

REDWATER HIGH SCHOOL



STUDENT HANDBOOK ADDENDUM

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Students and Parents: Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Education is a team effort, and we know that students, parents, teachers, and other staff members all working together can make this a wonderfully successful year for our students. The Redwater High School Student Handbook Addendum is designed to provide basic information that you and your child will need during the school year specific to the high school. We encourage you to take some time to closely review this section of the handbook.

Please be aware that it is not a complete statement of all policies, procedures, or rules that may be applicable in a given circumstance. In case of conflict between board policy (including the Student Code of Conduct) and any provisions of the Student Handbook, the current provisions of board policy and the Student Code of Conduct are to be followed. The district reserves the right to modify provisions of the Student Handbook at any time, whenever it is deemed necessary.

Instructional Information

DAILY SCHEDULE

All classes for high school students meet daily.

High School Bell Schedule	
1st Period	8:00 - 8:45
2nd Period	8:50 - 9:35
3rd Period	9:40 - 10:25
4th Period	10:30 - 11:15
A Lunch	11:20 - 11:50
5th Period A	11:55 - 12:40
5th Period B	11:20 - 12:05
B Lunch	12:10 - 12:40
6th Period	12:45 - 1:30
7th Period	1:35 - 2:20
8th Period	2:25 - 3:10
Dragon Time	3:15 - 3:45

CLASSIFICATIONS

Credits Earned	Classification
0 - 6.5	Freshman
7 – 12.5	Sophomore
13 – 19.5	Junior
20 or more	Senior

Students are classified at the beginning of each school year. Only early graduates will be reclassified again between semesters during their third year of high school.

Students who are involved in UIL and extracurricular activities must have at least five (5) credits at the end of the freshman year, ten (10) credits at the end of the sophomore year, and fifteen (15) credits at the end of the junior year to participate in the first grading period of the following year. Credits earned in summer school will be applied to meet this criterion.

COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES

In order to participate in Division I and II Athletics on the collegiate level, students must register and be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. Students are advised to check with the counselor to be certain they are satisfying the NCAA approved core course requirements.

CONCURRENT OR DUAL ENROLLMENT

Redwater High School and Texarkana College offer dual credit enrollment in English, U.S. History, College Algebra, Calculus, Trigonometry, Statistics, Biology, Art Appreciation, Speech and numerous other workforce programs. Students who meet the criteria for enrollment may take these courses and receive high school credit, as well as, college credit. Students will be expected to pay tuition fees to Texarkana College. Tuition and fees will be charged for each semester course. Students may also be responsible for the cost of textbooks associated with these courses.

To be eligible for enrollment in Dual Credit courses, a student must have written permission from the parent, counselor and principal. In addition, the student must have a grade average of 88 or higher, passed the STAAR EOC (if applicable), and/or passed the required section of the TSI (Texas Success Initiative). The student must provide documentation of a passing score on the TSI to the campus counselor **two weeks prior to the first day of instruction**. Failure to provide the necessary documentation will result in a corresponding schedule change.

CREDIT FOR COURSES TAKEN OFF CAMPUS

Prior to enrollment in any course not taken on the campus of Redwater High School, a student shall make a written request to the principal for approval to enroll in the course. If approval is not granted prior to enrollment, the student shall not be awarded credit toward graduation. (EHDD Legal, EHDD Local)

SEMESTER EXAM EXEMPTION

The purpose of the fall and spring exam exemption plan is to:

- Provide an incentive for academic endeavor
- Improve school attendance
- Encourage good citizenship and punctuality
- Foster student-teacher relationship and responsibility

Exemptions for fall and spring exams will not be given until the student has been cleared of textbook/library fines, fees, payment for lost books, etc. Extenuating circumstances preventing the

payment of fees by a student will be considered on a case by case basis by the principal. Any student assigned to in-school suspension (ISS), out of school suspension (OSS), disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), or caught cheating will forfeit their exemptions for that semester.

For exemption purposes only, please note the following concerning attendance:

- Three tardies in a class will count as one absence for that class.
- Students may turn in up to 5 doctor notes for absences and those will be excused toward exemptions.
- All other absences will count toward the loss of exemptions.

