

Falcon High School



Student/Parent Handbook

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Important Contact Information

Falcon High School

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Attendance: 719-495-5523

Athletic Office: 495-5530

Counseling Office: 719-495-5537

Health Office: 719-495-5538

School Web Page: <https://fhs.d49.org>

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Brian Smith, Falcon Zone Superintendent

Carolyn Muresan, Zone Community Liaison

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District Web Page: www.d49.org

District 49 BOE Policy and Regulation: <http://d49.org/Page/48>

Falcon High School Mission

The mission of Falcon High School, an innovative learning community, is to foster competent citizens for a changing world by empowering students through personalized pathways and authentic experiences.

Falcon High School Welcomes You!

Parents / Guardians and Students,

Welcome to Falcon High School! We're excited to have you as a part of our Falcon community, where *we take flight together* and live out our mission: to foster competent citizens for a changing world by empowering students through personalized pathways and authentic experiences.

At Falcon High School, we believe in every student's potential and are committed to:

- Providing innovative and rigorous academic experiences
- Creating a safe and supportive environment where all students feel valued
- Partnering with families and the broader community for student success
- Guiding students as they pursue their passions and postsecondary goals

We encourage all students to get involved in our many activities, clubs, and athletic programs. Engagement helps you build meaningful relationships, develop leadership skills, and create lasting memories. At Falcon, you are not just a student—you are a vital part of a school community that values ownership, growth, and connection.

Our *Portrait of a Graduate* reflects the qualities we aim to cultivate in every student through the acronym **WINGS**:

- **Wisdom** – Applying deep knowledge and critical thinking to real-world challenges
- **Integrity** – Acting with honesty, fairness, and responsibility
- **Networking** – Building relationships that support growth and opportunity
- **Grit** – Persevering through challenges with strength and resilience
- **Self-Confidence** – Believing in your own value, voice, and ability to make an impact

This handbook is designed to be a helpful communication tool for both students and families. It outlines important programs, expectations, policies, and supports available at Falcon High School. Please note that this document may be updated throughout the year as needed.

We're proud of our school and the incredible students who make it special. Together, we

will make this year one of growth, achievement, and pride. **Together, we soar. Go Falcons!**

Student Responsibilities

While we are all striving to be vibrant learners, we also hold student safety in the highest regard. We ask that students conduct themselves in a safe manner at all times while on campus or at off-campus events. Students are to:

- Review the District 49 [Code of Conduct](#)
- Be engaged in learning during each class period.
- Exhibit behavior that supports the instruction and the learning of others.
- Take ownership of their learning.
- Be courteous and respectful toward the faculty, staff and others.
- Respect the property of the school and others.
- Be accountable for your actions.
- Use appropriate language at all times.

Academic Honesty Policy

Academic Honesty

- Academic integrity is fundamental to valid learning and grading.
- Students must engage in their studies honestly, adhere strictly to assignment guidelines, and properly cite all source material.
- Any violation of the Academic Honesty Code of Conduct—including plagiarism (failing to properly acknowledge sources) and cheating (attempting or aiding in the attempt to receive undeserved credit or gain an unfair advantage)—will invalidate the work.

AI Use Policy:

- Cheating and Plagiarism~The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini, or similar) to complete assignments, exams, or other academic work without explicit permission from the instructor is strictly prohibited. Submitting AI-generated content as your own constitutes cheating and plagiarism.
- All work must reflect your original thought, analysis, and effort unless otherwise authorized.
- Violations of this policy will be treated as academic dishonesty and subject to disciplinary action in accordance with institutional guidelines.

Consequences:

- The student may receive an automatic zero (failing grade) on the assignment (homework, classwork, project, quiz, presentation, or exam);
- Parent contact will be made and a log entry submitted in PowerSchool.
- The incident will be included in the student's behavior record.

- Depending on the situation, history of misconduct, the intent, and the severity of the infraction, additional disciplinary action may be taken to include, but not limited to, detention, suspension.
- The student may face suspension from Falcon High School and suspension from extra-curricular activities, including sports programs.

