

Hillsboro City Schools

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2018 – 2019

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

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VISION STATEMENT

The Hillsboro City School District is the best, most innovative educational experience where all students achieve excellence in a friendly and cooperative culture.

MISSION STATEMENT

We provide a well-rounded experience that prepares each student to be successful in life.

2018-2019 SCHOOL Calendar

<http://www.hcs-k12.org/userfiles/335/my files/17-18 academic year calendar.pdf?id=51860>

AIR Tests

AIR stands for American Institute for Research and is the vendor for Ohio's state test that measures student progress toward Ohio's learning standards. It is an End-of-Course test students will earn points for graduation. Test dates click on link:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Test-Dates/2018-2019-Testing-Dates>

Assignment to Grade Level

High School students will be assigned grade levels based on their years enrolled in school.

Attendance

Success in school is directly related to attendance. Good attendance is encouraged and recognized by the Hillsboro City Schools. When returning to school after an absence, the student must report to the attendance office between 7:15 and 7:25 or upon arrival at school if arrival is later. The student must present a note from the parent or guardian. **The note must include: date(s) of absence, reason for absence, and signature of parent or guardian.**

Absences and Excuses

Under law, children between the ages of six (6) and eighteen (18) are of compulsory school age. Every person of compulsory school age must attend school, which conforms to the minimum standards as prescribed by the Ohio State Board of Education.

The Hillsboro City Board of Education requires that the student enrolled in the schools of this District attend school in accordance with the laws of the State, which shall be one thousand one hundred and twenty-two hours for grades six through twelve. The State of Ohio also ranks school

districts on their attendance rate. One of the indicators of an excellent district is that a minimum 93% attendance is achieved. The educational program offered by this District is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. The regular contact of students with one another in the classroom and their participation in a well-planned instructional activity under the tutelage of a competent teacher are vital to this purpose.

Parents are expected to notify the school of their child's absence on the first day of the absence. If the parent does not contact the school, the school will then contact the parent or guardian. In order for the absence to be excused the parent/doctor must write a signed, dated note and must meet one of the criteria listed below. The note should be sent with the student on the day he/she returns to school unless other arrangements are made with the principal. Either a parental note or telephone contact on the day of absence will serve as documentation of the absence.

Absences from school

Parental Responsibility: It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. Failure to send your child to school is a violation of Ohio School Law. Criminal charges can be filed against a parent/guardian/custodian of a child who is a habitual truant. These charges can be one of the following; Contributing, Criminal Prohibition (fail to send), Parental Educational Neglect, Child Endangering.

Child's Responsibility: It is the child's responsibility to attend school daily unless they have a valid excuse. Attending school is the child's job for at least the first 18 years of their life. Failure to attend may result in unruly or delinquency charges in the juvenile court.

A student will be considered habitually truant if the student is absent without a legitimate excuse for thirty (30) or more consecutive hours, for forty-two (42) or more hours in one (1) month, or seventy-two (72) or more hours in one (1) school year.

Absences that may be excused are:

- Personal illness.
- Doctors, Dentists, etc. appointments.
- Death of a member of the immediate family.
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Other circumstances as pre-approved by the principal or designee

*Sometimes it becomes necessary for families to take vacation or for students to be absent due to family or social obligations. Such absences are to be handled by receiving prior permission from the principal. Absences for any of these reasons that are not approved by prior permission will be considered unexcused.

The maximum number of excused absences a student will be allowed is 8 per school year. An acceptable note from the parent or guardian must document these absences. Absences exceeding 8 days may only be permitted at the discretion of the principal. Penalties may apply for absences over eight days.

Absences, which are unexcused, include the following:

- Truancy.
- Suspension from school.
- Absences not accompanied by a note from the parent/guardian upon returning to school. Students have 5 days to bring in a note or doctor's excuse or it will remain unexcused.

- All absences not covered under excused absences

Actions Taken by the School for Absences

The school will attempt to contact the parent/guardian to notify them when the student's absence with or without an excuse reaches thirty-eight (38) plus hours in a school month or sixty-five (65) plus hours in a school year to prevent habitual truancy.

The school will attempt to notify the guardian that there will be an action intervention team formed, that the guardian will be invited to be part, when the student reaches "habitually truant" status. A mediation meeting with the team will be scheduled and required for guardian and the student to participate. This team will meet to determine an absence/truancy intervention plan for the student before any further action is taken by the school to report the truancy to the court system (see action intervention team, and absence/truancy intervention plan below). As long as the student and guardian cooperate with the plan, the court would not be notified.

A student will be reported to the BMV for driver's license suspension when student has unexcused absences of sixty (60) plus hours in a month or ninety (90) plus hours in a year.

Absence Intervention Team (AIT)

An Absence Intervention Team will be formed when a student reaches the designation of "habitually truant". The team will consist of two district/school representatives and the student's parent or guardian will be invited to participate.

Absence/Truancy Intervention Plan

This is created by the AIT that will be a contract between the student, parent, and school to help enforce with accountability the student's attendance to aid in eliminating tardies and absences. Each plan will vary, based on the needs of the student.

A court complaint WILL be filed sixty-one (61) days after implementation of the intervention plan if the student has refused to participate or failed to make satisfactory progress.

Students 18 Years of Age and Older

Students 18 years old or older must also follow the attendance guidelines. Failure to follow the attendance policy may result in other alternative forms of discipline. (For example, a student's driving privileges may be revoked until satisfactory progress made in attendance.)

Late Arrival to School/Early Dismissal from School

Arrival at school after 7:30 a.m. and before 9:08 a.m. will be considered tardy. All students who do not arrive at school before 7:30 must check in and receive a late pass to enter class from the attendance office. Arriving at school after 9:08 a.m. will be considered an A.M. absence (excused or unexcused).

