled educational appointment/activity.

# **Dress and Grooming**

#### **General Guidelines**

Inappropriate apparel includes clothing that compromises safety or is disruptive and/or distracting to the school environment and instructional process. The Board is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the students and the Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment.

#### Specific Minimum Dress and Groom Standards Grades K-8

- 1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- 2. Students must wear clothing that includes a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for example dresses, leggings or shorts).
- 3. Clothing must cover chest and torso with less than 1 inch of midriff visible.
- 4. Clothing must cover upper third of thigh area.
- 5. Clothing shall be sufficient to cover undergarments at all times.
- 6. Clothing, jewelry, masks and personal items (such as backpacks, purse, water bottles, etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likeness, or which advocate racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, or religious prejudice.
- 7. Clothing which is deemed gang-related is prohibited.

# Specific Minimum Dress and Groom Standards Grades 9-12

- 1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- 2. Students must wear clothing that includes a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for example dresses, leggings or shorts).
- 3. Clothing must cover chest and torso with less than 3 inches of midriff visible.
- 4. Clothing must cover undergarments.
- 5. Clothing must not be see through (i.e. revealing skin or undergarments between chest and upper thigh).
- 6. Clothing must cover buttocks when standing and sitting.
- 7. Clothing, jewelry, masks and personal items (such as backpacks, purse, water bottles, etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likeness, or which advocate racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, or religious prejudice.
- 8. Clothing which is deemed gang-related is prohibited.

#### **Sun Protective Clothes**

Students are allowed to wear sun protective clothing, including hats. However, specific hats determined by the School to be gang-related or inappropriate apparel may be prohibited.

#### **Prohibited Conduct and Sanctions**

Students will be given the opportunity to be in compliance with the dress code (i.e. – school may provide alternative clothing, turn shirt inside out, etc.). Students who repeatedly violate the School Dress Code may be subject to disciplinary action. See section on Behavior.

# **Technology Use Agreements**

#### **Contract & Consent Form**

The use of a HomeTech electronic/computing device is a privilege extended to students for utilization inside and outside the school facility. HomeTech's devices are provided for use as a tool for curriculum enhancement, communications, and productivity. Permission Forms are distributed by the school office.

All devices are and remain the property of the HomeTech Charter School and are provided to the students for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the building administration and the student's teacher(s). With this privilege comes responsibility and as a condition of use, students and parents must sign a use contract and consent form agreeing to the following:

- They have read and agree to abide by the HomeTech Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Technology. All rules outlined in the AUP apply to School technology, including devices, on and off campus.
- They agree to use the device for school related purposes.
- They understand they are responsible for backing up personal data and that HomeTech accepts no responsibility for lost data. Upon return of the device, all personal data will be erased.
- They agree to prevent the risk of theft by never leaving their assigned device in an unsupervised area.
- They will report problems with my device in a timely manner to a HomeTech staff member.
- They understand they may not lend the device to anyone, including family members and friends.
- They agree to return the device with all equipment intact including the power cord.
- They understand that HomeTech is not responsible for providing Internet access outside of school.
- They agree they are financially responsible for the value of the device at the time of purchase by HomeTech in the event that the device is in need of or beyond repair, stolen, or lost.
- That it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to monitor student device use, especially Internet access, in the home or during off-hours away from the school building. Students with school provided Chromebooks will continue to access the Internet via a monitored and filtered connection, even when off campus. Although Hometech maintains an Internet filtering system to block objectionable material, it is impossible to control every Internet experience. Ultimately, the responsibility for learning and using technology appropriately belongs to each user and parents should monitor their child's use.
- They understand that they are responsible for the appropriateness of all files, data and Internet history on my assigned device. I understand that the device is subject to inspection and review to ensure that the device is being used appropriately. I understand and do not expect that files stored on said device will be private as it is HomeTech owned equipment.
- They understand they are not permitted to take any photos, video or audio recordings of other students or staff without their prior permission. The possession, forwarding, or uploading of unauthorized photos, video, or audio to any website, network storage area, or person is strictly forbidden.

#### Internet Access and Advertising Acceptable Use Policy

HomeTech Charter School students will access the Internet in support of the school's mission of furthering the technological competence of the community. Students and parents/guardians are required to read, understand and acknowledge the contents of this document.

- The undersigned parent/guardian acknowledges the potential for exposure of their student to
  material that would be considered "adult" in nature and relieve the operators of all accessible
  host systems and the HomeTech Charter School from responsibility and liability that might be
  associated with access of this nature. The undersigned parent/guardian accepts full
  responsibility for the monitoring of their student's access to the Internet in this regard.
- 2. The undersigned parent/guardian acknowledges the requirement for responsible behavior associated with the ability to post messages in a public forum. The undersigned parent/guardian accepts responsibility and liability on behalf of the operators of all accessible host systems and the HomeTech Charter School for any and all libelous messages originating from them or their student.
- 3. The undersigned parent/guardian acknowledges the provision of access to the host system and/or other Internet hosts is a granted privilege that may be revoked at any time for any reason without recourse or due process.
- 4. The undersigned parent/guardian acknowledges the dynamic nature of the host system and the Internet. With this regard, the undersigned parent/guardian relieves the operators of the host system, other Internet hosts and the HomeTech Charter School of responsibility related to the loss of any data stored on any accessed system(s).
- 5. The undersigned parent/guardian acknowledges the responsibilities associated with administering a multi-user system allow for the potential of access to personally 'owned' files by other users on the system. With this regard, the undersigned parent/guardian relieves the operators of the host system, other Internet hosts and the HomeTech Charter School of responsibility related to the exposure of any data stored on any accessed system(s) to a third party.
- 6. The undersigned parent/guardian acknowledges the use of the internet must be performed in accordance with all local, state and federal laws. The undersigned parent/guardian accepts responsibility and liability on behalf of the operators of all accessible host systems and the HomeTech Charter School for any and all illegal activities originating from their or their student's account.

#### World Wide Web Publishing

As part of our Internet program, we would occasionally like to use student artwork, writing or photos on our website. Along with the Internet, HomeTech advertises for the school through various forms. No individual photos of your student will be published without additional consent; no personal information such as date of birth, address or telephone number will be published.

#### **Volunteers and Visitors**

HomeTech recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Principal/Superintendent works with staff and parents/guardians to develop meaningful opportunities at all grade levels for parents/guardians to be involved in school activities, including decision-making, advocacy roles, and activities to support learning at home.

HomeTech Charter School encourages parents/guardians to visit our schools. To ensure the safety and well being of all students and staff and to avoid potential disruptions, visitors must sign in at the school office. To ensure minimum interruption of the instructional program, arrangements for visiting any classroom should be made in advance and at the discretion of the teacher and/or administration. If a parent conference is desired, teachers will be happy to schedule an appointment during non-instructional time.

# Field Trips and Transportation of Students

Field trips, or excursions for the purpose of furthering a class's study of a particular subject, are recognized as an integral part of the instructional program. In planning such trips, teachers shall take into consideration distance from school, transportation requirements, safety of students, adequate supervision, and expense. In cases where students are leaving campus, specific parental approval for individual children to participate must be obtained. All field trips must receive prior approval from the program supervisor.

Transportation may be provided by school staff who have provided the proper insurance and driving documents to HomeTech clerical staff. In accordance with appropriate safety standards, the Superintendent/Principal may establish regulations and procedures to allow parents to provide transportation. Field trips or excursions that are not directly related to the instructional program but are seen as beneficial to the participants must be approved by the Principal/Superintendent on an individual basis. Field trips that are not directly related to the instructional program include, but are not limited to, extracurricular trips that broaden the students' education beyond the normal classroom curriculum. Such extracurricular trips may be related to club, team or special interest group activities. All trips, whether or not related to the education program, that require an overnight stay must be submitted to the Superintendent for approval on an individual basis. No field trip shall be authorized if any student would be excluded from participation because of a lack of sufficient funds. Students with transportation or funding concerns should contact HomeTech's front office, Supervising Teacher, or Site Administration.

# **Data and Student Privacy**

HomeTech follows the guidelines stated in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), addressing the privacy of students' educational records.

FERPA gives parents/guardians certain rights regarding their child(ren)'s education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of eighteen or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students."

Except under certain specified circumstances, FERPA affords parents/guardians or eligible students the right to inspect and review the student's education records. Parents/guardians or eligible students have the right to request that HomeTech correct records that they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If HomeTech does not amend the record as requested, HomeTech will offer the parent/guardian or eligible student a hearing on the matter.

#### **Exceptions to Written Parental Consent Requirement**

Records may be disclosed by HomeTech to the California Department of Education (CDE), as the State educational authority, without prior written consent if the disclosure is in connection with:

- An audit or evaluation of federal or state-supported education programs
- The enforcement of or compliance with federal legal requirements relating to such programs
- Records may be disclosed without prior written consent under certain other circumstances, including the following:
  - Disclosures to other school officials, including teachers, whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests
  - Disclosures, subject to certain restrictions, to officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer
- Disclosures to organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, schools or districts to:
  - Develop, validate, or administer predictive tests
  - Administer student aid programs

- Improve instruction
- Disclosures in connection with a health or safety emergency
- Disclosures of appropriate information regarding specified disciplinary actions to teachers and school officials, including those in other schools, who have legitimate educational interests in the behavior of the student

HomeTech may disclose directory information from education records without consent as long as it has notified parents/guardians and eligible students of the:

- Types of information the school has designated as directory information
- Right of parents/guardians and eligible students to opt out of disclosure of directory information

Directory information can include the student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance.

# **ACADEMICS**

#### **Academic Policies**

The HomeTech staff makes every effort to set up students for academic success; however, students and parents/guardians must equally participate by keeping appointments/coming on site for instructional support and ensuring that students complete their work. If a student is struggling to complete their assignments, it is essential that the student or parent contact the teacher right away by telephone or email. It is equally important that students attend each meeting with the teacher. If a student is unable to attend a meeting, the parent shall call the teacher as soon as possible to notify the teacher. At HomeTech, inadequate progress equates to a student's truancy status. Truancy is defined as excessive missed assignments, missed meetings or appointments, and/or lack of proper communication. See Attendance in the Behavior section above.

Satisfactory progress is determined based on measures of student achievement and engagement outlined in the school's Curriculum Policy #7, the completion of assignments, assessments, or other indicators that evidence that the student is working on assignments, learning required concepts, as determined by the supervising teacher, and progressing toward successful completion of the course of study or individual course, as determined by the supervising teacher.

#### **Aeries Student & Parent Portals**

See instructions for accessing the Aeries Portal and student gradebook in the Appendix.

#### **Engagement**

The following responsibilities are a list of practices that will ensure the success of your child within an Independent Study program like HomeTech.