Attendance/Grade Requirement for Exemptions:

- Perfect attendance – semester grade average of at least 75
- One or Two absences – semester grade average of at least 80
- Three absences – semester grade average of at least 90
- Four or more absences – no exemption
- Seniors must take one (1) exam and may exempt all others in the fall semester; may be exempt from all exams in the spring.
- Juniors must take two (2) exams with one being a core subject.
- Sophomores must take three (3) exams with two being core subjects.
- Freshmen must take four (4) exams with two being core subjects.

Grading Guidelines

Number grades will be used in recording and reporting subject grades each nine weeks and each semester. A grade of 70 or higher is necessary to pass each course. Any grade below 70 is not passing. Teachers are required to post a minimum of one (1) minor grade per week and three (3) major grades (such as tests, projects, essays or other high level performance assignments) per nine (9) weeks for a total of 12 grades.

**Some Dual Credit courses will follow Texarkana College's grading policy/Instructors syllabus and are not subject to this grading policy.*

These minimums may be adjusted by the district in the event of unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited, to school closures.

Grading Scale:

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- Below 70 is failing

Nine Weeks Grades are determined by the following percentages:

- Regular Classes - Average of Minor Work 50% + Average of Major Grades 50%
- Weighted Classes - Average of Minor Work 40% + Average of Major Grades 60%

Semester Grade Computation:

- Each 9-week grade counts three times
- Fall or Spring exam counts once

Grading guidelines for each course will be included in the course syllabus.

Re-assessing: Major Assignments

Test or Major Assignment grades constitute 50% or 60% of a student's overall grade. Students who score below 70 on any major assignment, will be given one opportunity to retake the assessment or a suitable alternative assessment covering the same material after re-teaching of content has occurred. This includes alternative options for students who fail a project that counts as a major grade. The student has this opportunity for 2 major assignments per grading period. **Some Dual Credit courses will follow Texarkana College's grading policy/Instructors syllabus and are not subject to this grading policy.*

The assessment must be taken within five school days of the original assessment grade being provided to the student unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by the classroom teacher and/or campus administrator.

Reteaching of content must be offered through tutorials before the reassessment.

The reassessment grade will be no higher than 70.

Steps to Retake an Assessment

1. Student must submit in writing / email to the teacher within two school days of the grade being returned in class stating the desire to reassess.
2. Student must complete the retake reflection form in its entirety to be considered for a retake.
3. Student must complete the retake practice work relating to the assessment as given by the teacher after the retake has been approved.
4. Attend a **minimum** of one mandatory tutorial sessions with your teacher to correct the assessment in which you are seeking to retake on the designated day after the retake has been approved.
5. Turn in the practice work as well as the corrected assessment being reassessed to the teacher.
6. Retake the assessment on the designated retake day.

Reassessment will not include semester or final exams, except in the case of spring exams for graduating seniors. Any senior with a passing course grade prior to the spring final exam, for which a failing final exam grade is the sole reason for not graduating, will be given one opportunity to retest. The exam retest will be scheduled at the convenience of the campus teacher or administrator.

Dual Credit retest procedures will follow the college syllabus and policies of the institution of higher education.

Retake Reflection Form

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Directions:

Students are required to turn in a form if they want to complete a retake. All forms must be signed by a parent and turned in prior to retaking the assessment. If the parent signature is not provided to be approved for reassessing, the reassessment is automatically denied and cannot be resubmitted.

Rationale/Reflection:

Assessment you would like to redo: _____

Previous Score: _____

What is the reason you did not master the material? Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I did not study.
- ☐ I did not study the right materials.
- ☐ I did not take good notes in class.
- ☐ I did not participate fully in class activities.
- ☐ I did not understand the concepts.
- ☐ I did not complete the homework/practice problems.
- ☐ I did not come in for tutoring.
- ☐ I did not understand the directions.
- ☐ Other _____

Why should you be given the opportunity to redo the assessment? (Complete sentences)