It is the student's responsibility to sign in and get a tardy pass. If a student has a planned early dismissal he or she should give the note to the attendance office before 7:30 in the morning. Students leaving after 1:08 will be given an early dismissal. If a student leaves before 1:08 then a half day absence is assigned.

***A student who skips "10th period" (see Working Lunch/ and 10th period section for details) will be considered tardy/truant. Truancy and unruliness could be filed using 10th period.**

Tardy Policy

Tardiness occurs when the students are not in the room when the bell stops ringing. Tardiness disrupts the learning environment and interrupts the teaching and learning process. Excessive tardiness will not be tolerated.

Penalties for Tardiness

Tardies to school time will be added to your accumulated hourly/minutes towards habitually truant. Tardies to school or class may result in disciplinary actions such as lunch detention, in school suspension, after school detention (10th period), loss of driving privileges, out of school suspension, or placement in Alternative School.

Backpacks/Gym Bags

High School student's backpacks and gym bags may be used to carry books and other personal items to and from school and class. All backpacks and gym bags must be stored in a locker or under student desks during class.

Middle School student's backpacks and gym bags will be required to be kept in lockers during school days due to proximity of classrooms and lockers.

Behavior Intervention Program (BIP)

The goal of the BIP Program is to provide an educationally sound alternative to Out of School Suspension of students for disciplinary reasons. The BIP Program will not totally replace the Out Of School Suspension, but instead will be used in some offenses as an alternative.

Students must successfully serve all assigned days in BIP before they can return to regular classes, which means, that students must complete all class work and/or behavior study assignments and not be referred to the office for violating any of the BIP rules.

BIP Rules

- All students must have all schoolbooks, assignments, materials, pencils, pens, etc. when they arrive at the unit each day.
- Students must complete all assigned work and be responsible to return the work to their teachers.
- No sleeping.
- All other rules in the student code of conduct apply
- No use of PCD.

High School/Middle School Bell Schedule

HHS Regular Schedule

Time	Period
7:30-8:18	1
8:22-9:10	2
9:14-10:02	3
10:06-10:54	4
10:58-11:46	5
11:46-12:16	6 Lunch A

12:16-12:46	6 Lunch B
12:50-1:38	7
1:42-2:30	8

HHS 2-hour delay Schedule

Time	Period
9:30-10:01	1
10:05-10:36	2
10:40-11:11	3
11:15-11:46	4
11:50-12:21	5
12:21-12:51	6 Lunch/Homeroom A
12:51-1:21	6 Lunch/Homeroom B
1:25-1:56	7
2:00-2:30	8

HHS Assembly Schedule

Time	Period
7:30 – 8:07	1
8:11-8:48	2
8:52-9:29	3
9:33-10:10	7
10:12-10:45	4 th
10:49-11:22	5 th
11:26 – 11:59	6 Lunch/Homeroom A
12:32-1:05	6 Lunch/Homeroom B
1:09- 1:42	8

6th Grade Schedule

Time	Period
7:30-8:15	1
8:19-9:04	2
9:08-9:53	3
9:53-10:23	Lunch A
10:27-11:12	4
11:16- 12:01	5
12:05-12:50	6
12:54-1:39	7
1:43-2:30	8

7th and 8th Grade Schedule

Time	Period
7:30-8:15	1
8:19-9:04	2
9:08-9:53	3
9:57-10:42	4
10:42-11:12	Lunch B
11:16- 12:01	5
12:05-12:50	6
12:54-1:39	7
1:43-2:30	8

MS 2 HR Delay Schedule: 2018/2019

Time	Period
9:30 – 10:01	1
10:05-10:36	2
10:40 – 11:11	3
11:15-11:46	Lunch A or 4 th
11:50-12:21	Lunch B or 4 th
12:21-12:51	5 period
12:51-1:21	6
1:25-1:56	7
2:00 – 2:30	8

MS Assembly Schedule 2018-2019

Time	Period
7:30 – 8:07	1
8:11-8:48	2
8:52-9:29	3
9:33-10:10	7
10:12-10:45	4 th or 6 th grade lunch
10:49-11:22	4 th or 7/8 th Lunch
11:26 – 11:59	5
12:32-1:05	6
1:09- 1:42	8

Bullying Policy (Board Policy 5517.01)

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. The Board encourages the promotion of positive interpersonal relations between members of the school community.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. This prohibition includes aggressive behavior, physical, verbal, and psychological abuse. The Board of Education will not tolerate any gestures, comments, threats, or actions which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm or personal degradation. This policy applies to all activities in the District, including activities on school property or while in route to or from school, and those occurring off school property if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the school's control, in a school vehicle, or where an employee is engaged in school business.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means any intentional written, verbal, graphic, or physical act that a student or group of students exhibits toward another particular student(s) more than once and the behavior causes mental or physical harm to the other student(s) and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student(s). Aggressive behavior is defined as inappropriate conduct that is repeated enough, or serious enough, to negatively impact a student's educational, physical, or emotional well-being. This type of behavior is a form of intimidation and harassment, although it need not be based on any of the legally protected characteristics, such as sex, race, color, national origin, marital status, or disability. It would include, but not be limited to, such behaviors as stalking, bullying/cyber bullying, intimidating, menacing, coercion, name-calling, taunting, making threats, and hazing.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying also means electronically transmitted acts (i.e., internet, e-mail, cellular telephone, personal digital assistance (PDA), or wireless hand-held device) that a student(s) or a group of students exhibits toward another particular student(s) more than once and the behavior causes mental or physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student(s).