The following actions are reflective of academic dishonesty and are subject to disciplinary action by the teacher, school, and/or district:

- **Using dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means to obtain or attempt to obtain credit for academic work. Will include tampering with an instructor's records of grades or scores;**
- **Copying, obtaining, or using information with or without permission from the teacher**
- **Allowing another student to copy from a test, homework, or other coursework, which is not intended to be collaborative in nature. Unless otherwise directed by the teacher, students should accomplish all assignments individually.**
- **Talking during a test. The teacher cannot be expected to determine the content of a private conversation between students. Therefore, all talking during tests may be considered cheating.**
- **Plagiarizing materials; that is, taking the specific or general substance of another person's work and offering it as one's own work without giving credit to the original author.**
 - *Plagiarizing encompasses omitting quotation marks for directly quoted material, omitting bibliographic references either in the text or on a source page appended at the end of the assignment, and/or paraphrasing an author without giving credit to that author for the use of his or her ideas.*
 - *Paraphrasing is the student's use of an author's ideas by rewording and/or rearranging that author's original text.*

Activities/Clubs

There are a variety of different activities/clubs that students can join. Some require a participation fee. For a current list of fees, contact the coach/sponsor or stop by the athletic/activities office. Listen to announcements and check the school webpage for more information.

Athletics

Falcon High School is a member of the Colorado High School Activities Association and is bound to uphold the rules and regulations established by the CHSAA Board of Control. For more specific information on athletics, see Mrs. Derosier or Mrs. Stowers in the athletic office. All students must have an up-to-date physical form and completed

registration on file in the Athletic Office, along with paying the participation fee of \$130-\$300 per sport season depending on the sport of choice and is due PRIOR to competition for the sport. Student athletes are held to a higher standard and should represent Falcon High School in a positive way inside and outside the athletic arena. If you are interested in participating in any of our athletic activities, it is highly encouraged to have a parent/guardian attend the parent meeting at the beginning of the season for each sport.

Athletic Academic Eligibility

Students must be enrolled in five classes (per CHSAA standard) and may fail no more than one class. A preliminary pull for eligibility will occur by 12:00 p.m. every Wednesday to warn coaches of failing/near failing student-athletes. Athletes at risk may request teachers to complete the eligibility appeal form by 8 am the following Monday morning. Official grade restriction (from preliminary pull) will go into effect every Monday by 10:00 a.m. If a student's teacher turned in an appeal form and it was approved, coaches will be notified. To be eligible, the athlete must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 or more classes. Any athletes that have more than one F grade (2+) at the time of official grade pull are immediately determined as ineligible for the week. A student-athlete who becomes ineligible multiple times during one season may be permanently dismissed from that activity. Students who have lost their eligibility at the close of a semester may regain academic eligibility following a period of time if all requirements have been met. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your eligibility, please contact Mrs. Stowers, the Athletic Director.

Season	Sport
Fall Season	Cross Country
	Boys Golf
	Football
	Co-Ed Cheer
	Girls Volleyball
	Boys Soccer
	Softball
Winter Season	Boys Basketball
	Girls Basketball
	Boys Wrestling
	Girls Wrestling
Spring Season	Baseball
	Girls Golf
	Girls Soccer
	Girls Tennis

	Track and Field
Activities	Student Council
	DECA
	FBLA
	Space Force JROTC
	HOSA
	Band
	Choir

Athletics & Activities: Participation Fees

1. There is a participation fee for each competitive sport or activity.
2. Fees may be reduced or exempt if the student is on free and reduced lunch as prescribed by federal regulations. Contact the Athletics/Activities Secretary for details.
3. No student will pay more than \$650 per year in athletic/activity participation fees. No family will pay more than \$1100 per year in athletic/activity participation fees. (cheerleading is an exception and the fee is as listed above)
4. Fees are to be paid to the Athletics/Activities Secretary on or before the first competition. Refunds will NOT be made if a student is cut from the squad after tryouts or if a student quits before the first competition.
5. It should be understood that payment of participation fees does not guarantee a student a position on the team nor any specific amount of playing time. Participation fees will only assist in covering a portion of the costs necessary for co-curricular activities as part of the athletic league.
6. Students may be asked to help pay for other extraneous expenses associated with the respective sport or activity.