Required Steps to Retake an Assessment

- Complete the Retake Reflection Form within 24 hours of receiving grade
- Complete all practice work relating to the assessment as given by the teacher
- Attend a **minimum** of one mandatory tutoring sessions with your teacher on designated dates
- Correct the original assessment with the teacher during mandatory tutorial sessions
- Turn in evidence of study preparations for retake
- Turn in the practice work and the test corrections to the teacher
- Retake the assessment on the designated retake day

Request:

I request the opportunity to redo/reassess this concept. I have completed all parts of the form as well as all assignments for this Unit.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Signing this form acknowledges that your child has requested to retake an assessment. Before signing, please read both sides of this form and discuss with your child ways to avoid this in the future.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Extracurricular Eligibility

A student may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks when the student receives a grade below 70 at the end of a grading period in any high school academic class; a grade below 65 in a dual credit class in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or languages other than English; or a grade below 70 in a dual credit class in any other subject.

Early Release/Late Arrival

Students who are scheduled for early release or late arrival, but are failing a class at progress/report card, may have their early release or late arrival canceled for the grading period in order to attend a 1st Period or 9th period tutorial class as mandated in TEC 29.084(b).

Grade Repair Program

In an effort to help all students be successful, Redwater High School will be continuing our Grade Repair Program for students who did not successfully pass a semester for certain courses. The Grade Repair Program gives students the opportunity after-school hours to improve their grade with a course recovery software program.

GRADUATION

Graduation requirements are outlined in the Course Description Guide, available through the counselor's office. Each student will meet with the counselor to develop a graduation plan, determining the classes and credits required to attain the desired diploma. Students will not participate in graduation ceremonies unless all graduation requirements are met, including attendance.

All students will be introduced/announced at the commencement ceremony by their legal name as printed on their birth certificate, name change certificate, and/or court Order For Change of Name.

Honors

The top ten honor students (including the valedictorian and salutatorian) will be determined after the end of the third (3rd) nine-week grading period. To be recognized as a top ten honor student:

- The student must be enrolled in Redwater High School for the entire senior year.
- The student must complete the Foundation High School Program with Endorsement and meet the Distinguished Level of Achievement for graduation.
- The student must complete graduation requirements after eight (8) semesters of enrollment in the high school.

To be eligible for recognition as the valedictorian and salutatorian, a student

- Must have been continuously enrolled at the high school for the four (4) semesters immediately preceding graduation.
- Must have completed the Foundation High School Program with Endorsement and meet the Distinguished Level of Achievement requirements.

GRADUATION/BACCALAUREATE DRESS CODE

Graduation and baccalaureate exercises are important and solemn occasions. Students are expected to dress and act accordingly.

Male Attire (both events)

- A solid, light-colored dress shirt (button-down, tucked in) with tie and full-length dress pants. Slacks must be navy, black or khaki.
- Jeans, shorts, or T-shirt of any type are not allowed
- Clothing with pictures or wording are not allowed
- Dress shoes with socks that coordinate with attire or dress boots.
- Athletic shoes, flip flops, sandals, or house shoes (slippers) are not allowed.
- Decorating graduation caps and/or gowns is not allowed.

Female Attire (both events)

- Dress, top/skirt, or dress slacks. Slacks and long dresses or skirts that hang below the graduation robe must be navy, black, or khaki. Dresses and skirts must meet the school dress code length. Rompers are not allowed.
- Fabric covering the shoulders must be a minimum of 2 inches in width
- Strapless, spaghetti straps, halter dresses or tops are not allowed
- Neckline may not expose cleavage
- Cut-outs in backs of dresses or tops are not allowed
- Dress shoes with back straps. Athletic shoes, flip flops, sandals or house shoes (slippers) are not allowed. Because graduation will be held on the football field, female seniors should consider wearing wedges, low heels, or flats.
- Underclothing must not be visible
- Jeans, shorts, or T-shirts of any type are not allowed
- Clothing with pictures or wording are not allowed
- Decorating graduation caps and/or gowns is not allowed.

Students are only allowed to wear district or military issued regalia.

Senior class sponsors will determine whether graduation attire meets this code prior to allowing the student to put on the cap and gown. Any student who does not adhere to this code will not be allowed to participate in either ceremony. Students may pick up their diploma on the next business day following graduation.