Any student or student's parent/guardian who believes s/he has been or is the victim of aggressive behavior should immediately report the situation to the building principal or assistant principal, or the Superintendent. The student may also report concerns to teachers and other school staff who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate administrator or Board official. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the Superintendent. Complaints against the Superintendent should be filed with the Board President.

Every student is encouraged, and every staff member is required, to report any situation that they believe to be aggressive behavior directed toward a student. Reports may be made to those identified above.

All complaints about aggressive behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated. The building principal or appropriate administrator shall prepare a written report of the investigation upon completion. Such report shall include findings of fact, a determination of whether acts of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying were verified, and, when prohibited acts are verified, a recommendation for intervention, including disciplinary action shall be included in the report. Where appropriate, written witness statements shall be attached to the report.

If the investigation finds an instance of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate remedial and/or disciplinary action. This may include up to expulsion for students, up to discharge for employees, exclusion for parents, guests, volunteers,

and contractors, and removal from any official position and/or a request to resign for Board members. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

Retaliation against any person, who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning allegations of aggressive behavior is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy and independent of whether a complaint is substantiated. Suspected retaliation should be reported in the same manner as aggressive behavior. Making intentionally false reports about aggressive behavior for the purpose of getting someone in trouble is similarly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation and intentionally made false reports may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

If a student or other individual believes there has been aggressive behavior, regardless of whether it fits a particular definition, she/he should report it and allow the administration to determine the appropriate course of action.

This policy shall not be interpreted to infringe upon the First Amendment rights of students (i.e., to prohibit a reasoned and civil exchange of opinions, or debate, that is conducted at appropriate times and places during the school day and is protected by State or Federal law).

The complainant shall be notified of the findings of the investigation, and as appropriate, that remedial action has been taken. If after investigation, acts of bullying against a specific student are verified, the building principal or appropriate administrator shall notify the parent/guardian of the victim of such finding. In providing such notification care shall be taken to respect the statutory privacy rights of the perpetrator of such harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying.

If after investigation, act of harassment, intimidate, and/or bullying by a specific student are verified, the building principal or appropriate administrator shall notify in writing the parent/guardian of the perpetrator of that finding. If disciplinary consequences are imposed against such student, a description of such discipline shall be included in the notification.

Bus Procedures

Good behavior by students on school transportation is essential to insuring the safety of all. All school rules are in effect on the bus. Behavior that disrupts or endangers the safety of others will not be tolerated and may result in suspension and/or loss of bus riding privileges. Transportation on school buses is not a guaranteed right and may be revoked for inappropriate behavior.

*Notes (**from both parties**) to ride home on a different bus or to be dropped off at a different location must be pre-approved in the office.

*Due to limited space, only one student will be permitted to ride the bus home with another student. These notes must also be pre-approved in the office. However, this is a privilege which is not guaranteed and is subject to space and administrative approval.

Personal Communication Devices (PCDs)

Students may use personal communication devices (PCDs) before and after school, during their lunch break, in between classes as long as they do not create a distraction, disruption or otherwise interfere with the educational environment, during after school activities at school related functions. Use of PCDs, except those approved by a teacher or administrator, at any other time is prohibited and they **must be powered completely off** and stored out of sight. For a complete PCD policy please see board policy 5136. Parents who need to contact students should call the high school office at 393-3485 or the middle school office at 393-9877. Parents or family members should not contact their students via cell phones during the school day. The penalties below will be in effect if this policy is violated.

1st Offense: Confiscation- the item will be returned the following day after school.

2nd Offense: Confiscation- the item will be returned 3 school days later after school.

3rd Offense: Confiscation- the item will be returned 5 school days later after school.

4th Offense: Confiscation- the item will be returned 10 school days later after school.

The above consequences may span the course of a weekend and those days do not count toward the total days that the item will be confiscated. The number of days of the confiscation only includes school days. In some cases, items may need to be returned early. In these situations, an alternative penalty of BIP for each remaining day will be imposed. Each offense after the 4th offense will be at the discretion of the administration.

If students have emergencies in which they need to use their phones, they need to come to the office to obtain permission or use an office phone.

*Confiscated items will be locked and stored in the office with student names on them.
Board Policy 5136

***Possession of a PCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extra-curricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege.**

***Hillsboro City Schools will not be responsible for lost or stolen PCDs.**

Computer Use

Hillsboro City Schools is pleased to offer its students access to improving technologies and access to networks. To gain access to these networks, students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return the "Acceptable Use Agreement". Students 18 years of age or older may sign their own forms.

The following is Prohibited Conduct:

1. Accessing, sending or displaying inappropriate, offensive or obscene messages or pictures, as determined to be inappropriate, offensive or obscene by the administration.
2. Using obscene or inappropriate language as determined to be inappropriate or obscene by the administration.
3. Harassing, insulting, threatening or attacking any individual. (Students, Teachers, Administration, any other staff or volunteers)
4. Vandalizing and/or theft of computers, software, computer systems or computer networks.
5. Violating copyrights laws, such as, but not limited to:
 - A. Copying/downloading web sites to create another web site.
 - B. Copying a set of hypertext links exactly from another web site.
 - C. Copying graphics, i.e., Company Logos, Designs or Animations.
 - D. Copying /downloading of any unauthorized program.
6. Using another person's personal computer log-on identification.
7. Revealing your personal computer log-on identification or those of other students or staff members.
8. Sharing confidential information about other students or staff members.
9. Users should never give out private or confidential information about themselves or other individuals on the internet, particularly, home address, phone numbers, credit card numbers and or social security numbers.
10. Forwarding personal communication without the author's prior consent.
11. Trespassing on others' folders, work areas, storage areas or files.
12. Intentionally wasting limited resources, such as network time and or consumables.
13. Employing the network for commercial purposes such as running a business or buying and or selling products via the internet.
14. Engaging in practices that threaten the network.