Attendance and Truancy

1. Good and consistent attendance is directly linked to student academic success. If a student is absent, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the attendance secretary. Absences may be reported by calling the 24-hour attendance line at 495-5523 or by emailing Nikki Eldard at nikki.eldard@d49.org. Please provide your first and last name, the student's first and last name, date(s) of absence, and a brief explanation as to the nature of the absence. Absences without an explanation are considered unexcused. **Parents have 48 hours to either call or e-mail the attendance office to have their student's absence excused.** Absences after this time will remain unexcused. Excessive absences may result in the student being placed on an attendance contract, and/or required to provide proof of the absence such as a doctor/dental note. Excessive absences will result in disciplinary action or enter the truancy process as required by state law.
2. It is the student's responsibility to make up any schoolwork missed during an absence. Homework will be provided upon student or parent request.
3. Parents will be notified daily if their child has been absent/tardy for one or more

- periods through the school's auto-dialer. Please contact the attendance office or log into the parent portal of Power School for further information.
4. The full District 49 Attendance Policy can be found on the district website at: [Attendance Policy](#)

Attendance: Pre-Arranged Absence

Students MUST fill out a pre-arranged absence form and get an administrator's approval for any absence of 3 or more days PRIOR to any extended absence(s) except for illnesses or family emergencies.

Attendance: Tardies

A student is tardy when they arrive at class after the final bell. Tardies disrupt class and students miss instructional time. A parent must sign in students arriving late to school, or call (719) 495-5523 prior to the student's arrival at school. Excessive tardiness will result in disciplinary action as required by state law.

1. Students who accumulate five or more total tardies in one week, across singular or multiple classes will receive lunch detention.
2. Students who accumulate five or more total tardies over multiple weeks will receive multiple detentions, including lunch and/or after school.
3. Students who continue to violate attendance expectations in regard to tardiness will be placed on a tardy contract. Non-compliance towards a tardy contract will incur additional consequences including loss of privileges (i.e. after school activities, games, dances) and/or suspension.

*Students may receive additional consequences for excessive tardiness from their classroom teachers.

Bell Schedule

Please click on the links below for relevant bell schedules and calendars:

[Green/Gold Calendar](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

[Extended Block/Assembly Schedule](#)

[2 Hr Delay Schedule](#)

Class Changes

If you are in need of a class change or you are missing a class please read the instructions listed below. *If you submit a request without all the required information your request will not be approved.*

Important: Requests will only be accepted for the following reasons, and for 5 days at the beginning of each semester:

- Academic misplacement

- A missing class in your schedule, or a class you have already taken.
- Counselors will be cross referencing class request forms, if you asked for the class, it stays on your schedule

***We will not accommodate a request for a class change asking for a preferred teacher.**

1. Login to Powerschool- It is **ONLY** available on **STUDENT POWERSCHOOL** -*Requests cannot be made through Parent Powerschool - only through Student Portal*
2. Go to Forms
3. Click on Class Change Request Form
4. Required Information
 1. Provide at least 3 options (Course Catalog: [FHS 26/27 Course Catalog](#))
 2. Class/classes and Class Period/class periods you are requesting to change or the class period/class periods that are empty
 3. Class/classes you are requesting to go into
 4. Reason for the request
5. If you request a change it may change other courses due to availability. **If your request is approved and you are unhappy with the change it will not be changed again.**
6. You will receive an email auto- response from PowerSchool with an approval or denial and with the reason.
7. Do not submit more than one request. PLEASE PUT ALL OF YOUR REQUESTS ON ONE FORM! :)
8. All requests will be addressed in the order they are received.

Community Safety & Citizenship

Falcon High School is part of a wonderful community in which our neighbors value their homes and property. In order to maintain a healthy and caring relationship please observe the following:

- Respect public property at all times.
- Use sidewalks and crosswalks to cross intersections safely.
- Obey traffic, crosswalk signals and crossing guards.
- Student drivers please park in the student lot or on Lambert and NOT in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Lock your bike at the designated racks at school.
- Rollerblades, scooters and skateboards cannot be used in the building or outside on school property, and must be secured in your locker or checked into the main office.

Discipline: Lunch Detention

Students may be assigned detention during their lunch for minor conduct violations. Failure to serve lunch detention will result in an additional detention. Failure to attend the additional detention will result in a suspension. Students must report to E100 at the beginning of lunch.

Discipline: After School Detention

Students may be assigned detention after school for minor conduct violations. Failure to serve after school detention will result in an additional detention. Failure to attend the additional detention will result in a suspension. Students must report to Mrs. Younger in the counseling office immediately after school and be prepared with study or reading materials. After-school detention is from 2:45 to 3:30 PM..