#### **Parent Responsibilities**

As parents, we agree to support our children's learning:

- Fully participate in my child's education plan and intervention plan (if indicated)
- Communicate to the teacher when my child or I are struggling, anticipate missing classes, and ask for help when I need it
- Return to the school signed attendance record sheets
- Ensure transportation no more than 15 minutes before and after classes, supporting the learning environment at the school
- Maintain consistent communication with my child and teacher to monitor my child's progress, including current contact information

- Pay for the cost of replacement or repair for damaged or destroyed computer equipment or software, textbooks and other school property checked out to my child
- Unless otherwise indicated, a teacher or supervisor will meet with my son or daughter on a regular basis to direct and measure progress
- The teacher or supervisor in consultation with my child will determine the time and location of these meetings
- I am expected to encourage my child to do more than the minimum study requirement, facilitate daily organization of schoolwork for my child and verify completion of assignments on a daily basis

#### **Student Responsibilities**

As students, we share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement. We agree to:

- Commit to completing and turning in all assignments by the agreed upon due date
- Arrive to meetings and classes on time (either in-person or virtually)
- Participate in intervention if indicated
- Respond to communication attempts by the advisory teacher or principal within one (1) school day
- Check my school email each school day
- Complete a minimum of four (4) weekly assignment packets with passing grades each school week
- Bring schoolwork with me (either in-person or virtually) to meetings and classes
- Maintain consistent communication with my parent and teacher to monitor progress
- Meet weekly with my advisory teacher (either in-person or virtually)
- Follow all school rules

#### **Staff Responsibilities**

As a staff, HomeTech has the obligation to:

- Provide high-quality standards-based curriculum to students
- Utilize Google Classroom to provide digital content and resources for student learning
- Communicate regularly with parents
- Monitor student progress and make recommendations for intervention when indicated
- Teachers available during regular school hours (Monday through Friday 8:30-3:30) unless teaching, to respond to emails or phone calls
- Recorded instructional videos will be available through Google Classroom
- Aeries will be updated every two weeks (at minimum)
- Hard-copy of weekly packets available each Monday (if no holiday) by 8:30 a.m.

#### Core and Elective Courses

Core and elective course options are available on the HomeTech website on the Classes/Programs tab. If you require a hard copy of any document, please contact the school office for assistance.

#### **Credit Requirements**

Students in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades must be enrolled in at least 4 classes (totaling 20 credits) each semester. Students who are credit deficient may take a maximum of 45 credits each semester. Students earning less than 20 credits in a semester will be supported through a Student Study Team and evaluated for the appropriateness of an Independent Study placement. See Concurrent Enrollment section for additional information.

#### Math Placement Policy- EC 51224.7

HomeTech utilizes a fair, objective and transparent mathematics placement policy that takes multiple objective academic measures of pupil performance into consideration, annually examines aggregate

pupil placement data to ensure pupil qualification for progressing through mathematics courses and offers clear and timely recourse for any pupil or parent or guardian who questions the placement. More information about HomeTech's mathematics placement policy is prominently available on the school's website.

#### Make-up Work, Extra Credit

When a student is absent from an advisory period or a scheduled class, they are expected to contact the teacher to pick up missed assignments and then complete that work in a timely manner, as specified by the teacher. Work assigned on a work packet is expected to be completed prior to a teacher-student meeting. Work that is not completed on time can be completed at the teacher's discretion. Make-up work may be submitted for credit only within the grading period.

Extra credit work is assigned at the teacher's discretion and should be completed, as assigned.

#### **Concurrent Enrollment**

Students enrolled at HomeTech may attend classes at Butte College and receive high school credit if enrollment is preapproved by the Superintendent/Principal, or designee, and the parent/guardian.

Students must take a minimum of 20 credits at HomeTech to be approved for concurrent enrollment in a college or university. College courses listed on the CSU and/or UC Transferable Course Lists will be calculated for high school units at 3.33 high school units for each 1 community college course unit and not to exceed 10 HomeTech units per course. CSU and UC Transferable Course Lists may be found at <a href="https://www.assist.org">www.assist.org</a>. Desired classes may not always be available.

#### Credit Calculation Examples:

| College Course | College Units | Multiplier | HomeTech Credits |
|----------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| Calculus       | 3             | x 3.33     | 10               |
| Weight Lifting | 1             | x 3.33     | 3.33             |
| Yoga           | 1.5           | x 3.33     | 5                |
| Spanish II     | 5             | x 3.33     | 10               |

While high school students may take any community college course those courses not listed on the CSU/UC Transferable Course List will receive 3-5 HomeTech units for each 3 unit community college course. For example, if a student is taking Woodshop (3 college units) at the community college, they may only receive 5 high school units or one semester's worth of credit with HomeTech. Only courses not offered at HomeTech qualify for HomeTech credits, unless approved by the Superintendent/Principal and parent/guardian.

#### 8th Grade Promotion

All 8th grade students will be eligible to participate in the promotion ceremony provided they have passed all classes in the spring semester and have not been suspended in the final 20 school days of the spring semester. They may not participate in the ceremony if they have a failing grade in any class the week prior to the end of the spring semester.

A committee made up of teachers, the counselor, administration and classified staff will evaluate any special circumstances and determine promotion ceremony eligibility. As current state laws require, there will be differential standards implemented for exceptional students. These students will have an

individual plan developed by a team consisting of teachers, administration, and parent(s) and approved by the Individual Education Program (IEP) team.

# **Graduation Requirements**

The HomeTech Board of Directors desires to prepare all students to earn a high school diploma that enables them to take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and/or employment. Students shall be eligible for graduation and participation in commencement ceremony from HomeTech when meeting requirements for one of the following criteria:

- 1. A high school diploma
  - a. Students must complete all HomeTech requirements, including Algebra I or equivalent, to graduate.
- 2. A certificate of completion
  - a. HomeTech may grant a Certificate of Completion to students who are assessed with the California Alternative Assessment (CAA) and who have met the standards specified in their approved IEP.

HomeTech Charter School will issue a diploma certifying graduation to each student that completes the required course of study (200 Units) and competency requirements. To receive a diploma a student must complete 8 semesters of high school coursework resulting in the 200 credits earned.

HomeTech School staff is committed to preparing all students to meet the necessary requirements to earn a high school diploma. Students must complete all credit requirements and pass the equivalent of a one-year Algebra course to earn a diploma. HomeTech Charter School will issue a diploma certifying high school graduation to all students who meet the following criteria:

|                       | English 9   | Grade 9     | 10 credits |            |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|------------|------------|
| ENGLISH               | English 10  | Grade 10    | 10 credits | 40 CREDITS |
| LINGLISH              | English 11  | Grade 11    | 10 credits |            |
|                       | English 12  | Grade 12    | 10 credits |            |
| MATHEMATICS           | Must earn minimum of 20 credits in Mathematics courses including, but not limited to Algebra 1A, Algebra 1B, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry. 10 of these credits must be in Algebra 1 or 2. |             |            | 20 CREDITS |
| SCIENCE               | Biology   | Grades 9-12 | 10 credits | 20 CREDITS |
|                       | Earth Science   |             | 10 credits |            |
|                       | World History   | Grade 10    | 10 credits |            |
| SOCIAL STUDIES        | U.S. History  | Grade 11    | 10 credits | 20 CDEDITE |
|                       | American Government   | Grade 12    | 5 credits  | 30 CREDITS |
|                       | Economics   | Grade 12    | 5 credits  |            |
| PHYSICAL<br>EDUCATION | Physical Education  | Grade 9     | 10 credits | 20 CREDITS |
|                       |   | Grade 10    | 10 credits | ZU CKEDII3 |

| VISUAL/PERFORMING<br>ARTS or WORLD<br>LANGUAGE | Digital Arts               |                        | 10 credits |            |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|
|  | Cultural Dance             | Grades 9-12            |            | 10 CREDITS |
|  | Spanish 1                  |                        |            | TO CREDITS |
|  | Intro to Spanish           |                        |            |            |
| COLLEGE & CAREER EXPLORATION                   | College/Career Exploration | Grades 9-12            | 5 credits  | 05 CREDITS |
| FINANCIAL LITERACY                             | Financial Literacy         | Grades 10, 11<br>or 12 | 5 credits  | 05 CREDITS |
| ELECTIVES                                      | Electives                  | Grades 9-12            |            | 50 CREDITS |
| TOTAL CREDITS REQUIR                           | 200 CREDITS                |                        |            |            |

#### **Early Graduation**

HomeTech Charter School acknowledges that some students seek to pursue educational goals that include graduation from high school at an earlier date than their designated class. A student who completes the requirements for early high school graduation may participate in the graduation ceremonies with his/her designated class or the class graduating in the year in which he/she completes HomeTech's requirements for high school graduation.

For students anticipating graduating early, please see the office for the "Early Graduation Form." Once the form is complete, there will be a meeting to discuss early graduation requirements and courses of study with the student, parent, advisory teacher and principal or designee. A determination will be made if the student is on track and prepared to graduate early.

#### Foster Youth Rights

A foster child or homeless youth who transfers between schools any time after the completion of the student's second year of high school shall be exempt from all coursework and other graduation requirements adopted by the governing board of the local educational agency that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements, unless the local educational agency makes a finding that the foster child or homeless youth is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the student's fourth year of high school.

Within 30 days of the foster child's transfer into HomeTech, the school will determine whether a foster child or homeless youth is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements within the student's fifth year of high school. If the student is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements within a fifth year of high school, the local educational agency shall do all of the following:

Inform the student of his or her option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements.

- 1. Inform the student, and the educational rights holder, about how remaining in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution.
- 2. Provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.

3. Permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements upon agreement with the student, if the student is 18 years of age or older, or, if the student is under 18 years of age, upon agreement with the educational rights holder.

If a foster child or homeless youth is exempt from local graduation requirements and completes the statewide coursework requirements before the end of his or her fourth year of high school and that student would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the school, HomeTech will not require or request that the student graduate before the end of his or her fourth year of high school, nor shall the foster child or homeless youth be required to accept the exemption or be denied enrollment in courses for which they are otherwise eligible.

If a foster child or homeless youth is not exempt from local graduation requirements or has previously declined the exemption, HomeTech will exempt the student at any time if an exemption is requested by the student and the student qualifies for the exemption. The exemption shall apply after termination of the court's jurisdiction or after student is no longer considered a homeless youth.

A transfer shall not be requested solely to qualify for an exemption under this section.

# Rights of Children of Military Families and Other Protected Students EC 49701, 51225.1, 51225.2

Children of military families who transfer between schools any time after the completion of the student's second year of high school shall be exempt from all coursework and other graduation requirements adopted by the HomeTech governing board that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements, unless HomeTech makes a finding that the child of a military family is reasonably able to complete the graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the student's fourth year of high school.