15. Participating in hacking activities or any form of unauthorized access to other computers, networks, websites, or information systems.
16. The system shall not be used to encourage use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or promotion of unethical practices or activity prohibited by law or Board Policy.
17. Promoting, supporting or celebrating religion or religious institutions.
18. Any act which would constitute a violation of any law, Board Policy or the Student Code of Conduct.
19. Improper use on computers during or after school hours that cause a disruption to the educational environment.

Dances

Throughout the school year both the high school and middle school will be holding dances. These activities are a privilege not a right. The behavior of a student and attendance throughout the school year can determine whether or not a student is permitted to attend these functions. No high school students are permitted to attend, and guests from other schools are not permitted at middle school dances. Middle school students are not permitted to attend high school dances.

*Middle school students are not permitted to bring a guest who is not enrolled in Hillsboro Middle School.

*For some **High School** dances, the administration may approve attire that does not completely follow the existing dress code. Dress must remain modest but allowances can be made for formal dresses etc. A high school student who brings a guest from another school must fill out a permission slip and turn it in to the office one week prior to the dance and the guest must have a photo ID which includes date of birth. The age limit for high school dances is 20.

Again, this allowance will be with administrative permission only.

Dress Code

1. Some clothing and accessories are in bad taste and may be distracting towards academic, college and/or career success. Students attending functions outside of the school and representing the school should dress appropriately for the activity and setting.
2. Students shall not wear spaghetti straps or strapless garments. Garments that are cut low or expose one's midriff are not acceptable. Garments that are translucent/netted/fish net revealing undergarments and/or midriff are not acceptable.
3. Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length, even when wearing tights or other longer undergarments. Holes are acceptable as long as they are below fingertip length
4. Students may not wear hats, caps, headwear, sunglasses at any time in the classroom. Headphones may be used for instructional and academic needs only.
5. Pants must be worn at the natural waist and may not drag the ground.
6. No student shall wear or exhibit shirts, badges, pins, etc., with suggestive/objectionable language or symbols. No items, which represent alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, shall be worn.
7. Hooded sweatshirts are permitted but the hoods must remain down during the school day.
8. Students shall have no visible body piercing other than ears and single stud in the nose.
9. Students who have classes in the shop or in classes in which cooking takes place must wear closed toe shoes during that time.
10. No chains, studs, or hanging straps.
11. For safety purposes slippers, blankets, and/or house shoes are not permitted.
12. Other disruptive attire or appearance will be judged by the administration. Teachers and staff have the authority to set additional rules within their classroom or organizations/clubs.

*These policies shall be in effect at all school functions where the student is officially representing the school.

*Students will be given two options to correct dress code: They will either wear school supplied clothing or go home and change. If neither of these options are available the student will spend the school day in the BIP room.

Emergency Medical Form

All students are required to fill out an emergency medical form and return it to the main office. These forms need to be filled out completely so the appropriate people can be easily notified in the event of an emergency while at school or at a school function. The forms are filed in the main office, nurse's office and are taken with school officials on field trips or other school functions.

***If forms are not turned into the office, students may be removed and withheld from school until the form is completed and received by the office. Deadline is by the fifth school day of the year.**

Extracurricular Participation and Code of Conduct

High School Eligibility

A student must maintain a minimum GPA of 1.5, which is a C average. This GPA must be maintained while earning a minimum of five (5) credits in a nine-week grading period as calculated on a yearly basis according to the semester format. (i.e., one double block class translates to: 1 credit x 2 semesters/year = 2 credits for the year).

Middle School Eligibility

Middle school students must maintain a 1.5 GPA and maintain passing grades in 5 courses.

The Athletic Director will monitor eligibility for athletes, while Advisors/Coordinators will monitor progress for all other activities. The student and parents will be notified by the Athletic Director, Advisor/Coordinator, or principal if the student becomes ineligible and cannot compete.

Any team member/participant in extracurricular activities in grades 6-12 must be in attendance by 9:00. If not, they are ineligible to participate in practice, games, or any other extracurricular activity that day.

Extracurricular activities are those activities that ordinarily occur outside the school day that are sponsored by Hillsboro Board of Education and do not have a written course of study. Students volunteer to participate in extracurricular programs and are expected to accept the responsibilities associated with their choice. It is a privilege to represent the Hillsboro Schools in these extracurricular activities. As representatives of the Hillsboro Schools, students are expected to be committed to a high degree of conduct and set a positive example for all students throughout their time of participation. The principal on a case-by-case basis will determine exceptions to these guidelines.

****School disciplinary action takes precedent over athletic.**

****Other athletic requirements are outlined in the Student Athlete Handbook which is available both on-line and in the athletic office.**

Field Trips

Students who may be planning on attending a field trip must meet the following criteria:

1. At least 93% attendance rate.

2. Must be in good academic standing.
3. Must have a good behavioral history. Discipline infractions may limit a student's permission to participate.
4. All work is to be made up by the students attending field trips. It will be the responsibility of the student to get assignments or tests missed.

*Appeals may be made by students or teachers to the administration. Students who are unable to attend the trip may not be eligible for a refund.

Food & Nutrition Services

*The price for meals will be breakfast is free and lunch is \$2.50.