Discipline: In-School Suspension

Students who are assigned in-school suspension will be provided specific guidelines at the time of notice. Some expectations are:

- Be on time. If a student is tardy, the unserved time will be made up the following ISS period.
- Students must stay in ISS the entire day 7:20-2:40.
- Students will be expected to turn in electronics (cell phones, i-pods, and etc.) when reporting to ISS. They will be returned at the end of the day.
- Students caught with a cell phone while in ISS will be given an additional day of In-School Suspension.
- Be prepared to study and/or read.
- Bring a sack lunch or students may receive lunch from the cafeteria (NO vending machines or outside food is permitted).
- Other rules may apply.

Discipline: Out-of-School Suspension

Students who are suspended out-of-school need to either be picked up by a parent/guardian or parents need to authorize the office to dismiss the student from campus. If a parent cannot be contacted/and or the student picked up, the student shall be placed in ISS. This will add to the number of days of suspension. Students who are suspended cannot participate in any school activities or athletics during and possibly following the suspension period. Suspended students are not allowed on any District 49 property for the duration of the suspension. It is the responsibility of the student to reach out to teachers in order to get any work during their suspension.

Fighting will not be tolerated at Falcon High School. If any students are suspended for fighting, which occurs on or off school grounds, those students will be referred for detention, suspension, or expulsion from school; police will be notified; and students may be ticketed as determined by the School Resource Officer, EPSO. Bystanders are expected to notify school authorities of the fighting. Use of electronic media to record a fight could result in confiscation of the device and possible suspensions and ticketing by EPSO.

Discipline No Activities Pass List

Students on the No Activities List **are not eligible** to participate in or attend any after school sports, non-academic assemblies, dances, school field trips, or special events. Students will be placed on the No Activities list for any of the following reasons:

Behavior: Students who display and are involved in behavior that results in suspension may be placed on the No Activities List. Students may be placed on the no Activities List for both In School and Out of School Suspensions. Students that have been placed on a Detrimental Behavior Contract/Safety plan may be subject to loss of privileges throughout the school year.

If a student is suspended within 4 weeks of Homecoming or Prom, this may also result in this loss of privilege of attending these events.

Underclassmen who are guests at Prom: Before an underclassmen is approved for Prom, they must be in good academic, attendance, and behavior standing. An administrator will give the final approval regarding the underclassmen's participation at Prom.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE EVENT!

No Activities List	
Out of School Suspension	Students may not be allowed to participate in any activities during the suspension and correlates directly to the number of days the student is suspended. For example, a 1 day suspension equates to the loss of privileges for 1 day, and so forth. See the chart below for further explanation: • 1 day suspension: Loss of Privileges for 1 Day • 2 day suspension: Loss of Privileges for 2 Days • 3 day suspension: Loss of Privileges for 3 Days • 4 day suspension: Loss of Privileges for 4 Days • 5 day suspension: Loss of Privileges for 5 Days These loss of privileges may be extended based on the nature of the suspension at administrator's discretion.

In-School-Suspension	At administrator's discretion, students may not be allowed to participate in any activities on the date they serve their In-School-Suspension.
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Dress Code

District standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, minimize distractions, reduce discipline problems and improve school order and safety.

“The Board of Education recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school. Any student deemed in violation of this code shall be required to change into other clothing or school loaned clothing and/or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school”

[Dress Code Board Policy](#)

On the first offense the student will be requested to change or correct the dress code violation and the violation will be documented. Further repeated violations will result in more serious consequences to include suspension/expulsion from school.

E-Learning

Snow days and other circumstances may necessitate that FHS utilize E-Learning days at certain times of the year in order to continue to facilitate learning and lessen the impact of missed instruction. These E-Learning days will be communicated in advance in order to best prepare and equip students for success.

- Students are expected to communicate via email with their teachers should the need arise for extended time to complete assignments due to inability to access assignments.
- Students are required to login to Schoology courses for attendance purposes.
- Student participation in learning outcomes will also assist in tracking attendance.

Electronic Equipment

Students may bring electronic devices to school; however, students are responsible for their devices. The school will not **be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged equipment**. As with lockers, school officials reserve the right to search phones given reasonable suspicion of inappropriate behavior affecting the learning environment and its safety. **The school will undertake no investigation of lost or stolen electronics.**

Electronic Devices Protocol

Students are prohibited from using personal electronic devices (cellphones, earpods, headphones, smart watches, or iPads, etc.) during instructional time. Instructional time includes the entire period of a scheduled class and other times when students are directed to report to and participate in any school-based activities.