Within 30 days of the child of a military family's transfer into a school, HomeTech will determine whether the child of a military family is reasonably able to complete the graduation requirements within the student's fifth year of high school. If the student is reasonably able to complete the graduation requirements within a fifth year of high school, HomeTech will do all of the following:

- 1. Inform the student of his or her option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements.
- 2. Inform the student, and the educational rights holder, about how remaining in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution.
- 3. Provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.
- 4. Permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements upon agreement with the student, if the student is 18 years of age or older, or, if the student is under 18 years of age, upon agreement with the educational rights holder.

Within 30 calendar days of the date that a student who is a child of a military family who may qualify for the exemption from local graduation requirements transfers into a school, HomeTech will notify the student and the student's parent or guardian of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for an exemption.

If HomeTech fails to provide timely notice, the student shall be eligible for the exemption from local graduation requirements, even if that notification occurs after the student no longer meets the definition of "a child of a military family."

If a child of a military family is exempt from local graduation requirements and completes the statewide coursework requirements before the end of his or her fourth year of high school and that student would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the school, HomeTech will not require or request that the student graduate before the end of his or her fourth year of high school, nor shall the child of a military family be required to accept the exemption or be denied enrollment in courses for which they are otherwise eligible.

If a child of a military family is not exempt from local graduation requirements or has previously declined the exemption, HomeTech will exempt the student at any time if an exemption is requested by the student and the student qualifies for the exemption. The exemption shall apply after the student no longer meets the definition of "a child of a military family" while he or she is enrolled in school or if the student transfers to another school or school district.

HomeTech will not require, and a parent or guardian shall not request, a child of a military family to transfer schools solely to qualify the student for an exemption under this section.

#### Transferable Courses (EC 47605(5)(A)(iii)

Upon enrollment, high school students are informed of all transferable courses to other public high schools and the eligibility of courses to meet college entrance requirements. School Counselor and Supervising Teachers review student's 4-year academic graduation plan to ensure that all students' college and career goals are aligned with the courses being taken.

#### **UC/CSU College Entry Requirements**

Currently, HomeTech offers English, Math, Science, Foreign Language, Art, Social Science and Academic Elective courses that meet all A-G requirements. HomeTech continues to develop courses for A-G approval and will update parents and students as courses are approved.

#### State and Local Assessments

#### **Statewide Testing**

HomeTech administers several mandated statewide tests. These tests provide parents/guardians, teachers, and educators with information about how well students are learning and becoming college and career ready. The test results may be used for local, state, and federal accountability purposes including the renewal of the HomeTech Charter.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) tests consist of the following:

- Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Assessments
  - The Smarter Balanced computer adaptive assessments are aligned with the California State Standards. English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics tests are administered in grades three through eight and grade eleven to measure whether students are on track to college and career readiness. In grade eleven, results from the ELA and mathematics assessments can be used as an indicator of college readiness.
- California Science Tests (CAST)
  - The computer-based CAST measures students' achievement of the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS) through the application of their knowledge and skills of the Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts. The CAST is administered to all students in grades five and eight and once in high school (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve).
- California Alternate Assessments (CAAs)

Only eligible students—students whose individualized education program (IEP) identifies the use of alternate assessments—may participate in the administration of the CAAs. Test examiners administer the computer-based CAAs for ELA, mathematics, and science one-on-one to students. Students in grades three through eight and grade eleven will take the CAA for ELA and mathematics. Test items developed for ELA and mathematics are aligned with the CCSS and are based on the Core Content Connectors.

Students in grades five and eight and once in high school (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve) will take the CAA for Science. The CAA for Science embedded performance tasks are based on alternate achievement standards derived from the CA NGSS. Students taking the CAA for Science will take three embedded performance tasks.

#### **English Language Proficiency Assessments for California**

The ELPAC is aligned with the 2012 California English Language Development Standards. It consists of two separate English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessments: one for the initial identification of students as English learners and the other for the annual summative assessment to identify students' English language proficiency level and to measure their progress in learning English.

#### **Physical Fitness Test**

The physical fitness test for students in California schools is the FitnessGram®. The main goal of the test is to help students in starting lifelong habits of regular physical activity. Students in grades five, seven, and nine take the fitness test.

#### **Exemptions**

Pursuant to California Education Code Section 60615, parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their student from any or all of the CAASPP assessments. Exemption requests must be made annually in writing and submitted to the school Principal/Superintendent.

Parents and students are cautioned that exempting students from certain state tests (such as the grade 11 Smarter Balanced Tests in English and/or Math) will make students ineligible for state and federal recognition programs such as the State Seal of Biliteracy, the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma, the President's Awards (for Educational Excellence and Achievement) and the Early Assessment Program of College Readiness. If a parent or guardian submits an exemption request after testing has begun, any test(s) completed before the request is submitted will be scored and the results reported to the parent or guardian and included in the student's records. For more information, contact the school Principal/ Superintendent.

#### **Local Assessments**

HomeTech students participate in local reading and mathematics assessment administrations throughout each year to assess students' growth and provide intervention. Local assessments are part of the educational program and are required to ensure student make adequate academic progress and receive appropriate and timely support.

# **Grades and Repeating Classes**

The HomeTech staff makes every effort to set up students for academic success; however, students and parents/guardians must equally participate by keeping appointments and ensuring that students complete their work. If a student is struggling to complete their assignments, it is important that the student or parent contact the teacher right away by telephone or email. It is equally important that students attend each meeting with the teacher. If a student is unable to attend a meeting, the parent or student MUST call the teacher as soon as possible to notify the teacher. Students who consistently miss teacher meetings will be evaluated for continued enrollment. (See section Enrollment and Disenrollment).

#### **Foster Youth Rights**

If the foster child is absent from school due to a decision to change the placement of the foster child made by a court or placing agency, the grades and credits of the foster child will be calculated as of the date the foster child left school and no lowering of grades will occur as a result of the absence of the foster child under these circumstances. If the foster child is absent from school due to a verified court appearance or related court ordered activity, no lowering of his or her grades will occur as a result of the absence of the student under these circumstances.

HomeTech will accept coursework satisfactorily completed by a foster child or homeless youth while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency even if the student did not complete the entire course and issue that student full or partial credit for the coursework completed.

HomeTech will not require a foster child or homeless youth to retake a course if the student has satisfactorily completed the entire course in a public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. If the student did not complete the entire course, the local educational agency may not require the student to retake the portion of the course the student completed unless the local educational agency in consultation with the educational rights holder, finds that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. When partial credit is awarded in a particular course, the foster child or homeless youth shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the student may continue and complete the entire course. The student shall not be prevented from taking or retaking a course to meet eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or University of California.

# Rights of Children of Military Families and Other Protected Students EC 49701, 51225.1, 51225.2

HomeTech will accept coursework satisfactorily completed by a student who is a child of a military family while attending another public school (including schools operated by the United States Department of Defense), a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency even if the student did not complete the entire course and issue that student full or partial credit for the coursework completed.

HomeTech will not require a child of a military family to retake a course if the student has satisfactorily completed the entire course in a public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. If the student did not complete the entire course, HomeTech will not require the student to retake the portion of the course the student completed unless in consultation with the educational rights holder, finds that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. When partial credit is awarded in a particular course, the child of a military family shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the student may continue and complete the entire course. The student shall not be prevented from taking or retaking a course to meet eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or University of California.

#### **Evaluation/ Grading**

Student work is evaluated through a variety of methods, including reviewing student work, performance assessment and direct communication with the teacher. All methods are important for the teacher to determine the level of mastery of student learning.

Grades are one of the assessment tools used to report to parents/guardians the student's progress in all subject areas. Grades are based on standards of performance designated for each grade level. Grades are based on points earned for daily assignments, quizzes, projects and tests. Grades will reflect the following percentages of points:

90% to 100% = A

80% to 89% = B 70% to 79% = C 60% to 69% = D 0% to 59% = F

#### Grading scale: K-6

- 5 Advanced
- 4 Proficient
- 3 Basic/Developing
- 2 Below Basic
- 1 Far Below Basic

## Report Card / IEP Goals Mastery Updates

Report Cards shall provide parent/guardian with tangible evidence of a student's academic performance. Parents/guardians of special education students shall be provided an IEP Goals Progress Report the same frequency as general education students.

Teachers are encouraged to allow for trends in the quality of student work. When a student finishes a grading period doing high quality work, which requires skills acquired throughout the grading period, low grades at the beginning of the grading period need not diminish the appropriate evaluation of the student's achievement. Similarly, high grades at the beginning need not compensate for a downward trend in achievement.

#### Pass/Fail Grading

The teacher or Counselor will notify Students of any course in which they will earn a "Pass" or "Fail" grade instead of an A-F grade.

Students who receive a "Pass" grade will acquire the appropriate semester units of credit for the course, and the grade will not be counted in determining class rank or honors. Students who receive a "Fail" grade will not receive credit for taking the course. Students shall be graded Pass/Fail for classes in which they serve as student aides unless predetermined goals and objectives related to specific subject knowledge are on file and have been approved by the Principal/ Superintendent or designee.

# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

# **Disease Exposure**

If there is good cause to believe a student has been exposed to a disease and his or her proof of immunization does not show proof of immunization against that disease, HomeTech may temporarily exclude the child from school until the local health officer is satisfied that the child is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease. Homeless students retain the right to enroll without immunization records and must obtain appropriate immunizations once enrolled.

If the parent or guardian files with the governing authority a written statement by a licensed physician to the effect that the physical condition of the child is such, or medical circumstances relating to the child are such, that immunization is not considered safe, indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances, including, but not limited to, family medical history, for which the physician does not recommend immunization, that child shall be exempt from the immunization requirements.

As of January 1, 2021, the standardized certification form developed by the California Department of Public Health shall be the only documentation of a medical exemption that HomeTech may accept. (Health and Safety Code section 120372(a)).

# **Guidance and Counseling Programs**

Whenever possible, HomeTech school counselors and/or support specialists possess the appropriate credential from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing their employment in such positions. The school recognizes that a structured, coherent and comprehensive counseling program promotes academic achievement and serves the diverse needs of all students. Counseling and/or support specialist staff shall be available to provide students with individualized reviews of their educational progress toward academic and/or career and vocational goals and, as appropriate, may discuss social, personal, or other issues that may impact student learning.

At HomeTech, the school engages with, advocates for, and provides support for all students with respect to learning and achievement. The school plans, implements, and evaluates programs to promote the academic, career, personal, and social development of all students, including, but not limited to, students from low-income families, foster youth, homeless youth, undocumented youth, and students at all levels of academic, social, and emotional abilities. The school uses multiple sources of information to monitor and improve student behavior and achievement. The staff enjoys collaborating and coordinating with school and community resources. The school promotes and maintains a safe learning environment for all students by providing restorative justice practices, positive behavior interventions, and support improving school climate and student well-being. The school enhances students' social and emotional competence, character, health, civic engagement, and commitment to lifelong learning and the pursuit of high-quality educational programs.