Lunch

Students may not leave the school campus during lunch. All students will report to the cafeteria during their assigned lunch period. All other areas are off limits. Students will remain inside the cafeteria during lunch period. No food or drink is permitted outside of the cafeteria area unless otherwise approved by a teacher or administrator. Students may not have any food delivered to the school at any time by outside vendors. Parents may bring food for their individual student only.

Charging policy

We allow students to charge meals because good nutrition is essential to learning, and we understand that sometimes children forget or lose their money. As we are a non-profit agency, we depend on everyone to pay their charges in order to keep costs low.

The charge limit is five lunches or a \$12.50 negative balance. No a la carte items may be charged to the account after student's account has reached the charge limit. *Your student will receive a bag lunch that is charged to account at the paid lunch price.* The bagged lunch includes peanut butter and jelly sandwich/ or cheese sandwich, apple sauce and/ or fruit, vegetable bar, and milk.

Food and Drink

With the exception of home room and breakfast; unless approved by a staff member all food and drink must be kept in the cafeteria with the exception of water. High School Students only may carry bottled water to classrooms under the following guidelines: (All items including water will be forbidden in science and technology labs.)

1. Water must be carried in a clear plastic container.
2. Contents may be checked any time.
3. This is a privilege and may be revoked at any time due to disruption of the learning process or damage to the building.
4. **ALL OTHER ITEMS NOT STORED IN LOCKERS WILL BE CONFISCATED AND THROWN AWAY.**

Gifted Identification - House Bill 282

Any parent/guardian interested in the policy and plan for Gifted Identification may contact the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Diane Michael, at Hillsboro City Schools Central Office or by phone at 393-3475. Information concerning the TAG program may be found on our website www.hcs-k12.org.

Graduation Requirements (see course registration handbook)

HHS/HMS Marking System

Hillsboro High School has a standard grading procedure, as well as additional notations that may indicate work in progress or incomplete work. The purpose of the grade is to indicate the extent to which the student has acquired the necessary learning. Students are assigned grades based upon test results, homework, projects and classroom participation. Each teacher may place a different emphasis on these areas in determining a grade and will inform the students at the beginning of the course work. The Middle School will also have courses in which students will earn S (Satisfactory) and U (Unsatisfactory). These courses will not be factored into the student's GPA.

*The following grading scale will be utilized to determine grades using numerical averages:

92-100	A	85-91	B	I- Incomplete
75-84	C	65-74	D	WF- Withdraw Fail
64-	F			P/F- Pass/Fail

Weighting Grades

AP Courses

AP courses will be given extra weight through awarding A = 5 points, B = 4 points, C = 3 points, D = 2 points and F = 0 points.

Honors Courses

Honors courses will be given extra weight through A = 4.5, B = 3.5, C = 2.5, D = 1.5 and F = 0 points. Upon completion of the course, weighted grades could give an advantage to a student for Grade Point Average calculation and Class Rank determination. The student transcript received upon graduation would reflect this advantage if applicable.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Grade point average will be calculated to determine class rank as well as Valedictorian and Salutatorian in high school. GPA will be calculated on a 5 point scale. Traditional, Honors, and AP classes will be calculated as follows.

Traditional	Honors	AP
A = 4.0	A = 4.5	A = 5.0
B = 3.0	B = 3.5	B = 4.0
C = 2.0	C = 2.5	C = 3.0
D = 1.0	D = 1.5	D = 2.0
F = 0.0	F = 0.0	F = 0.0

Valedictorian/Salutatorian (See course registration handbook)

Hall Passes

Students must have a hall pass to be in the hallway during class time and sign in and out of class. Students who do not have a pass and sign in and out of class will have an appropriate consequence and could lose their privilege of leaving a classroom.

Homecoming/Prom Court

In order to be eligible to be a member of the Homecoming or Prom Court and be eligible to be elected King or Queen, students must meet the following requirements.

1. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0

2. Cumulative attendance rate of at least 93% in the current school year.
3. No suspensions from school OR extra-curricular activities while in high school.

*Students suspended for minor offenses as freshman may petition the administration for an appeal

Honor Roll

The Honor Roll will be reported at the end of each grading period. Students receiving a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.49 will be listed on the Honor Roll. Students receiving a grade point average of 3.50 to 4.00 will be listed on the High Honor Roll. The principal may revoke Honor roll privileges if the student is involved in disciplinary actions that result in detention or suspension from school. Students receiving a letter grade of D or F will not be listed on the Honor Roll. Middle School students are required to have all A's and B's to be eligible.

Illness While at School

Students who become ill during the day should ask the teacher for permission to go to the nurse's office or to the main office. Students need to have a pass except in emergency situations. The nurse or administration will decide the next step to be taken. Students are not to use cell phones to call home because it then becomes impossible for the office to keep track of the students. All calls home need to be made from the main offices or from the nurse's office.

Contagious Illness Fact sheets- This can be found on our website on the nurses page at www.hcs-k12.org. This covers facts on bacterial meningitis, bed bugs, conjunctivitis, head lice, impetigo, infectious mononucleosis, influenza, measles, mumps, pertussis, scabies, staphylococcus aureus, strep throat, scarlet fever, varicella-zoster disease, and viral meningitis.

Lockers

Lockers are issued to students at the beginning of the year by the homeroom teacher. Your locker must be kept closed and locked at all times. Do not tell other students your locker combination. The school is not responsible for items missing from lockers; therefore, students are cautioned not to keep money or other valuables in lockers. Each student is responsible for keeping his or her assigned locker clean both inside and outside. Stickers and other materials that leave a gummy residue are prohibited on lockers. Damages caused by misuse or abuse will be charged to the student responsible. Any locker malfunction should be reported to the appropriate office for repair. Students must remain in assigned lockers. Changes can be made only with the approval of the administration. Students caught changing lockers without permission will be denied the use of a locker or subject to other disciplinary action. Lockers are the property of the school and may be searched by the administration. (Board Policy 5771).