Teachers will establish expectations and SOPs within each classroom, and will require that cell phones are placed in the provided cell phone lockers. The students may be provided access, **ONLY** if the use of the device is designated in a student's individual learning or health plan, or in the case of an emergency that threatens the safety of the students, staff, or other individuals.

Use of cellphones in the hallway, *during class*, will result in the device being placed in the security box for the remainder of the day. Personal electronic devices may only be used during non-instructional time, e.g. lunch and passing periods as determined by administration. These expectations are aligned with the [D49 cell phone policy](#).

Failure to follow these rules will result in the following:

Incident	Consequence
First	• The student's device is collected by the teacher and placed in the phone locker. The phone is given back at the end of class. • The teacher contacts home and inputs a log entry in PowerSchool. • If a student becomes defiant, administration or security will be called and the phone will be taken for the day.
Second	• The student loses the device for the remainder of the day, and it must be picked up from the security office. • Lunch detention is assigned by administration. • Administration contacts home and will input a log entry. • If a student becomes defiant, administration or security will be called and the phone will be taken for the day.
Third	• For one week the student turns in the device to the administrator at the start of school day and gets it back at the end of school. • Lunch detention for the week. • Meeting with parent.
Subsequent	• Loss of privilege with having device in school.

*Violations are by period

** Violations that occur across multiple classes within a single day will be addressed at the discretion of FHS administration.

Emergency Closure Procedures

If severe weather creates hazardous conditions, the regular school day may be suspended for the safety of our students. E-Learning may then ensue if the regular school day is suspended. It is recommended that families have a plan for such emergency situations. It

is the parent's responsibility to monitor email, radio, and / or television reports.

Event Parking

Curbs are marked and signs are posted for "No Parking" zones, school officials, and in student drop-off zones. Cars parked at any time in these areas are subject to EPSO ticketing and/or towing. Cars blocking fire lanes and preventing emergency vehicles from getting to the building are a hazard to the safety of students and staff. Please advise your parents not to park in these areas before, after, or during activities.

Fire Alarm

If any person activates the alarm as a prank, the administration may recommend filing criminal charges and will take disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

Free Periods

Students who have a free period must be in the Falcon Landing. 11th graders, and 12th graders may leave campus if they have an off period. Students who violate this will be subject to disciplinary action.

Grading Procedures

Beginning the 2026-2027 school year, Falcon High School will use the following grading procedures for all regular/general education classes. These may not pertain to Advanced Placement and college classes. Teachers will be creating their own grading procedures depending on their content while still adhering to teaching their classes to follow the standards set forth by the Colorado Department of Education.

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will be used (grades will be rounded to the nearest tenth):

97.5 -100%	A+
92.5-97.5%	A
89.5 -92.5%	A-
87.5 -89.5%	B+
82.5 -87.5%	B
79.5 -82.5%	B-
77.5 -79.5%	C+
72.5 -77.5%	C
69.5 -72.5%	C-
67.5 -69.5%	D+
62.5 -67.5%	D
59.5 -62.5%	D-
59.45% or lower	F

* Teachers **do not need to change or edit** the pluses and minuses at the end of the semester. No action is required.

*AP and Pre AP grade scales are different from the regular grading scale. See [grading scales](#) for more information.

Grading by points

Teachers' grade books will show points and letter grades.

Gradebook expectations

Teacher gradebooks should be kept up to date on a weekly basis. A minimum of at least one graded assignment should be entered per week. Communication to families of students with a D or F should happen biweekly.

Weighting of categories

Teachers' grade books may be set up with weighting of categories with all teachers having a cumulative final exam weighing up to 20% of the total grade. These weighting of categories will be stated in the teacher's syllabus.

Extra Credit

Extra credit will be course content related and permissible at teacher's discretion.

Common taught courses

If a particular class is taught by more than one teacher (For example two different teachers who teach the exact Algebra 1 class), each of the teachers must follow the same grading policies to include: a common grading scale and common cumulative final exam/procedures.

Cumulative final exams

All classes will have a cumulative final exam. There will be no final exam exemptions. Any student who is not passing the class prior to the final exam and earns an A on the final exam will receive (at least) a D for a final grade in the class.

Absence/Make-Up Work Policy

Students are allowed **two** class days to complete coursework items for each class day in which an excused absence occurs. In the event the assessment/coursework was assigned prior to and ultimately due the class period in which the absence occurred, the student will be expected to make up the assessment the day upon which they return to class.