#### **Educational Counseling Program**

The program develops and implements, with parent/guardian involvement, the student's immediate and long-range educational plans. Teachers provide the required curriculum in accordance with the student's needs, abilities, interests, and aptitudes. High school students are provided academic planning for access and success in higher education programs, including advice on courses needed for admission to public colleges and universities, standardized admissions tests, and financial aid.

HomeTech provides career and vocational counseling, in which students are assisted with planning for the future, including, but not limited to, identifying personal interests, skills, and abilities, career planning, course selection, and career transition. Students will become aware of personal preferences and interests that influence educational and occupational exploration, career choice, and career success. Students will learn realistic perceptions of work, the changing work environment, and the effect of work on lifestyle to understand the relationship between academic achievement and career success and the importance of maximizing career options. The staff will provide information on the variety of four-year colleges and universities and community college vocational and technical preparation programs, as well as admission criteria and enrollment procedures. The school offers concurrent enrollment with Butte Community College. College units earned will be honored at HomeTech.

HomeTech's educational counseling program may include, but not be limited to, identification of students who are at risk of not graduating with the rest of their class, development of a list of coursework and experience necessary to assist students to satisfy the curricular requirements for college admission and successfully transition to postsecondary education or employment, and counseling regarding available options for a student to continue their education if they fail to meet graduation requirements. HomeTech shall establish and maintain a program of guidance, placement, and follow-up for all high school students subject to compulsory continuation education. No counselor or support specialist staff shall unlawfully discriminate against any student. Guidance counseling

regarding school programs and career, vocational, or higher education opportunities shall not be differentiated on the basis of any protected category. In addition, the school counselor and/or support specialist staff shall affirmatively explore with students the possibility of careers or courses leading to careers that are non-traditional for that student's sex. With student permission, we will release information to colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters.

#### Personal or Mental Health Counseling

The school counselor and/or support specialist staff may provide individualized personal, mental health, or family counseling or support to students in accordance with the specialization(s) authorized by their credential when applicable. Such services may include, but are not limited to, support related to the student's social and emotional development, behavior, substance abuse, mental health assessment, depression, or mental illness. As appropriate, students and their parents/guardians shall be informed about community agencies, organizations, or health care providers that offer qualified professional assistance. Written parent/guardian consent shall be obtained before mental health counseling/support or treatment services are provided to a student, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6920-6929, Health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable law. Any information of a personal nature disclosed to a school counselor or support specialist by a student age 12 years or older or by their parent/quardian is confidential and shall not become part of the student record without the written consent of the person who disclosed the confidential information. The information shall not be revealed, released, discussed, or referred to except under the limited circumstances specified in Education Code 49602. A counselor, support specialist or administrator shall consult with HomeTech's legal counsel whenever unsure of how to respond to a student's personal problem or when questions arise regarding the possible release of confidential information regarding a student.

#### **Crisis Counseling**

When students are confronted with a traumatic incident, the school provides a prompt and effective response by the school counselor and/or support specialist. The crisis protocol will be provided with a comprehensive approach. Staff will provide prevention and intervention designed to assist students and parents/guardians before, during, and after a crisis. In addition, the counselor and/or support specialist shall identify crisis counseling resources to train staff in effective threat assessment, appropriate response techniques, and/or methods to directly help students cope with a crisis, if one occurs. Early identification and intervention plans shall be developed to help identify those students who may be at risk for violence so that support may be provided before they engage in violent or disruptive behavior.

#### **Pregnant and Parenting Students**

A pregnant or parenting student is defined as any student who gives or expects to give birth, or any parenting student who identifies as the parent of an infant. Pregnant and parenting students are entitled to at least eight weeks of parental leave, which can be taken before birth of the student's infant if there is a medical necessity, or after childbirth during the school year in which the birth takes place, inclusive of any mandatory summer instruction. The student is neither required to take time off nor notify his or her school that he or she is doing so; this is a guaranteed minimum right that can be expanded if deemed medically necessary. Parental leave will be considered an excused absence, and the pregnant or parenting student is not required to complete any academic work during this period.

A pregnant or parenting student may return to their previous school and course of study, and is entitled to make up opportunities for any work missed during the leave. These students are allowed to enroll in a fifth year of high school in order to complete any state or local graduation requirements, except when the school finds that the student is reasonably able to complete these requirements in time to graduate high school by the end of their fourth year.

A pregnant or parenting student who does not wish to reenroll in his or her previous school is entitled to alternative education options offered by the local education agency. If so enrolled, the student shall be given educational programs, activities, and courses equal to those he or she would have been in if participating in the regular program. Furthermore, a school may not penalize a student for using any of the accommodations mentioned above.

If a student believes that his or her school is discriminating on the basis of sex in opposition to the rights and entitlements listed above, that student can file a complaint through the standard Uniform Complaint Procedures of California Code of Regulations, Title 5 Sections 4600, et. seq.

HomeTech shall provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating student on the school campus to express breast milk, breast-feed an infant child, or address other needs related to breast-feeding.

- 1) Reasonable accommodations under this section include, but are not limited to, all of the following:
  - a. Access to a private and secure room, other than a restroom, to express breast milk or breast-feed an infant child.
  - b. Permission to bring onto a school campus a breast pump and any other equipment used to express breast milk.
  - c. Access to a power source for a breast pump or any other equipment used to express breast milk.
  - d. Access to a place to store expressed breast milk safely.
- 2) A lactating student shall be provided a reasonable amount of time to accommodate her need to express breast milk or breast-feed an infant child.
- 3) Only school sites with at least one lactating student shall provide the reasonable accommodations specified above. HomeTech may use an existing facility to meet the requirements.
- 4) A lactating student shall not incur an academic penalty as a result of her use, during the school day, of the reasonable accommodations specified in this section, and shall be provided the opportunity to make up any work missed due to such use. (EC Section 222(a)(e))

A student shall not incur an academic penalty as a result of her use, during the school day, of the reasonable accommodations specified in this section, and shall be provided the opportunity to make up any work missed due to such use. (EC Section 222(a)(e))

#### **Medical and Medication**

HomeTech recognizes that during the school day, some students may need to take medication prescribed or ordered by an authorized health care provider to be able to fully participate in the educational program. For any student with a disability, as defined under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, necessary medication shall be administered in accordance with the student's individualized education program or Section 504 services plan. If a parent/guardian chooses, they may administer the medication to their child at school or designate another individual who is not a school employee to do so on their behalf. In addition, upon written request by the parent/guardian and with the approval of the student's authorized health care provider, a student with a medical condition that requires frequent treatment, monitoring, or testing may be allowed to self-administer, self-monitor, and/or self-test. The student shall observe universal precautions in the handling of blood and other bodily fluids.

#### **Health Examinations**

Authorized school officials may administer to any student any physical examination or screening permitted under California law. However, no student shall be subjected to a nonemergency, invasive physical examination without prior written notice to their parent/guardian unless an applicable state law authorizes the student to provide consent without parent/guardian notification. Invasive physical

examination means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a properly authorized hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening.

#### **Administration of Medication by School Personnel**

Any medication prescribed by an authorized health care provider, including, but not limited to emergency anti-seizure medication for a student who suffers epileptic seizures, auto-injectable epinephrine, insulin, or glucagon, may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel only when the Principal/ Superintendent or designee has received written statements from both the student's parent/guardian and authorized health care provider. School nurses and other designated school personnel shall administer medications in accordance with law, HomeTech Policy and Administrative Regulations and shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.

When medically unlicensed personnel are authorized by law to administer any medication to students, such as emergency anti-seizure medication, auto-injectable epinephrine, insulin, or glucagon, the Principal/ Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school personnel designated to administer any medication receive appropriate training and, as necessary, retraining from qualified medical personnel before any medication is administered. At a minimum, the training shall cover how and when such medication should be administered, the recognition of symptoms and treatment, emergency follow-up procedures, and the proper documentation and storage of medication. Such trained, unlicensed designated school personnel shall be supervised by and provided with emergency communication access to a school nurse, physician, or other appropriate individual.

Site Administration or designee shall maintain documentation of the training, ongoing supervision, as well as annual written verification of competency of such other designated school personnel.

In an emergency situation such as a public disaster or epidemic, a trained, unlicensed school employee may administer medication to a student.

#### Comprehensive Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS Instruction

Each year, HomeTech offers a Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS course to 7th and 9th graders. The Sexual Health Education course meets the state's comprehensive requirements.

Parents/guardians are allowed to review the Sexual Health Education curriculum upon request with their Supervising Teacher. All parents/guardians are given the opportunity during Spring registration or after in writing to request that their child not participate in all or part of any comprehensive sexual health education, HIV/AIDS prevention education, or assessments related to that education.

#### **Suicide Prevention**

If you know of a student in crisis, please immediately contact your Supervising Teacher, School Counselor, or another trusted adult at school or home.

HomeTech recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth and that school personnel who regularly interact with students are often in a position to recognize the warning signs of suicide and to offer appropriate referral and/or assistance. To attempt to reduce suicidal behavior and its impact on students and families, HomeTech has developed measures and strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

Such measures and strategies include, but are not limited to:

1) Staff development on suicide awareness and prevention for teachers, school counselors, and other school employees who interact with students

- 2) Instruction to students in problem-solving and coping skills to promote students' mental, emotional, and social health and well-being, as well as instruction in recognizing and appropriately responding to warning signs of suicidal intent in others
- Methods for promoting a positive school climate that enhances students' feelings of connectedness with the school and that is characterized by caring staff and harmonious interrelationships among students
- 4) The provision of information to parents/guardians regarding risk factors and warning signs of suicide, the severity of the youth suicide problem, the school's suicide prevention curriculum, basic steps for helping suicidal youth, and/or school and community resources that can help youth in crisis
- 5) Encouragement for students to notify appropriate school personnel or other adults when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions
- 6) Crisis intervention procedures for addressing suicide threats or attempts
- 7) Counseling and other postvention strategies for helping students, staff, and others cope in the aftermath of a student's suicide

As appropriate, these measures and strategies shall specifically address the needs of students who are at high risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, students who are bereaved by suicide; students with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders; students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth.

#### Food Services

According to the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, HomeTech School provides morning snack and lunch daily at no cost to students. Those snacks meet wellness policy guidelines. Food services are provided by Paradise Unified School District.