Canine Alert

School officials need reasonable suspicion to search a student or their property (this includes vehicles). A canine alert is a form of reasonable suspicion.

Make-Up Work Policy

Students who miss school will be permitted to make up work. Students will have one day to make up work per each day missed. It is the responsibility of the student to make up all work missed due to absences, field trips, college visits, suspensions from school or any other reason that causes an absence.

National Honor Society

Application Process

All juniors and seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the end of the year are invited in October to apply for membership in the Hillsboro Chapter of the National Honor Society. You will be asked to fill out an application including information about scholarship, leadership, service and character. The application must be submitted to the advisor by the due date. All applications are given to the faculty council and each application is examined anonymously.

Nominations to NHS are based upon the following criteria:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Service
- Character

National Junior Honor Society

The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and encourage citizenship in the students of middle school.

The selection process will be as follows: At the end of the first nine weeks of the school year, all members of the 7th and 8th grade with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will be invited to apply. Applications must be submitted by the candidate in the proper format and will be evaluated anonymously by a five-member faculty council appointed by the principal. All applications must be submitted to the advisor by the due date. A rubric will be used to evaluate a candidate's application. The final decision will be made by the faculty council.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

It is highly recommended that you call into the school to reserve your conference time. Our conference time is from 3pm to 7pm.

Dates: 11/15/18, 3/7/19

*(open house) Date and time: 6th grade on 8/8 at 4-6:30pm and 7-12th grade on 8/9 at 4-6pm

Prevention Services

We provide our students with prevention services throughout the school year. The services are an attempt to provide a safe place students can discuss tough issues they may face in their lives such as peer pressure, drug and alcohol use/abuse, violence and other forms of behaviors. Students may schedule individual or group sessions with the prevention specialist. All sessions are totally confidential unless the specialist determines that the individual or other people are in danger.

Student Code of Conduct

The items in this code are applicable to all students when under the authority of school personnel during a school activity, function, or event whether on property owned, rented, or otherwise used or maintained by the Hillsboro City School District Board of Education or property owned, rented, or maintained by another party. Additionally, the provisions of this Code shall apply to students if the prohibited act(s) takes place while on properties immediately adjacent to school property, while in line of sight of school property, on school transportation, or if the act otherwise affects the operation of the schools.

Rules of Conduct

We ask and expect our students to be respectful, responsible, and productive here at school, school sponsored events/activities, and in representing our school out in the community. Therefore, we have established these rules of conduct for our students to abide by.

Violation by a student/staff member of any one or more of the following rules of conduct may result in disciplinary action, which will include reprimands, community service, detention, loss of privileges, parental contact, referral to legal authorities, emergency removal, disciplinary removal, alternative school, out of school suspension and/or expulsion. A student will be suspended pending the outcome of expulsion proceedings.

The goal of the administrative action to any infraction of the rules of conduct is to change the behavior of the student. It is for that reason that the actions may not be identical for each student with similar infractions. The administration reserves the right to choose the action that will most likely prevent the infraction from occurring multiple times. If disciplinary action is not served the next step of discipline will be assigned.

Prohibited behaviors include:

1. Insubordination and/or disrespect (failure to comply with directions)
2. Truancy, tardiness, or class cutting
3. Tobacco use or possession, including e-cigarettes/vapor pens, and lighters
4. Use of profane, vulgar, obscene or other improper language or gestures (gross disrespect)
5. Violation of Bus Conduct requirements
6. Gambling
7. Violation of dress code
8. Forgery and false reports
9. Distribution of unauthorized printed material
10. Disruption of school and/or disruptive behavior
11. Drugs, alcohol, counterfeit controlled substances, prescription, look-a-like substances, sharpie markers
12. Weapons and/or dangerous instruments, "look-a-like" weapons
13. Misuse and/or abuse of school property
14. Assault on or abusive language towards a school employee, student or other person
15. Fighting
16. Violation of federal, state, or local statutes
17. Cheating
18. Plagiarism
19. Arson, vandalism, damage, destruction, or theft of school or private property
20. Commission of an immoral act
21. Failure to pay tuition or other approved charges
22. Repeated acts of misconduct (classroom disruption)
23. Inappropriate personal items, which are disruptive to the educational setting, will be confiscated. Examples: squirt guns, radios, skateboards, headsets, cellular phones, lasers, pagers, IPODS, hand held game devices, etc.
24. Public display of affection (PDA)
25. Contributing to another's misconduct
26. Gang Activity
27. Violation of the technology agreement
28. Possession of pornographic materials
29. Misuse of personal communication devices (PCD's)
30. Harassment/intimidation; includes sexual, physical, or emotional

31. Physical aggression

*****Zero Tolerance Board Policy 5600*****

Any behavior by a student, which is violent, disruptive, against State or Federal law, and/or inappropriate, is strictly prohibited and will result in student discipline, which may include suspension, expulsion, and removal from school. This provision shall be applicable during regularly scheduled school hours as well as at other school-related times and places where school personnel or representatives have jurisdiction over students.

Suspension From School Board Policy 8.31

Serious violations of school rules of conduct will result in suspension from school for a specific number of days. To be suspended from school means that while you are suspended you are not allowed to come on school property, attend classes, or attend or participate in extracurricular activities or any other school function either on our grounds or at a location that HHS/HMS is visiting.