Late Work Policy

Teachers may deduct up to 10 percent for each class period that the assignment is late up to the date that the unit is completed. Once the unit is completed the assignment is counted as a zero. *(If an assignment isn't eligible for late work, students must be notified prior to the assignment given).* **Zeros should not be placed in the grade book as a placeholder for work not due or work that is subject to the late work or absence policy. Teachers should mark work that is missing or incomplete with the appropriate PowerSchool flag.**

Departments have the discretion to modify this policy to positively support students but may not modify the policy to the detriment of students.

Redos/Retakes

Not all coursework or assessments/projects are eligible for redos/retakes. Teachers will notify students prior to the coursework or assessment if it is eligible for a redo/retake. Students will be allowed one redo unless specified.

Syllabus verification

All teachers will pass out a syllabus and have a place for parent and student acknowledgment of receipt whether that be with a paper copy or an electronic Google form.

Hall Passes

In order to provide the safest environment possible, students are required to have a pass to visit another location or staff member outside of their normal scheduled location. The office does not issue hall passes for students who are late to class. Hall passes are not to be used during class periods to go to the vending machines. Students can be restricted from receiving hall passes due to misuse.

Health

Students are permitted by law to carry on their person or hold in their locker ONE dose of over the counter medication (Tylenol, Sudafed, cough drops etc.). Any prescription medicine that needs to be administered during the school day must be checked-in with the nurse and proper paperwork filled out to administer this medicine during the day by the school nurse or health paraprofessional. A parent/guardian may also come to school to administer the medication.

Students must get a pass from their teacher to visit the Health room if they are not feeling well. Parents must be called from the Health room. When a parent is called from a cell phone, the office staff is not aware a student is ill and is unable to assist if needed. If a student is not well enough to be in class, a parent will be contacted for pick-up. Students will not be released to anyone not authorized in writing and with a parent signature. Parents will be notified if a student frequents the Health room excessively.

Lockers

Students can request lockers to store school supplies and personal property. Lockers are the property of School District 49. Upon entering school property your expectation of privacy is limited. Therefore the school reserves the right to search your locker or personal belongings at any time.

- Students may not share lockers or locker combinations with anyone other than an assigned locker partner.
- **Students are required to do ALL locker changes through the front office.**
- Items brought to school, whether placed in your locker or carried on your person, are your responsibility. **The school is not liable for lost or stolen items.**
- Lockers may be searched at any time in order to protect the safety and integrity of the school environment.
- Food or drinks are not allowed in lockers unless stored for lunch that day. Please

- keep our space clean!
- Use of markers in lockers will result in loss of locker privileges.

Lunch Program

Menus for our school cafeteria can be found [here](#). Breakfast before school, as well as lunch, is free for all students. There are some menu items a la carte that do have a cost.

Lunchroom/Commons Behavior

Students are expected to show RESPECT for all personnel in the building and for the jobs they perform! This includes cooks and custodians.

1. Food and drink must be consumed in the lunchroom and or commons area.
2. Students are restricted from bringing food and beverages into academic areas.
3. Exercise integrity by cleaning up after yourself and encouraging others to do the same.
4. Throwing of food or drink is prohibited.
5. Students must find a place to sit and keep the walking areas clear.
6. Absolutely no standing on or jumping over the benches, chairs, and walls.
7. Students may not leave the commons or designated lunch area without permission (pass required) or off campus privileges.
8. Students should stand in serving lines, **single file**, and should not approach the counter until the previous person has been served.
9. **Having food delivered to FHS is prohibited.** This includes but is not limited to food delivery services, such as DoorDash, Grubhub, and Uber Eats.
10. Inappropriate conduct/behavior during lunch may result in an office referral.

Off-Campus Lunch

Off-campus lunch is a privilege. **ONLY** senior and junior classes are allowed to leave campus. Failure to return to classes and/or repeated tardiness to the after-lunch class will constitute loss of privilege. The school also has the right to revoke this privilege due to discipline violations, as determined by the administration and/or parents. Parents also have the right to opt their student from going off campus during lunch. Freshmen and sophomores that leave campus during lunch may lose their opportunity to have off-campus privileges beginning their junior year.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are held once each semester. Parents may request individual meetings with teachers throughout the year by contacting their student's respective teachers.