LATE WORK/MAKE-UP WORK

Late work is any assignment (homework, daily work) not turned in at the time designated by the teacher.

- The maximum grade for a late assignment is 70.
- Only three late assignments will be accepted in each class per grading period. A zero (0) will be recorded for any subsequent late assignments.
- Late work will not be accepted after three school days.

Make-up work is any work missed due to an absence from school.

- A student is allowed one day per day of school missed due to an absence to complete the assignment.
- Assignments given prior to the day of absence are due the day the student returns to school.
- Tests to be made up may be scheduled before or after school at the discretion of the teacher. If the student is unable to make up the test at the designated time, the teacher must be notified in advance. Consideration may be given for extenuating circumstances.
- Parents wishing to pick up their student's make-up work must contact the school office by 10:00 a.m. on that day. Work will be available for pick up in the office after school until 3:45 p.m.
- It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with his/her teachers for tutorials to assist with missed lessons and assignments.

School sponsored activities

- A student is allowed one day per day of school missed due to a school sponsored activity to complete the assignment.
- Major Assessments must be completed prior to student missing for a school sponsored activity if all material has been covered in class.
- Every effort should be made by the student to gather assignments from teachers prior to missing school for a school sponsored activity.
- Students must attend school ½ day to participate in U.I.L. activities. (½ day is equal to 4 class periods)

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Students and parents may expect teachers to request a conference:

- If the student is not maintaining passing grades or achieving the expected level of performance
- If the student is not maintaining appropriate behavior
- In any other case the teacher deems necessary

Any parent who has concerns regarding their student's academic performance, conduct, etc. are encouraged to contact their student's teacher by email or by calling the office for an appointment. The parent may request that the teacher contact him/her during a conference period or at another mutually

convenient time. If after conferring with the teacher, the parent feels that a satisfactory resolution has not been reached, the parent may call or schedule a meeting with the principal for further discussion.

In order to ensure maximum, quality instructional time and supervision for all students, **teachers are unable to leave their classes at any time for unscheduled meetings with parents.**

PLACEMENT IN HONORS/GT COURSES

Honors/GT English – Must meet 3 of the 4 criteria

- STAAR/EOC score of Meets or Masters
- Average of 85 or above in ELA
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Approval

Honors/GT Biology - Must meet 3 of the 4 criteria

- STAAR score of Meets or Masters on 8th grade Science
- Average of 90 or above for 8th grade Science
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Approval

Honors/GT Geometry, Algebra 2 – Must meet 3 of the 4 criteria

- Algebra 1 EOC score of 4300 or higher
- Average of 90 or higher in Geometry or 80 or higher in Honors Geometry
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Approval

Honors/GT World History

- Average of 88 or higher in World Geography
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Approval

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Every effort is made to schedule students for the courses they request on the Choice Sheet. Schedule changes are discouraged and will be approved only under the following circumstances:

- Completion of a scheduled course by alternate means (credit by exam, summer school, correspondence course, and college credit)
- Failure of a course prerequisite
- Change in the senior year to a course required for graduation
- Removal of a scheduled course from the school schedule
- Level changes

- Special or extenuating circumstances – approval by the principal

Credit will not be awarded after nine school days of each semester if a student changes a course or enters without having been enrolled in another school.

**** A student will not be permitted to drop a course after the first five days of a semester. ****

SUMMER SCHOOL

If a student receives a composite grade in a required course that is failing, the student may be required to attend summer school. The class must be taken at an approved summer school site. **Approval from the principal or counselor must be obtained in advance.** The student will be scheduled to repeat any required course or grade level for which he/she does not regain credit through summer school. Contact the counselor for information regarding summer school, registration information, and fees.

TUTORIALS

Tutorials may be provided by teachers before and after school or during Dragon Time. Contact your student's teachers for tutorial days and times.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

The building will be open at 7:30 a.m. each morning. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Students arriving before 7:45 a.m. must remain in the courtyard or in the cafeteria unless it is necessary to: (1) transact school business in the office, (2) use the library, (3) attend a club/organization meeting, or (4) attend tutorials. Students will not be allowed in locker areas prior to 7:45 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Satisfactory school progress is dependent upon regular attendance. Because attendance is so critical for the quality of your child's education, Texas has a Compulsory Attendance Law.