The offenses for which one can be suspended are outlined in the student rules of conduct. These guidelines will be followed:

- A. First suspension - 1 Day suspension. (Fighting carries 5-day suspension for the 1st offense, 7 days for 1st violation of assault). Gross disrespect will result in a 3- day suspension for the 1st offense.
 - B. Second suspension - 3-Day suspension. Parents and student may meet with principal for conference during suspension or upon return to school after the suspension. (2nd offense for fighting has a 10-day suspension, 2nd offense for assault carries a 10-day suspension with a recommendation for expulsion). 2nd offense for gross disrespect will carry a five day suspension.
 - C. Third Offense- 5-day suspension.
 - D. Fourth suspension - 10-Day suspension and recommendation for expulsion up to 80 days. Student is ineligible for all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the year.
- For educational value a student may make up work for full credit that they miss while suspended. Allowing the student one day per suspended day to make up work. For example, a student is suspended for 3 days and therefore they will have three days after their last suspension day to make up any missed work.
 - The administration may deem it necessary to skip steps dependent upon the severity of behaviors demonstrated.

Tobacco: Use and Possession

Students who have been caught using or possessing tobacco in any form or in possession of objects used to light or use tobacco products are subject to disciplinary penalties explained in the Suspension from School section of this handbook. This policy also applies at any school function both on Hillsboro City Schools' property and at any site in which Hillsboro High/Middle School is participating.

Student Council

Student Council at Hillsboro High School and Hillsboro Middle School exists to promote pride in Hillsboro City Schools, to provide service to the community, and personal growth in the student body. Student Council sponsors events that are centered on increasing school spirit, organizes and directs activities to assist charitable organizations and volunteer personal time to help

improve the community, and leads by example to impress upon fellow student what can be achieved with dedication and self-sacrifice.

Student Council Officer Responsibilities

Holding an office in Student Council requires a sincere commitment from all officers. Officers will treat their position with the utmost respect, and fulfill their duty to the furthest extent possible. Officers provide leadership and direction for the rest of the council; therefore, it is imperative they attend all meetings and events.

Student Council Offices include:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Home Room Representatives

Student Council (Middle School)

The mission of Middle School Student Council is to promote pride in HMS, service to the community and to be an outstanding student example for others.

- Objectives:**
1. Organize and direct activities at HMS.
 2. Collect funds for charitable causes.
 3. Choose community service projects that we can accomplish together as well as set personal goals.
 4. Lead by example by having excellent behavior, a service attitude and good work ethics.

Student Medication at School (ORC 3313.713)

Many students are able to attend school regularly only through effective use of medication in the treatment of chronic disabilities or illnesses that will not hinder the health and welfare of others. We strongly recommend that medication be administered at home. If this cannot be done, any student who is required to take medication during the regular school day must comply with the following policy and procedures:

General Guidelines

1. No student is allowed to provide or sell any type of medication.
2. Students are not permitted to carry any medication on them at any time. If a student is required to take medication at school, it will be stored in a secured location.
3. The Board of Education shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness.
4. Students are not allowed to self-medicate. Parents may come to school to administer medication to their child; otherwise, only designated school personnel will administer medication to students.
5. Medication forms may be picked up in the clinic or office of your child's school. **NO MEDICATION WILL BE DISPENSED WITHOUT THE PROPER DRUG FORM.**

Prescription Medications

1. Prescription medication to be taken at school should remain in the original container and must be labeled with a pharmacy label, which includes the student's name, the date, the name of the medication, and the time and intervals the medication is to be taken.
2. The prescription drug form is to be completed by the doctor before any medication will be given to your child. The completed form and the medication are to be brought to the clinic by a parent or an adult designated by the parent and given to an appointed school official. The parent or guardian must submit a revised physician's form if any of the information changes.
3. Students are permitted to carry, and self-medicate with, asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto injectors, provided the student has a completed physician's form on file in the clinic stating such. The parent or guardian will provide backup medication to the clinic in the event the student leaves the inhaler or auto injector at home.

Nonprescription Medications

1. Before any non-prescribed medication may be administered, the Board of Education requires parents to complete the Parent Request form for school personnel to administer nonprescription medication at school, which includes a waiver of any liability of the District for the administration of the medication.
2. Any student in grades K-12 may have non-prescription medication administered by authorized school personnel when the parent request form is on file in the clinic. Nonprescription medication must be in its original, unopened container and is to be delivered to the clinic by a parent or an adult a parent designates.
3. Because nonprescription medication manufacturers recommend consulting with your physician for proper dosing, school personnel will not be held liable for improper dosing by following a parent's dosage request. School personnel will not administer a dosage that exceeds the maximum manufacturer's dosage without a physician's order.

Student Parking Procedures

- Parking on school property is a privilege. Only students with parking permits may park on school property.
- There will be a cost for this permit. This permit will allow a student to park in a designated student parking area. Cars must be parked in parking spaces only.
- Students violating these rules and drive or park in an unsafe, reckless or inappropriate way may lose all driving and parking privileges.
- Students shall not be in the parking lot during the school day unless they have permission.
- The administration may issue special parking permits for unique situations.
- Students who are truant and have excessive tardiness to school may lose all parking privileges.

Test Dates 2018-2019

EOC (End-of Course Assessments)

There are seven end-of-course assessments. For each of the seven tests, a student earns one to five graduation points. Students have the potential to earn a total of 35 points. To meet this graduation option, a student must earn a minimum number of 18 points from all tests.