#### **Procedures for Student Injury**

#### **Reporting Student Accidents**

Student accidents should be reported immediately. If a pattern of student accidents or injury is suspected by a staff person, a review of incidents may be conducted to determine the cause of the reoccurrence. Immediately following an accident and following any necessary medical attention, the County Superintendent directs that the following steps be taken:

- 1. Employee immediately reports a student accident or injury to administrator and confidential administrative assistant.
- 2. Employee completes an Incident Report and forwards to the administrator on the day of the incident unless there are extenuating circumstances. All pertinent facts and information should be included with the report.
- 3. Risk management forwards a copy of the report to the County Superintendent or designee for any serious student accident.
- 4. Administrator may request an investigation of the incident.

#### Accident/Incident Reporting Form: See Appendix

#### Annual School Climate Survey

Students grades 3rd-12th and school staff complete an annual School Climate Survey. The results are presented at advisory council and staff meetings, and may be presented during other educational events throughout the year. Data informs areas of schoolwide growth. Parents may elect to have their students not participate in the survey in writing prior to the administration of the survey. Upon request, parents or guardians will be given the opportunity to inspect any third party survey.

## **ENGAGEMENT**

#### Communication, Conferences and Staff Accessibility

Communication is a key component to a student's success at HomeTech. As an Independent Study program, parents, teachers, and students are expected to communicate regularly. In the case of a missed meeting or class, a parent/guardian is required to contact the teacher directly on the day of the absence.

Communication provides parents with frequent reports on their child/children's progress. Communication includes:

- Parent-teacher conferences/meetings during which school expectations will be discussed as it relates to individual achievement, progress reports completed approximately every six weeks for grades 7-12, and report cards completed every semester
- Detailed Tiered Re-engagement letters within a timely manner
- Staff members respond to email and phone messages within a timely manner
- Appointments are available with any staff member working with the student
- Teacher-Parent-Student Meetings
- Teachers meet with students and their parent/guardian (for home study) weekly, but no longer than 20 school days between meetings. At the first meeting:
  - Teacher and parent/guardian determine the day and time for regularly scheduled meetings for our Home Study program; Hybrid program advisory schedules are outlined in the class schedule.
  - Parents/Guardians are expected to contact the teacher (via email or phone call) in the event of needing to reschedule a meeting.

#### Conferences

A parent/guardian can request a conference with a teacher, counselor, support specialist or administrator by contacting the teacher or staff.

#### **Staff Accessibility**

Staff contact information (phone extension and email address) can be found on the school website.

#### Parent-Community Engagement Opportunities

HomeTech holds all-school events each year that include families and community members. The events are interactive and promote a positive school culture. Other events such as field trips and guest speakers take place throughout the school year, in which all families and community members are invited.

## SCHOOL SITE STAFF

#### **Staff Professional Learning**

The HomeTech staff participates in regular professional development (PD) to ensure high-quality instruction for students at all levels. The school provides professional development through whole-staff meetings, as well as additional PD opportunities, as requested by staff. Staff participates in ongoing opportunities for professional growth, including conferences, workshops and regularly scheduled staff meetings. Staff are strongly committed to building and sustaining a culture of continuous improvement as Professional Learning Communities (PLC) that promote a high level of instructional leadership and professional learning to ensure great teaching for every student every day.

#### **Teacher Qualifications**

Parents or guardians of all pupils may request specified professional qualifications of the student's classroom teacher(s) and assigned paraprofessional(s).

## **APPENDIX**

#### **AB 2022 Mental Health Services**

Pursuant to Education Code Section 49428 as amended by AB-2022 in September, 2018, schools are required to notify students and parents or guardians of students no less than twice during the school year on how to initiate access to available student mental health services on campus or in the community.

Any student and parent or guardian of a student may refer a student for mental health services by contacting the school administrative office. The Superintendent/Principal may also be able to provide support for identifying additional options to access mental health services within the community.

To access mental health services within the community, please contact the

Butte County Department of Behavioral Health 88 Table Mountain Blvd. Oroville, CA 95965 530.538.2158 www.buttecounty.net/behavioralhealth/

#### **Butte County Behavioral Health Inserts**



# BUTTE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: HERE TO SERVE YOU

Butte County Department of Behavioral Health remains committed to providing mental health, prevention and substance use disorder services during the Coronavirus crisis!

- We are <u>accepting all new referrals</u> for SUD and Mental Health Services for all beneficiaries with Butte County Medi-Cal
- Students may continue to be referred through DBHQM@buttecounty.net
- Each of our community partners have joined us in the commitment to **continue to serve** Butte County's beneficiaries during these unprecedented times
- Services are being provided by Video or Phone

## Contact us today to discuss our services

Visit us online: www.buttecounty.net/behavioralhealth

(530) 879-2456

#### Chico

Youth Mental Health: (530) 891-2945

Adult Mental Health: (530) 891-2784

Substance Use Disorder: (530) 879-3950

Perinatal: (530) 879-3363

#### Oroville

Youth Mental Health: (530) 538-2158

Adult Mental Health: (530) 538-7705

Substance Use Disorder: (530) 532-7277

Perinatal: (530) 538-4359

#### **Paradise**

Youth Mental Health: (530) 872-6328

Adult Mental Health: (530) 877-5845

#### Gridley

Youth & Adult Mental Health: (530) 846-7309

Prevention Services: http://www.butteyouthnow.org

Crisis Line: (800) 334-6622 Talk Line: (855) 582-5554

## **Local Services Guide**

Disclaimer: This guide was adapted by BCOE from California Children's Services.

## California Children's Services

#### **Administrative Office**

2491 Carmichael Drive, Suite 400 Chico, CA 95928 (530) 895-6546

## **Medical Therapy Programs**

This document is to be used as a resource and is not a guarantee of services by these providers. Please use this as an informational guide and contact the appropriate agency with questions regarding services they provide.

## **Counseling and Mental Health Services**

#### African American Family and Cultural Center

Support groups, activities, and classes for African Americans in the Oroville area.

#### **African American Cultural Center**

(530) 532-1205

3300 Spencer Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

#### **Butte County Department of Behavioral Health**

Provides 24-hour telephone and personal crisis intervention and counseling by appointment. Substance abuse services, group counseling, and referrals to in-patient substance abuse facilities.

| Crisis Intervention Toll Free Line   | (800) 334-6622 |
|--|----------------|
| Local Crisis Intervention Line:  | (530) 891-2810 |
| Chico Community Counseling Center: 109 Parmac Road, Suite 1, Chico, CA 95926 | (530) 891-2945 |
| Chico Adult Outpatient Center:<br>560 Cohasset Road, #175, Chico, CA 95926   | (530) 891-2784 |
| Oroville Adult Services:   | (530) 538-7277 |

2430 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965

**Butte County Behavioral Health:** 

(530) 846-7305

995 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948

**Paradise Adult Services:** 

Adult (530) 877-5845

7200 Skyway, Paradise, 95969

Youth (530) 872-6328

Adult Inpatient Psychiatric Health Facility:

(530) 891-2775

592 Rio Lindo Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Psychiatric Health Facility for individuals on 72-hour hold

**Iversen Wellness and Recovery Center:** 

(530) 879-3311

492 Rio Lindo Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

California State University, Chico Counseling Training Center

Free counseling provided by CSU, Chico Graduate students.

**WellCat Counseling Center** 

(530) 898-6345

Offers both individual counseling & group therapy sessions for CSU students currently enrolled in classes

**CSUC Counseling Training Center** 

(530) 898-5149

Couple/family or individual therapy for non-CSUS students

Crisis Counseling available 24 hours a day/7 days a week:

(530) 898-6345

**Catalyst Domestic Violence Services** 

Domestic, family, and relationship violence prevention and education, crisis help, shelter, safety planning, and counseling.

24 Hour Hotline (800) 895-8476

Catalyst (530) 532-6427

1931 Arlin Rhine Drive, Oroville, CA 95966

**Feather River Tribal Health** 

Provides behavioral health services. Accepts Medi-Cal and Medi-Care.

**Feather River Tribal Health** 

(530) 534-5394

2145 5th Avenue, Oroville, CA95965

The Growing Place

Counseling center, providing a wide range of psychotherapy, life coaching, and mental health education.

The Growing Place

(530) 588-0448

1074 East Avenue, Suite A4, Chico, CA 95926

**Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County** 

Individual and family support, referrals for general social services, and support groups.

**Hmong Cultural Center** 

(530) 534-7474

1940 Feather River Blvd, Suite H, Oroville, CA 95965

#### Northern Valley Catholic Social Services (NVCSS)

Low-cost or free counseling and support services to individuals and families. Butte Baby Steps, TAPP (teenage parenting program), Disaster Case Management (support with natural disasters), and Promotores (supports Latino families).

NVCSS Chico (530) 345-1600

10 Independence Circle Chico, CA 95973

NVCSS Oroville (530) 538-8221

2185 Baldwin Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

#### **Northern Valley Talk Line**

Free telephone support for those needing non-crisis response to troubles, questions, and concerns.

**Northern Valley Talk Line** 

(855) 582-5554

#### **Rape Crisis Intervention and Prevention**

Emergency help for sexual assault, counseling, and support groups.

Crisis Line (530) 342-7273

Office (530) 891-1331

2889 Cohasset Road #2, Chico, CA 95973

#### Shalom Free Clinic

Free drug and alcohol intervention, mental and behavioral health counseling and referrals, and health screenings and education.

Shalom Free Clinic (530) 342-2445

1010 Mangrove Avenue, Suite D Chico, CA 95926

#### **Stonewall Alliance Center**

Outreach to LGBTQ youth and young adults to provide information, education, and support in prevention of suicide and suicide risk.

Stonewall Alliance (530) 893-3336

358 East 6th Street, Chico, CA 95928

#### **Victor Community Support Services**

Programs and support for children, youth, young adults and families.

Victor (530) 267-1700

1360 East Lassen Avenue, Chico, CA 95973

#### **Youth for Change**

Counseling services for children and adolescents.

Youth for Change (530) 877-1965

3259 Esplanade, Suite 103, Chico, CA 95973

## **Family Resources**

#### The Axiom

The Axiom is a youth center in downtown Oroville focused on building platforms for success for students to realize and utilize their untapped potential. Now offering distance learning support. Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:15AM to 12:30PM. Axiom regular hours: Mon-Fri 12:30PM to 5:00PM.

The Axiom (530) 533-8010

1420 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **Boys and Girls Club**

Recreation, education and leadership programs for children and teens.

Chico Clubhouse (530) 899-0335

601 Wall Street, Chico, CA 95928

Chico Teen Center (530) 879-5653

628 Wall Street, Chico, CA 95928

Oroville (530) 533-3139

2959 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **Butte Community College**

Main Campus (530) 895-2511

3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville, CA 95965

Chico Center (530) 895-1352

2320 Forest Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

#### **Butte Glenn 211**

24-hour quick access to free and low-cost services in Butte County.