Parking Fees and Fines

Students are expected to park in the designated student parking area only. This includes after-school activities and events. Students are not to park in faculty/staff lots. Permits may be obtained from Vanessa Apodaca in the front office. The cost of a permit is \$50 per year. All vehicles must be registered. A student who doesn't display a parking permit or who parks in an inappropriate zone will receive up to 3 warning tickets. On the fourth offense, the parking permit and driving privilege will be revoked.

PowerSchool

PowerSchool is a secure web-based system that makes it possible for parents/guardians to view their student's academic progress and attendance from any computer with Internet service. Up to date information is provided to assist with communication between home and school. Visit the district site at <https://d49.powerschool.com/public/> in order to access PowerSchool.

Registration

Registration procedures for the following school year begin in January. Students are encouraged to study graduation requirements and course descriptions with their parents and also consult with their teachers for specific course or level recommendations. Course description booklets can be viewed in the counseling office or on-line.

Safe-2-Tell

"Safe 2 Tell" is a program designed to help YOU, the student. Reports are anonymous at all times as guaranteed by Colorado Law (CO. Revised Statute 16-15.7-101). We want our school and community safe and focused on prevention. We encourage you to report anything that makes you feel threatened or bullied or if you notice a friend that may need help. Call 877-542-7233 or go to www.safe2tell.org and make a difference.

If you are being bullied or see someone being bullied we encourage you to report it. The only way we can help is if we know what is happening. Harassment and bullying is taken seriously and will be handled by a counselor or administrator. We will help you find a solution and put an end to the bullying. If the situation continues you must also continue to report it.

School Visitation

All visitors must sign in at the main office and provide proper identification.

Students may not bring guest visitors during school operating hours.

Semester Exams

Final exams are held the last week of each semester and are mandatory for students to take. Early exams will **NOT** be administered unless a pre-arranged absence form has been submitted and approved by administration. Exams not taken will negatively impact the student's grade. We ask that parents avoid early vacations or early release for students during this time.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment includes but is not limited to unwelcome teasing, unwelcome sexual

advances, requests for sexual favors, jokes, remarks, questions, deliberate touching, grabbing, brushing against the body, letters or written harassment or abuse, telephone calls, materials of a sexual nature, graffiti, constant leering or ogling, fondling, patting and pinching, kissing, exposing oneself, or touching oneself sexually. Sexual harassment is a violation of Board Policy (GBAA). It is a violation of policy for any student or member of the district staff to harass or threaten another student or staff member through conduct or communication of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment will result in disciplinary action.

Signs/Posters

Students need to have all signs, posters, and banners approved and initiated by school administration **BEFORE** they may be displayed. When approved, signs and posters may only be hung in designated areas. Signs and posters displayed in inappropriate areas will be removed and the club/team may be fined if damage occurs.

Skateboards

Students who bring skateboards to school must keep the skateboards in their lockers or check them into the main office during school hours. Failure to do so may result in the skateboard being confiscated until the end of the last day of the week. Skateboards are not to be used on school property at any time.

Staff Protection

Students who threaten, harass, and/or assault a teacher or other school employee are in violation of the Criminal Code of the State of Colorado. Students will be suspended or be recommended for expulsion. They will also be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Substitute and/or student teachers are guest teachers when in our building and the same rules apply. Students who are disrespectful to our staff and guest teachers will be sent to the office for disciplinary action.

Student Automobiles (Notice to parents and student drivers)

It is a privilege for students to drive to school. A student who drives a motor vehicle to school must know and obey all the rules. Students failing to do so may have their cars ticketed, booted, or towed at their expense and/or have their driving/parking privileges suspended or revoked. Students who leave and/or take other students off campus without permission may lose their parking privileges at FHS. Falcon High School will not be responsible for damages to vehicles or loss of personal property from vehicles parked on school grounds. Students must register all vehicles driven to school. [Applications](#) for permits may be obtained from the front office. Parents and students are notified that as a drug free school zone, school officials reserve the right to search vehicles parked on school property given reasonable suspicion.

Student Conduct on School Buses

Appropriate behavior and conduct is expected on the bus and at the bus stop at all times. Students are to show their ID cards to the drivers when boarding the bus and they might

not be allowed to ride the bus that day if they can't. Written parental permission, approved by the building administrator, is required to ride any bus other than the one assigned. See also: District policy JICC/EEAEC.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Students are to be dropped off and picked up using the loop in front of the school or in the student parking lot. For the safety of you and your student, do not drop off students in the teacher parking lot or bus lane. Please respect these rules for the safety of the community of Falcon.