Parents are required to provide a written excuse or doctor's excuse for any day a student is absent. Refer to the parent letter sent home with the first day packet for information on excused absences and other pertinent information.

Students must attend school ½ day to participate in U.I.L. activities. (½ day is equal to 4 class periods)

Make Up Hours for Excessive Absences: Students will have the opportunity to make up excessive absences by attending tutorials after school. These opportunities will be the only means that a student may use to regain credit. Requirements for all of these opportunities are as follows:

- Students must have books and materials to study.
- Students will be expected to work without talking to other students.

- Students must sign in and out to receive credit.
- All school rules will be followed or the student will be asked to leave the session without credit.
- Students must provide their own transportation.

Driver License Attendance Verification: For a student between the ages of 16 and 18 to obtain a driver license, written parental permission must be provided for the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). A verification of enrollment (VOE) form may be obtained from the office, which the student will need to submit to DPS upon application for a driver license.

CAFETERIA/COMMONS/PATIO AREA

High school students are allowed to use the cafeteria, commons area and patio area before school and at lunch. It is the student's responsibility to clean up the tables as he/she leaves. Failure to do so will limit the student's use of the facility.

CELL PHONE, WATCHES & OTHER TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY

Redwater ISD's Student Personal Device Procedures align with Texas House Bill 1481. This policy is based on a statewide mandate from the legislature, not a local RISD decision. During the school day (8:00 am - 3:45 pm), students may NOT use cell phones, smartwatches, headphones/earbuds, or any personal device NOT issued by RISD.

Devices must be stored in backpacks, locked lockers, or turned into the office. Use is allowed before and after school. Use is not allowed during class, lunch, in restrooms, or passing periods. Students can use campus phones for emergencies. Please keep parent contact information updated. Personal devices should NOT be used during lockdowns.

Device Violation Consequences			
#	<u>Pick-Up</u>	<u>Parent Notified</u>	<u>Consequence</u>
1	Student	Yes	Warning
2	Student	Yes	1 Day Detention
3	Parent/Guardian	Yes	2 Days Detention
4	Parent/Guardian	Yes	3 Days Detention
5	Parent/Guardian	Yes	4 Days Detention
6+	Parent/Guardian	Yes	1 Day ISS

Note: Students refusing to turn in cell phones to the teacher, staff member, or administrator requesting are choosing to be blatantly insubordinate and will be assigned 3 days ISS for the first offense. Further offense will result in additional ISS days or possible DAEP placement.

CHECKING IN and OUT OF SCHOOL

A student reporting late to school must check in with the front office. A student reporting to class 15 minutes or more after the start of class will be considered absent. A student who needs to leave early must be checked out through the front office by an authorized party. The student will be called to the office when the authorized party arrives.

CLASS DUES

Each year a student is in attendance at Redwater High School, he/she will be assessed \$10.00 for class dues. The dues are to be paid to the class sponsor in charge of that duty. Class dues help cover costs associated with Junior-Senior Prom, graduation ceremony expenses, floral expenses, senior T-shirts, and other needs that arise. Dues are collected each year starting with the freshman year and continuing through the senior year. Each class begins raising funds for prom in their freshman year. Students not current on class dues will not be allowed to attend scheduled dances/prom.

COLLEGE VISITATION

Junior and Senior students are allowed two (2) days per year to visit colleges without being considered absent. **Visitation must occur before May 10th**. In order for the visit to be considered school related, prior approval from the principal must be obtained. Forms for college visits may be picked up in the school office. Upon return to school, a signed statement on the college/university letterhead indicating the date of the visit must be turned in to the school office. Students are responsible for missed assignments and all work is due at the time designated by the teacher.

DANCES

Dances will be allowed in the student center of the high school on certain occasions, such as homecoming, prom, etc. This privilege will be revoked if any problem occurs. All dances end no later than midnight. Non-Redwater ISD students must be pre-registered and present a photo ID at the door. School sponsored dances during the year will be limited to two (2) other than prom. Discipline or attendance concerns may result in the loss of privilege to attend dances.