Butte Glenn 211 Dial 211

www.helpcentral.org

#### Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services (DESS)

DESS Chico (530) 895-4364

765 East Avenue Chico, CA 95926

DESS Oroville (530) 538-7711

78 Table Mountain Blvd, Oroville, CA 95965

Adult Protective Services (530) 538-7883

Adult Protective Services Reporting Line (800) 664-9774

In-Home Supportive Services (530) 538-7538

Public Guardian (530) 538-7251

#### **Butte County Library**

Free access to books and computers.

Chico Library (530) 552-5652

1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Oroville Library (530) 552-5652

1820 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

Biggs Library (530) 552-5652

464A B Street, Biggs, CA 95917

Durham Library (530) 552-5652

2545 Durham-Dayton Hwy, Durham, CA 95938

Gridley Library (530) 552-5652

299 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Literacy Services (888) 538-7198

#### CalFresh

Food stamp benefits for eligible families and people.

CalFresh (877) 410-8803

http://www.c4yourself.com/

Chico: 2445 Carmichael Drive, Chico, CA 95928 Oroville: 78 Table Mountain Blvd, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **CalWORKs**

Temporary financial assistance and employment-related services to needy families with minor children.

CalWORKs (877) 410-8803

http://www.c4yourself.com/

Chico: 2445 Carmichael Drive, Chico, CA 95928 Oroville: 78 Table Mountain Blvd, Oroville, CA 95965

#### California Low Cost Auto Insurance

Low cost auto insurance for qualifying California residents.

Low Cost Auto Insurance (866) 602-8861

www.mylowcostauto.com

#### California State University, Chico

CSUC (530) 898-4636

400 West 1st Street, Chico, CA 95929

#### **Caring Choices**

Disaster Case Management, HIV work, In-House Mental Health Counseling, and Food Pantry.

Caring Choices (530) 899-3873

580 Manzanita Avenue, Suite 5, Chico, CA 95926

#### **Center for Healthy Communities**

CalFresh outreach and nutrition education.

Center for Healthy Communities (530) 898-5323

25 Main Street, #101, Chico, CA 95926

#### Chico Area Recreation and Park District

Recreation programs, community events, and classes for children, adults, and seniors.

CARD (530) 895-4711

545 Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

#### Computers for Classrooms, Inc.

Provides working computers for low income families and individuals.

#### **Computers for Classrooms**

(530) 895-4175

411 Otterson Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95928

#### **Facebook for Sale Groups**

Chico Needs: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChicoNeeds/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChicoNeeds/</a>

Chico Needs II: https://www.facebook.com/groups/294345793953524/

Butte County's Virtual Yard Sale: https://www.facebook.com/groups/105386366278218/

#### **Four Winds Indian Education Center**

After school programs, GED preparation, cultural classes, and health education and prevention.

Four Winds (530) 895-4212

2345 Fair Street, Building 6, Chico, CA 95928

#### Freecycle Network

Online network for free and donated items.

Chico: <a href="https://groups.freecycle.org/group/ChicoCA/">https://groups.freecycle.org/group/ChicoCA/</a>
Oroville: <a href="https://groups.freecycle.org/group/OrovilleCA/">https://groups.freecycle.org/group/OrovilleCA/</a>

#### **National Parent Helpline**

Emotional support, listening, and referrals to parenting resources and support.

Helpline (855) 427-2736

www.nationalparenthelpline.org (855) 4 A PARENT

#### **Oroville Adult Education Center**

Academic and vocational training for all ages.

Oroville Adult Education (530) 538-5350

2750 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville CA 95966

#### Valley Oak Children's Services

Childcare referrals and programs for low-income families.

Valley Oak (530) 895-3572

3120 Cohasset Road, #6, Chico, CA 95973

## **Health and Wellness**

#### **Addus Home Health Services**

Skilled nursing, home rehabilitation, attendant registry for In-Home-Supportive Services recipients.

Addus (530) 566-0405

196 Cohasset Road, #270 Chico, CA 95926

#### **Ampla Health**

Comprehensive medical and dental services, accepts Medi-Cal.

Immediate medical services not requiring emergency care.

888 Lakeside Village Commons, Chico, CA 95928

560 Cohasset Road, Chico, CA 95926

California Park

Cohasset

Chico (530) 342-4395 680 Cohasset Road, Chico, CA 95926 Chico Dental (530) 342-6065 236 West East Avenue, Suite H, Chico, CA 95926 Oroville (530) 534-7500 2800 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95966 Gridley (530) 846-6231 520 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948 **Butte County Public Health** Free family planning services, immunizations, confidential testing, and health education services. Chico Clinic (530) 879-3665 695 Oleander Avenue, Chico, CA95926 **Oroville Clinic** (530) 532-3918 78 Table Mountain Blvd, Oroville, CA 95965 **Tobacco Information** (530) 552-3933 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA 95965 **Butte Home Health and Hospice** Home health care services, accepts Medi-Cal. **Butte Home Health and Hospice** (530) 895-0462 10 Constitution Drive, Chico, CA 95973 **Caring for Women Pregnancy** Free pregnancy tests, education, parenting classes, and resources (diapers, wipes, etc.). Caring for Women (530) 532-9362 2362 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95966 Covered California Covered CA (800) 300-5813 Calicovered.org **Enloe Medical Center** 24-hour acute care hospital, Level II Trauma Center. Hospital (530) 332-7300 1531 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926 **Enloe Prompt Care** 

(530) 332-6850

(530) 332-4111

#### Rapid Care: Adventist Health

Medical Clinic in Paradise.

Health Center (530) 876-2502

5125 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969

#### **Adventist Health**

Home health care service in Paradise.

6626 Clark Road, Suite P, Paradise, CA 95969 (530) 871-3378

#### **Feather River Tribal Health**

Health and wellness services for families.

FRTH (530) 534-5394

2145 5th Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **Kiwanis Family House**

Patients and their families often travel long distances to receive treatment at UC Davis Medical Center and UC Davis Children's Hospital. The Kiwanis Family House located on UC Davis Medical Center grounds offers inexpensive family accommodations with individual bedrooms, kitchen facilities, bathrooms, laundry, and hook-ups for recreational vehicles. Residency is determined by the Department of Clinical Social Services and is by referral only.

**Call Social Services for more information** 

(916) 734-2583

#### Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Free blood cancer information, education, and support for patients, survivors, families, and healthcare professionals.

#### Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (916) 929-4720

7750 College Town Drive, #210, Sacramento, CA 95826

#### Medi-Cal

Chico (530) 879-3479

765 East Avenue, Suite 200, Chico, CA 95926

Oroville (877) 410-8803

78 Table Mountain Blvd, Oroville, CA 95965

#### Northern Valley Indian Health

Provides medical and dental services, all patients welcome.

NVIH (530) 896-9400

845 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Chico Cohasset Dental and Women's Health (530) 433-2500

500 Cohasset Road, Suite 15 Chico, CA 95926

Children's Health Center (530) 781-1440

1515 Springfield Drive, Chico, CA 95928

#### **Orchard Hospital**

24-hour acute care hospital.

(530) 846-9000 Hospital

240 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948

#### **Oroville Hospital**

24-hour acute care hospital.

Hospital (530) 533-8500

2767 Olive Highway, Oroville, CA 95966

#### **Peg Taylor Center**

Adult day health care services.

**Peg Taylor Center** (530) 342-2345

124 Parmac Road, Chico, CA 95926

#### **Planned Parenthood**

Sexual and reproductive healthcare services for everyone.

**Planned Parenthood** (530) 342-8367 (800) 230-7526

3100 Cohasset Road, Chico, CA 95973

#### **Project S.A.V.E. Chico**

Collects and re-distributes quality recycled medical and dental equipment and supplies, free of charge.

S.A.V.E. (530) 680-5974

2553 Hwy 32 (Inside the East and 32 Mini Storage), Chico, CA 95973

#### **Shalom Free Clinic**

Health screenings, prescription payment assistance, and mental and behavioral health counseling.

**Shalom Free Clinic** (530) 342-2445

1010 Mangrove Avenue, Suite D, Chico, CA 95926

#### **Shriners Ben Ali Shrine Center**

Annual free screening clinics in Butte County for children with special health conditions.

Shriners (916) 920-4107

3262 Marysville Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815

http://www.facebook.com/ChicoShrineClub

#### **Social Security Administration**

Social security benefits including retirement, survivors, disability, and SSI.

Chico (866) 964-7585

1370 E Lassen Avenue #150, Chico, CA 95973

(866) 331-7130

115 Table Mountain Blvd, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **Women's Health Specialists**

Confidential, compassionate, and non-judgmental – reproductive health care, pregnancy tests, birth control, SPI testing, emergency contraception, Pap smears, abortion services, adoption services, and trans health services.

#### **Women's Health Specialists**

(530) 891-1911

1469 Humboldt Road, Suite 200, Chico, CA 95928

#### Women's Resource Clinic

All services are free: Pregnancy Tests and Verification, Education on Options, Bright Source, Ultrasound Imaging (every other Thursday, first and third), and Referrals to Physicians/Midwives.

Clinic & 24-hour Hotline

(530) 897-6100

115 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

## **Disability Services**

#### **Ability First Sports Camp**

Sports camp provided through Chico State for children with disabilities.

Ability First (530) 588-0335

http://www.facebook.com/abilityfirstsports

#### **ARC of Butte County**

Services for individuals with disabilities, including respite care and support groups.

Chico (530) 891-5865

2020 Park Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

Oroville (530) 532-8759

2745 Oro Dam Blvd E, Oroville, CA 95966

#### **Autism Lifespan**

Networking and support for families of children with special needs.

Autism Lifespan (530) 897-0900

2418 Cohasset Road, Unit 150, Chico, CA 95926

#### **Brain Injury Coalition**

Resource information and support for individuals suffering from brain injuries.

braininjury coalition. info

Brain Injury Coalition (530) 342-3118

341 Broadway Street, Suite 311 Chico, CA 95929

#### **Butte Community College: Disabled Student Program and Services**

Support services for Butte College students with disabilities.

#### Disabled Student Program & Services (530) 895-2455

3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **Caminar For Mental Health**

A community-based non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities by providing opportunities to live in the community with dignity and independence.

Caminar (530) 343-4421

376 Rio Lindo Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

CSU, Chico Accessibility Resource Center

Support services for Chico State students with disabilities.

Accessibility Resource Center (530) 898-5959

400 W. First Street, Chico, CA 95929

Student Services Center 170

CSU, Chico Autism Clinic

Diagnostic evaluations, assessment, and programs for individuals with autism.

Autism Clinic (530) 898-6373

400 W. First Street, Chico, CA 95929

Yolo Hall Room 243

CSU, Chico Center for Communication Disorders

Speech and language services provided by graduate student clinicians.