Student Identification Cards

All students need to carry their student ID cards while in the building. Students must produce their ID cards when asked to do so. ID cards will be used for entry into the building or school library, and to check out books, receive bathroom/hall passes from teachers, use the buses, purchase lunches, be admitted to dances or other school functions, use computers, and for all other school related business.

Students who lose their ID cards will be charged a \$5.00 replacement fee for each new card. ID cards that have been defaced in any way must be cleaned and returned to normal condition. ID cards that cannot be returned to the appropriate condition will be confiscated and the student will be required to purchase a new card.

Temporary ID cards are available at the beginning of the day. Students must take the initiative to stop at the front office to get a temporary ID. After receiving three temporary cards, the school will reissue a new card. The student will be assessed a \$5.00 fine.

Student Supervision

Student supervision is from 7:10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. After 2:50 students are allowed to be in the building ONLY if they are with a teacher in a supervised area or attending practice or a club meeting.

Telephone Use/Call for Students

Students needing to use the phones in the front office during class time must first obtain permission from their classroom teacher. Parents, if there is a family emergency, we ask that you contact the office. A staff member will then contact your child with a message or request to call you. Students may not disrupt learning by texting or calling during class time. Students may call home from the office.

Textbooks

Students are responsible for their textbooks or other school materials issued to them. At the time of check out, if a book is damaged, the student must bring it to the attention of school staff and have it documented in their account. Students who turn in damaged books at the end of the semester or lose their issued text will have to pay for damage or replacement. Graduation diplomas and/or transcripts will be held until textbook/library

books and/or fees are paid in full.

Tobacco, Drugs, and Alcohol

Use, possession, distribution and/or selling of medications (including prescription and over-the counter), tobacco (including e-cigarettes), illegal drugs (including all forms of THC), or alcohol on school property will not be tolerated and is in violation of Colorado Revised Statutes. Violation of this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary measures being taken. These measures may include suspension, expulsion and/or notification of law enforcement officials. Per District policy JIHB: students, student backpacks, cars and student lockers may be searched. It is best to keep our campus tobacco, drug, and alcohol free!

Vandalism

Vandalism shows lack of respect and is not tolerated. Disciplinary action will be assigned for any violation of this rule. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, graffiti, destruction of school equipment or property, and damage to books. Parents of student vandals will be financially responsible for all damages.

Violent and Aggressive Behavior

In cases involving student fights, the students will be suspended and charges may be filed with the EPSO. Threats will not be tolerated and disciplinary action will be taken.

** Behavior ON or OFF school property which is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other pupils or of school personnel including behavior which creates a threat of physical harm to the child or to other children will be grounds for suspension or expulsion. (CSR-22-23-106).*

Withdraws/Transfers

Withdrawal procedures are handled through the registrar. Students wishing to withdraw or transfer to another school must complete the following steps:

1. Pick up a withdrawal form and have a parent sign the appropriate location.
2. Return all books to the library and pay all fees or fines to the athletic window.
3. Get withdrawal grades and signatures from each teacher.
4. Return the completed form to the registrar.
5. The registrar will print and issue an unofficial transcript

Notice of Nondiscrimination~Effective March 1, 2023

School District 49 is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in education and employment. District 49 will not tolerate discrimination on the basis of disability, need for special education services (whether actual or perceived), race, creed, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, religion, ancestry, age, genetic information, or protected activity in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Any harassment or discrimination of students and/or staff, based on the aforementioned protected areas must be brought to the immediate attention of the school principal, a district administrator or the compliance coordinator.

The lack of English language skills shall not be a barrier to admission or participation in any District program. To that end, School District 49:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages.

If you believe that School District 49 has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way, you may file a grievance with the compliance coordinator.

School District 49 Compliance Coordinators

Student Matters (Section 504, Title IX, Title II/ADA-AA)

Dr. Nancy Lemmond, Executive Director of Individualized Education

nancy.lemmond@d49.org | 719-494-8913

Employee Matters (Title VI, Title VII, Title II/ADA-AA)

Ms. Sonia Marroquin-Smith, Human Resources Manager for Culture and Compliance

sonia.marroquinsmith@d49.org | 719-495-1142

Mailing address: 10850 E. Woodmen Road, Peyton, CO 80831

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, visit the [Office for Civil Rights webpage on Ed.gov](#), or call 1.800.421.3481.