DETENTION HALL

Students may be assigned detention as a consequence for disruptive behavior. Detention is held after school, Monday through Thursday, from 3:50 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Failure to attend detention when assigned will result in additional disciplinary action. Any student assigned detention is expected to be in his/her seat at 3:50 pm. Students not in their seat by 3:50 pm may not be allowed to stay and the day will be marked as unsuccessful. Talking is not allowed and the student must bring an assignment(s) to work on.

FOOD SERVICE AND NUTRITION

Federal regulations prohibit the sale or distribution of certain foods, determined to be of minimal nutritional value (MNV), during meal times, or 30 minutes before or after meal times at school. Some of these foods include: carbonated beverages and candies such as hard candy, jellies, marshmallow candies, fondant, licorice, spun candy and candy coated popcorn. A student may bring such items from home; however, he/she may not share or sell these items to other students. A parent is allowed to bring lunch to only his/her child from an outside source.

Eating Lunch with Your Student: Parents are welcome and encouraged to eat lunch with their students; however, parents must report to the front office for a visitor's badge. In accordance with state guidelines, parents may provide lunch, only, for their own children. Redwater High School will allow lunch deliveries from Meal Delivery Services, however they must follow the policy and procedures for lunch deliveries. Students will not be allowed to meet meal delivery services in the parking lots.

Delivering Lunches: For lunch deliveries, there will be a table set up at the front, main entrance of the High School. Parents may place the food/items on the table with the students name written on the item. Students will be allowed to pick up those items during transitions or lunch time. The school and school personnel will not be responsible for items left.

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION

In School Suspension (ISS) may be assigned as a consequence for violation of the Code of Conduct. Any student assigned to ISS must report to the high school office upon arrival at school, and no later than 8:00 a.m. ISS consists of three (3) components daily: ISS curriculum (character/social skills), regular classroom assignments (provided by all of the student's teachers) and campus community service. The student must successfully complete all components to receive credit for attendance. The student will be required to turn off his/her cell phone and leave it with the ISS teacher until dismissed at the end of the school day.

The student may participate in extra-curricular practices after school but may not participate in any UIL sponsored contest/event, assemblies, or functions on the days assigned.

LIBRARY POLICY

- Books will be checked out for a period of two (2) weeks.
- Fines are assessed at \$.10 per day.
- All books must be returned and fines paid at the end of each semester. Students must be cleared through the library prior to taking exams.
- Copy machines and computers are available for school work only.
- Any unauthorized use of the computers may result in loss of computer privileges
- Any student coming to the library during class must have a library pass and present it to the librarian.

- The library is available for students to study, read and complete homework. Students are expected to respect others by being quiet. Those who choose to be loud will be asked to leave.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is the use of another person's ideas, writing, or Artificial Intelligence (AI) as one's own without giving credit to the true author. Plagiarism shall be considered cheating and the student is subject to disciplinary action. Credit will not be given for any work as a result of plagiarism.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION (PDA)

Redwater ISD recognizes that genuine feelings of affection may exist between two students. However, students shall refrain from all overly affectionate Public Displays of Affection (PDA) while on campus or while attending and/or participating in a school-related activity.

PDA includes any physical contact that may make others in close proximity uncomfortable or serves as a distraction for themselves as well as innocent onlookers. Some specific examples of overly affectionate PDA include, but are not limited to: Kissing, prolonged hugs, groping, and any other activity or intention that could be misconstrued.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Students are encouraged to become involved in clubs and student organizations. Educational statistics prove that students who are involved in clubs and extracurricular activities make better grades and are more likely to succeed in life after high school. Colleges examine the level of student involvement in clubs and organizations when determining admission and scholarships.

STUDENT PARKING

Vehicles and Parking

- **Motor-Driven Vehicles:** Motor-driven vehicles are to be parked upon arrival at school and not used until the end of the school day unless the office gives permission.
- **Vehicle Registration and Parking Permits:** All students, staff, and faculty members who park motor vehicles within the controlled area of the campus must register their vehicles within two (2) weeks of the first day of school or one (1) week of beginning to operate a motor vehicle on campus. Any changes affecting the registration information for which a parking permit was issued must be reported promptly. Failure to report such changes may result in the same consequences as other violations.
- **Display of Issued Parking Pass:** The parking permits are made to stick on the front passenger side of the windshield. Operators of motorcycles must affix the permit to a location that will easily be seen.