Center for Communication Disorders (530) 898-5871

400 W. First Street, Chico, CA 95929

**Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program** 

Telecommunications Program (800) 806-1191

http://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/

**Disability Action Center** 

Free support and advocacy for individuals with special needs, including rental housing, referrals, assistive technology, durable medical equipment, etc.

Disability Action Center (530) 893-8527

1161 East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

**Disability Rights California** 

Legal advocacy for people living with disabilities.

Disability Rights (800) 776-5746

**Do-It Leisure** 

Recreation for developmentally disabled individuals. Job and life skills support for adults with developmental disabilities.

Do-lt Leisure (530) 343-6055

80 Independence Circle, Suite 200, Chico, CA 95973

**Easter Seals** 

Services for children and adults with disabilities.

Yuba City (916) 673-4585

1670 Sierra Avenue, #601, Yuba City, CA 95993

Sacramento (916) 485-6711

3205 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA 95864

#### Far Northern Regional Center

Community referrals and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Far Northern (530) 895-8633

1377 East Lassen Avenue, Chico, CA 95973

#### Handi-Riders of Northern California

Horseback riding for people living with disabilities.

Handi-Riders (530) 533-5333

1391 Clark Road, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **Hartford Place**

Apartment building for people with developmental disabilities.

Hartford Place (530) 345-2029

2058 Hartford Drive, Chico, CA 95928

#### **Home Health Care Management**

Assistance with caring for special needs individuals.

Home Health (530) 343-0727

1398 Ridgewood Drive, Chico, CA 95973

#### Meals on Wheels

Meal delivery to individuals with health concerns, disability or elderly. Delivering to Chico, Paradise, Durham, and Magalia.

Chico (530) 343-9147

#### Office of Client's Rights Advocacy

Legal advocacy for clients of Far Northern Regional Services.

Client's Rights Advocacy (530) 345-4113

1280 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit E, Chico, CA 95928

#### **Passages Caregiver Resource Center**

Services and respite care for caregivers.

Passages (530) 898-5923

25 Main Street, Suite 202, Chico, CA 95929

#### **Rowell Family Empowerment**

Information and support services for families of children with special needs.

Rowell Family Empowerment (530) 226-5129

3330 Churn Creek Road, Suite A-1, Redding, CA 96002

#### State Department of Rehabilitation

Vocational testing and job placement assistance for disabled people.

Chico (530) 895-5507

1370 E. Lassen Avenue, Suite 110, Chico, CA 95973

Oroville (530) 538-6856

78 Table Mountain Blvd., Oroville, CA 95965

#### Society for the Blind

Society for the blind is a full-service non-profit agency providing services and programs for people who are blind or who have low vision, serving 27 counties in Norther California. Society for the Blind is located in Midtown Sacramento and has been serving the community for 67 years.

Office (916) 452-8271

1238 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

Senior Impact Project (916) 889-7516

#### **State Council on Developmental Disabilities**

#### northstate@scdd.ca.gov

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities is established by state and federal law as an independent state agency to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and support they need to fully participate in their communities. Through advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change, SCDD works to achieve a consumer and family-based system of individualized services, supports, and other assistance.

Office (530) 895-4027

80 Independence Circle, Suite 210, Chico, CA 95973

#### Wings of Eagles - The Joseph Alvarez Organization

Financial assistance for families with a seriously ill children that are considered life-threatening. Apply yearly for out-of-pocket expenses.

Chico (530) 893-9231

P.O. Box 4031, Chico, CA 95927

#### **Work Training Center**

Job placement and recreation programs for adults with disabilities.

WTC (530) 343-7994

80 Independence Circle, Chico, CA 95973

## Housing

#### **City Housing Office**

www.chico.ca.us/pod/rental-assistance-and-reources

411 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chico, CA 95928

(530) 879-6300

#### Community Action Agency of Butte County

Services, resources, and advocacy for economically and socially disadvantaged individuals, including transitional housing for families, homeless prevention, energy and environmental services, and the Northstate Food Bank.

Community Action Agency – Chico Location

(530) 712-2600

181 East Shasta Avenue, Chico, CA 95973

Community Action Agency - Oroville Location

(530) 712-2600

2640 S. 5th Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **Community Housing Improvement Program**

Low income apartment rentals and credit counseling.

#### **Community Housing Improvement Program**

(530) 891-6931

1001 Willow Street, Chico, CA 95928

#### City of Oroville Housing Department

Housing programs for income qualified families.

#### **Oroville Housing Department**

(530) 538-2495

1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **Habitat for Humanity of Butte County**

Homebuilding and home repair for families who qualify for the program.

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

(530) 343-7423

220 Meyers Street, Chico, CA 95928

#### Housing Authority of the County of Butte

Housing assistance for low income residents of Butte County, including Section 8.

#### **Housing Authority**

(530) 895-4474

(530) 532-7024

(530) 532-7015

2039 Forest Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

#### **Town of Paradise Housing Program**

Deferred, low-interest loans to eligible first-time home buyers.

#### Housing Program

(530) 872-6291 ext. 122

5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969

## **Legal Services**

#### **Butte County Self Help and Referral Program (SHARP)**

Referral program for self-represented litigants.

Chico

1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

One Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965

#### **Butte County Victim Assistance Bureau**

#### victimwitness@buttecountv.net

**Oroville** 

Assistance to victims of violent crimes, including compensation and counseling.

Victim Witness (530) 538-7340

25 County Center Drive, #218, Oroville, CA95965

#### **Legal Services of Northern California**

Free legal services and assistance for low income families.

#### **Legal Services of Northern California**

(530) 345-9491

541 Normal Street, Chico, CA 95928

#### **Community Legal Information Center**

Free legal information and referrals.

| Community Legal Information Center                   | (530) 898-4354 |
|--|----------------|
| 25 Main Street, #102, Chico, CA 95928                |                |
| Superior Court of California, County of Butte County |                |
| www.buttecourt.ca.gov                                |                |
| Butte County Courthouse                              | (530) 532-7002 |
| One Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965                 |                |
| Appeals  | (530) 532-7023 |
| Court Administration                                 | (530) 532-7013 |
| Court Compliance                                     | (530) 532-7014 |
| Criminal   | (530) 532-7011 |
| Jury   | (530) 532-7001 |
| Juvenile Delinquency                                 | (530) 532-7010 |
| Mediation  | (530) 532-7003 |
| Traffic  | (530) 532-7005 |
| North Butte County Courthouse                        | (530) 532-7002 |
| 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928                 |                |
| Civil Division                                       | (530) 532-7009 |
| Court Compliance                                     | (530) 532-7014 |
| Family Law   | (530) 532-7008 |
| Juvenile Dependency                                  | (530) 532-7010 |
| Probate Division                                     | (530) 532-7017 |
| Traffic Division                                     | (530) 532-7005 |

## **Emergency Assistance Services**

#### **6th Street Center for Youth**

Safe place and services for youth ages 14-24. Offers basic services: showers, laundry, computer access, clothing, snack bags daily, and dinner. Offers free and confidential counseling.

Youth Center (530) 894-8008

130 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Chico, CA 95928

#### **American Red Cross**

Emergency shelter, food, and clothing.

Yuba City (530) 673-1460

2125 East West Onstott Frontage Road, Yuba City, CA 95991

#### **Butte County Adult Protective Services**

Report abuse occurring in Butte County. Abuse of an elder or dependent adult includes physical abuse, neglect, financial abuse, abandonment, or abduction.

Adult Protective Services (800) 664-9774

#### **Catholic Ladies Relief Society**

Help with groceries, PG&E utility bill, bus tickets, co-payment for medications, and non-narcotic prescription needs. Also recommend St. Vincent de Paul # (530)680-7917 – leave message.

Office (530) 895-8331

1386 Longfellow Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

#### Children's Services Division

Services and intervention for abused and neglected children and their families.

24-hour Abuse Hotline 1-800-400-0902

Chico Location (530) 879-3731

765 East Avenue, Suite 120 Chico, CA 95926

Oroville & Chico Mailing Address: PO Box 1649 Oroville, CA 95965 (Mailing Address)

Oroville Location (530) 538-7882

78 Table Mountain Blvd., Oroville, CA 95965

#### Father's House Church Food Pantry

Food distribution every Friday from 1:00-2:00PM.

Food Pantry (530) 534-4140

2833 Fort Wayne Street, Oroville, CA 95966

#### **Gridley Community Center**

Food distribution, WIC, parenting classes, and after school teen center.

#### Gridley Community Center

200 East Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Temporarily closed

#### **Jesus Center**

Services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Free breakfast 8:00-9:00 AM (Saturday through Sunday) and dinner 3:00-4:00 PM (Monday-Friday), showers for men currently unavailable, and showers for women currently unavailable. Emergency clothing available.

Jesus Center (530) 345-2640

1297 Park Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

#### **Oroville Hope Center**

Assistance with meals every morning around 10:00AM as well as clothing.

Hope Center (530) 538-8398

1950 Kitrick Avenue, Suite A, Oroville, CA 95966

#### **Oroville Rescue Mission**

Free meals and shelter for homeless individuals in Oroville area.

Administrative Office (530) 533-9120

2150 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Men's Shelter (530) 534-9541

(530) 538-7534

Women's Shelter (530) 533-0351

4250 Lincoln Blvd, Oroville, CA 95966

#### Salvation Army

Short-term assistance with basic needs and supplies. Food distribution twice a week. Distance learning support program through May 2021.

Toll Free (800) 728-7825

Chico (530) 342-1871

567 E. 16th St Chico, 95928

Oroville (530) 534-7155

1640 Washington Ave Oroville, 95966

#### **Torres Community Shelter**

Temporary housing and services for homeless men, women, and children. Due to COVID there are different guidelines, please call and ask for instructions. Walk-in check-in hours are pre-COVID 4:30-6:00 PM (only serving men and women here at this time). Offers breakfast, lunch, dinner, showers, laundry services, and case management.

Torres Community Shelter

(530) 891-9048

101 Silver Dollar Way, Chico, CA 95928

Aurora House (530) 891-9048

Separate location for families (currently a wait list)

## **Transportation Services**

#### **American Cancer Society**

Available help on a "case by case basis" for clients with a cancer diagnosis. Call to access financial and transportation assistance. Discount rates offered for some hotels near major hospitals. Call at least two weeks in advance.

Toll Free (800) 227-2345

www.cancer.org

#### **American Kidney Fund**

Financial assistance referral must be made from hospital social worker only. For transplant patients, will provide transportation expenses. For dialysis patients, will provide more extensive transportation support. Maximum grant for car repair is \$150 twice a year.

Toll Free (800) 638-8299

www.kidneyfund.org

#### **Angel Flight West**

Non-emergency air travel for people with serious medical conditions.