This graduation option gives a student flexibility in accumulating 18 points. A high score on one test can balance a low score on another test. A student must earn a total of at least four points on

English tests, four points on math tests and six points on science and social studies tests. (See AIR Tests)

SRI/SMI

HS/HMS is utilizing the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) and Scholastic Math Inventory (SMI) to help make instructional decisions for our students.

- SMI/SRI will be given to all students in grades 6-12 at least once this school year.
- Currently 9th grade students who fall below the proficient level will be given the assessment 3 times per academic year (Fall, Winter, and Spring.)
- SRI/SMI are computer-based, multiple choice assessments between 20-30 questions covering Common Core Standards in Mathematics and Reading.
- SRI/SMI assessments have no time limit –but the majority of students finish each assessment in 20-30 minutes.
- These assessments adjust to the academic level of each student.
- Teachers receive a Lexile Score for each student indicating their reading level and a Quantile Score indicating their academic readiness in mathematics.
- These scores will be accessible to students and parents.

-SRI/SMI scores are listed below to help you interpret your students score:

SMI

Grade	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
6	EM-640	645-775	750-950	955-1350
7	EM-700	705-885	890-1040	1045-1350
8	EM-800	805-1025	1030-1140	1145-1350
9	EM-865	870-1095	1100-1220	1225-1350

SRI

Grade	Below Grade	At Grade	Above Grade
6	799 and below	800-849	850 and above
7	849 and below	850-899	900 and above
8	899 and below	900-000	1000 and above
9	999 and below	1000-1024	1025 and above
10	1024 and below	1050-1300	1301 and above
11	1049 and below	1050-1300	1301 and above

**Scholastic does not currently have information for 12th grade.*

These assessments will be given to high school students in the first few days of school. Please discuss with your child the importance of doing his/her best work and how these scores might impact future course selection.

AIR Testing Window

FALL TEST WINDOWS 2018

- High school end-of-course tests – December 3 to December 12

SPRING TEST WINDOWS 2019

- English language arts – April 2 to April 24

- Mathematics, science and social studies - April 18 to May 10

SUMMER TEST WINDOWS 2019 (optional)

- High school end-of-course tests –July 15-26

ACT Test

Given to all juniors at Hillsboro High School on 2/20/18. Please contact the guidance department for more information.

Test Security

Students are reminded of school district policy regarding standardized test security, suspected violations, and consequences of misbehavior. Alleged violations will be reported to the principal. Students suspected of cheating will be provided due process according to established district procedures. Students confirmed of cheating or assisting another student to cheat will have their test(s) invalidated and may be subject to a 10 day disciplinary suspension with recommendation for expulsion.

Refer to BOE Policy # 9.01, 9.01.01.

Title I Program

The Hillsboro City Board of Education elects to augment the educational program of educationally disadvantaged students by the use of Federal funds, in accordance with Title I of the Amendments to the Elementary and Secondary School Improvement of 1965, as amended from time to time.

Title 1-Parent's Right to Know

In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Law, for each school receiving Title I funds, the Superintendent shall make sure that all parents of students in that school are notified at the beginning of each school year, that they may request, and the Board will provide, the following information on the student's classroom teachers:

- A. Whether the teacher has met the State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas they are teaching.
- B. Whether the teacher is teaching under any emergency or provisional status in which the State requirements have been waived.
- C. The baccalaureate degree of the teacher, other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- D. Whether services are being provided to their children by a paraprofessional, and the qualifications of the paraprofessional.
- E. Information on the level of achievement of their child on the required State academic assessments.
- F. Timely notice if the student is assigned to a teacher who is not "highly qualified" as required or if the student is taught for more than four weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

The notices and information shall be provided in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parent understands.

Work Permits

Work permit forms may be obtained in the High School Office. Forms must be picked up, completed and returned to Mrs. Juillerat. After forms are returned the work permit must be

prepared and will not be available immediately. Turn around will be as quick as possible. Any student under the age of 18 years of age who is working must have a work permit on file.

Working Lunch and 10th Period Procedures (Summary)

At the discretion of the teacher, students with missing assignments will be assigned a "Working Lunch". The assignment or missing test/quiz must be posted in Progress Book. After being notified, the student will serve his/her working lunch the following day. **Students attending working lunch will receive a standard lunch that meets nutritional requirements.**

Upon arrival to the working lunch, the student must begin working on the assignment. The student will complete the assignment in a timely manner. The room supervisor will collect the assignment upon completion and/or before the student is dismissed from the period. Completed assignments will be returned to the assigning teacher's mailbox by the supervisor. The assigning teacher can re-assign a working lunch for assignments that continue to be incomplete or do not meet expectations.

If the student has assignments that total more than 3 consecutive days in a row, the room supervisor will assign 10th period in addition to the working lunch. (The "cap" on how many working lunches can be served consecutively without an additional consequence is 3. (i.e. each day an assignment is missing and the student is assigned a working lunch.)

*** If a student skips working lunch or 10th period, it will be considered "unruliness" and count as an unexcused absence for one hour of school and truant. This will be used against a student for "unruliness" and "truancy" cases at court. (See attendance policy)**

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

All 8th grade students are provided an opportunity to participate in a field trip to Washington D.C. to visit sites of historical significance. Participants on this out of state field trip are contingent on payment of trip costs and positive discipline as determined by the principal. Students with major discipline problems will not be permitted to attend. Any violation of the student code of conduct involving a weapon or substance abuse violation will automatically eliminate a student from the trip. Participation will be at the discretion of the principal. Students who are unable to attend the trip may not be eligible for a refund.

8th Grade Promotion

An eighth grade promotion ceremony will be held. All student fees, lost books or repair costs must be paid prior to attending the promotion ceremony. Times and information will be sent home to parents and posted on the web site closer to the event.