Toll Free (888) 4-AN-ANGEL

www.angelflightwest.org (888) 426-2643

#### **Butte Regional Transit**

Daily bus services and ADA para-transit services for those who qualify.

Toll Free (800) 822-8145

B- Line (530) 342-0221

326 Huss Drive, #125, Chico, CA 95928

www.blinetransit.com

#### **Adventist Health Home Care & Hospice Yuba City**

Home health and hospice care. Serves some of Butte County including Gridley/Biggs.

Adventist Health Home Care & Hospice Yuba City

(530) 673-7100

1007 Live Oak Boulevard, Suite B3, Yuba City, CA 95991 FAX: 673-7886

#### Medi-Cal Managed Care

Free transportation to your Medi-Cal medical appointments. Call your Medi-Cal provider at least 10 days before your appointment.

Anthem Blue Cross (877) 931-4755

California Health and Wellness (866) 842-0631

#### **Shriners Hospital for Children**

Free van transportation program for Shriner's patients and their families only. Must give three days prior notice.

Veronica (Shriners Representative) (916) 453-2095

Phone number for driver: (916) 202-6942

#### Wings of Eagles - The Joseph Alvarez Organization

Financial assistance for families with primarily cancer or life-threatening illnesses. \$100 per month for transportation expenses, there is also a family car repair program.

Chico (530) 893-9231

P.O. Box 4031, Chico, CA 95927

(530) 228-2398

www.wingsofeagles.org (both numbers are for Chico, Wings of Eagles is not in Redding)

#### **Work Training Center**

Transportation system offered by WTC for those unable to use public transportation.

WTC (530) 343-7994

2255 Fair Street, Chico, CA 95928

## **Transition Services**

#### **Disability Benefits 101**

Many people with disabilities fear that if they go to work, they'll lose needed health care and other disability benefits. DB101 helps people with disabilities and service providers understand the connections between work and benefits. DB101 will help you make informed choices and show you how you can make work part of your plan.

<u>ca.db101.org</u>

#### **Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP)**

The GHPP is a health care program for adults with certain genetic diseases. It helps people who are on GHPP with their health care needs. It works with doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and other members of the health care team in providing many types of health services.

GHPP

(916) 552-9105 (option #2)

MS 8100, PO Box 997413, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413 www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ghpp/Pages/default.aspx

#### **Got Transition**

Got Transition aims to improve transition from pediatric to adult health care through the use of new and innovative strategies for health professionals, and youth and families.

www.gottransition.org

#### Disability Action Center (formerly Independent Living Services of Northern California)

Disability Action Center (DAC) is a nonprofit organization helping community members with disabilities to achieve and/or maintain their optimal level of self-reliance and independence.

#### **Disability Action Center**

(530) 893-8527

1161 East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926 actionctr.org

#### Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

Promoting policies and coordinating with employers and all levels of government to increase workplace success for people with disabilities.

#### Office of Disability Employment Policy

U.S. Department of Labor

200 Constitution Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20210

1-866-ODEP-DOL or by email: odep@dol.gov.

When You're 18 You Are in Charge of Your Health

www.acphd.org/media/121171/transition health care.pdf

## **Farmers Markets**

#### **Gridley Farmers Market**

Gridley District Office (530) 846-4557

239 Sycamore Street, Gridley, CA 95948

#### **Tuesday Market**

Daddow Park: between Hazel and Sycamore Streets
June to August 5:30-8:00 PM

#### **Oroville Chico Paradise Farmers Market**

Chico Certified Farmers Markets (CCFM) (530) 893-FARM

PO Box 455, Chico, CA 95927 (530) 893-3276

chicofarmersmarket.com

#### CHICO:

#### **Wednesday Market**

North Valley Plaza Mall Parking Lot: Pillsbury Road adjacent to Trader Joe's Year Round. 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### **Thursday Night Market**

Downtown Chico: Broadway between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets April to last week of September. 6:00 - 9:00 PM

#### **Saturday Market**

Downtown Chico Municipal Parking Lot: 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & Wall Street Year Round, 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

#### **OROVILLE:**

#### **Saturday Market**

Downtown Oroville: Montgomery Street and Myers Street May to last week of October. 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Oroville Hospital Community Farmer's Market

Every Wednesday from first week of May (May 6<sup>th</sup>) to September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Dove's Landing Parking Area 1450 Oro Dam Boulevard

#### **PARADISE:**

#### **Tuesday Market**

Paradise Alliance Church Parking Lot, 6491 Clark Road 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary/TaxInfo

#### **Dorothy F. Johnson Center**

775 East 16th Street, Chico, CA 95928

Saturdays, February 1 through April 8: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

#### **CARD Community Center**

#### 545 Vallombrosa Way, Chico, CA 95926

(530)895-4711

Mondays & Wednesdays, February 1 through April 8: 12:00 to 4:00 PM

#### CSU, Chico - Bell Memorial Union 400 West 1st Street, Chico, CA 95929

Mondays & Wednesdays, February 1 through April 8. 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM (closed during Spring Break & for the Cesar Chavez Holiday)

#### Oroville Branch Library, Meeting Room

(530) 534-1833

1820 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

Tuesdays & Fridays, February 1 through April 15: 9:00 AM to noon on Fridays & 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Tuesdays for an appointment please call: (530) 332-8576

# African American Family & Cultural Center 3300 Spencer Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

(530) 532-1205

Wednesdays (Walk-in Day Only), January 23 through April 18: 9: 30 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: Call for an appointment.

## **Additional Resource Assistance**

#### Butte 211

Helpcentral.org 211

## HomeTech Charter School Calendar

#### 2023 to 2024

| Aug 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
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☐ First Day of School/Last Day of School |

No School End of Grading Period

Teacher Work Day/No School Parent Conference Week
Holidays: Important Da

September 4<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day November 10<sup>th</sup> – Veterans' Day

November 20<sup>th</sup> - November 24<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break

December 18th – January 5th – Winter Break

January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 16th - Lincoln's Birthday

February 19th - Presidents' Day

March 29th - April 5th - Spring Break

May 27th - Memorial Day

#### **Important Dates to Remember:**

August 14<sup>th</sup> - First Day of School September 22<sup>nd</sup> - First Grading Period November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Second Grading Period December 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - Parent Conferences

December 15th - End of First Semester

February 15th - Third Grading Period

April 12th - Fourth Grading Period

May 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Parent Conferences

May 28th - End of Semester/Last Day of School

## Steps To Create A Student Aeries Account

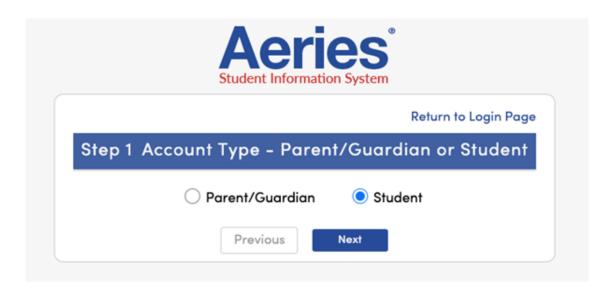
Go to the Parent Portal website: <a href="https://hometech.asp.aeries.net/student/LoginParent.aspx">https://hometech.asp.aeries.net/student/LoginParent.aspx</a>

1. Click on "Create New Account"

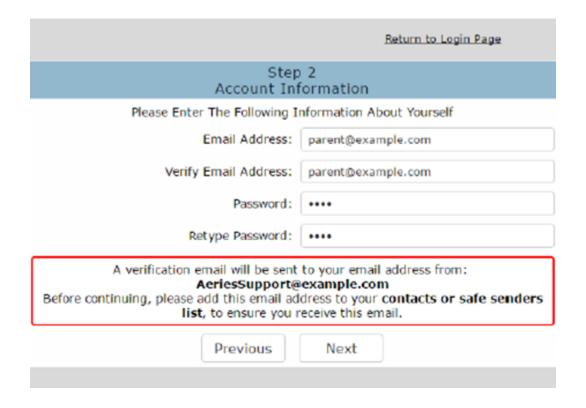
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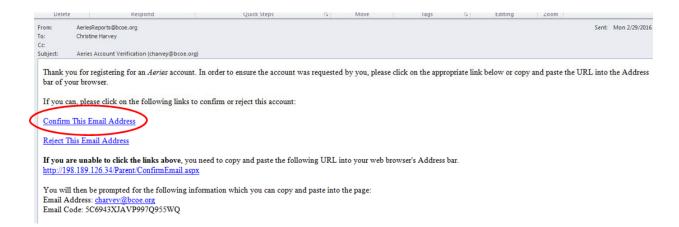
2. Choose "Student" and click "Next"



3. You will be prompted for an email address and a password to use for your new account



4. An email will be sent to the email address you entered. You must now go to your inbox and click on the "Confirm Current Email Address" link. Be sure to check your spam folder if you don't see the email in your inbox.



5. Now click on the "Return to Login Page" and login.

| Return to Login Page   |  |  |  |
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| Final Step<br>Login to Aeries  |  |  |  |
| Thank you for confirming your email address. You may now login to Aeries and link your account to a student.  Return to Login Page |  |  |  |
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6. The teacher will need to provide the student will the following information (see attached)

| Step 1 Student Verification  |    |      |  |  |  |
|--|----|------|--|--|--|
| Please Enter The Following Information About Your Student Student Permanent ID Number: |    |      |  |  |  |
| Student Home Telephone Number:   |    |      |  |  |  |
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#### **Acknowledgment of Receipt**

#### 2023-2024 Acknowledgment of Receipt and Review

Dear Parent/Guardian:

HomeTech is required to annually notify parents and legal guardians of minor students, their rights and responsibilities in accordance with Education Code section 48980. If you have any questions, or if you would like to review specific documents mentioned in the *Handbook*, please contact the school office.

Please complete the "Acknowledgment of Receipt and Review" form below and return it to the school office.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT AND REVIEW**

Pursuant to Education Code section 48982, the parent/guardian shall sign this notice and return it to the school. Signature on the notice is an acknowledgment by the parent or guardian that he or she has been informed of his or her rights and does not indicate that consent to participate in any particular program or activity has been given or withheld.

| Student Name:  |   |
|--|---|
| School:  | Grade:  |
| Parent/Guardian Name:  |   |
| Address:   |   |
| Home Telephone Number:   |   |
|  | Date:   |
| Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18)  |   |
|  | Date:   |
| Signature of Student (if student is 18 or older)   |   |
| * If you <u>do not wish directory information released</u> , please sign and return to the s<br>the district from providing the pupil's name and other information to the news me-<br>employers and similar parties (such as scholarship organizations, educational worksh<br>school year only and must be renewed annually. | dia, interested schools, parent-teacher associations, intereste |
| o Do not release directory information regarding   | Pupil's name  |
| o Do not release information to the military regarding   | Pupil's name  |
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