- Students are not allowed to drive their vehicles and park while they are assigned to DAEP. All students assigned to DAEP will be transported by the DAEP bus or by parents.
- **Vehicle Registration Process:** To register your vehicle to park in the RISD controlled parking area, you will need to obtain an Automobile Registration letter from the High School office. You must complete this form and return it with a copy of your vehicle's proof of insurance, driver's license and \$20.00 for the tag. If a student, staff or faculty member loses their parking tag, each replacement parking tag will cost \$10.00 unless the driver can document a significant financial need.
- **Vehicles and Parking Lots:** Vehicles parked on school property are under the jurisdiction of the school. Students have full responsibility for the security of their vehicle and must make certain they are locked and that the keys are not given to others. The school reserves the right to search any vehicle if reasonable cause exists to do so with or without the presence of the student. Students will be held responsible for any prohibited objects or substances such as alcohol, drugs, or weapons that are found in their cars and will be subject to disciplinary action by the District, as well as referral for criminal prosecution.
- **Procedures for Parking Lots:** All drivers are expected to abide by the following rules pertaining to the parking areas on campus.
 1. Each student is responsible for safe and courteous driving around the campus.
 2. Students are responsible for parking appropriately in the assigned **STUDENT PARKING LOT** located on the south side of the high school building.
 3. Student parking in any other areas of the campus is prohibited.
 4. Drivers must not exceed a 10-MPH speed limit when operating a vehicle on campus.
 5. Students leaving campus during the school day, and all work or early-release students must at all times have a school identification card and an authorized pass with them before leaving the campus. This card **MUST** always be carried by the student.
 6. Students are not allowed to "hang out" in vehicles before or after school.
- Below is a list of additional parking lot violations that can result in disciplinary action:
 1. Driving recklessly
 2. Disobeying traffic signs
 3. Parking in any unauthorized areas
 4. Taking up more than one parking space
- Due to the nature of their job, and the necessity for immediate access to the buildings of the campus, it is necessary to exempt the RISD Maintenance and Police from these regulations.
- **Enforcement of Parking Lot Regulations:** Violation of any parking lot regulation may result in parking privileges being revoked for an extended period of time, and may result in any or all of the penalties listed below. Violations of these regulations may be enforced by the RISD Police Officer or any RISD Administrator. Violations of the Texas Transportation Code may be enforced

by the RISD Police Officer through a Justice or Municipal Court, in conjunction with, or separate from, school discipline.

1. **An RISD citation which results in an enforcement and administrative fee:** The fee (fine) will be assessed at \$5.00. If a student receives a citation for no parking permit, and it is his/her first offense, then the fine may be waived in lieu of vehicle registration and a parking permit. If a fine is not paid within ten school days, the fine is increased to, but does not exceed \$10.00. If the fines are not paid, then consideration will be given to limiting their participation in extracurricular activities and loss of semester exemptions. The Principal or their designee has the option to substitute days of detention, ISS, or other suitable discipline for the fine, especially if the student can document a significant financial need.
2. **Towing of the vehicle:** Vehicles that are parked in such a manner as to hinder the flow of traffic, vehicles parked in an unauthorized space, or vehicles which have received excessive violations or violations that the RISD Police or RISD Administrators may deem as hazardous may be towed and impounded at the expense of the owner/violator. School disciplinary measures may not be substituted for expenses resulting in the towing of a violator's vehicle.

TARDIES

In an effort to improve student learning, Redwater High School is committed to the idea of students being in class on time and ready to learn. To help students develop good habits of punctuality and preparedness, RHS teachers and administrators will enforce the tardy policy by providing consequences for excessive tardiness and rewards for punctuality. The office will maintain a count of student tardies. Tardies in all classes will be cumulative. The consequences for tardiness will be as follows:

1 - 3 Tardies	Warning
4th Tardy	Parent Contact & 1 day of after school detention
5th Tardy	Parent Contact & 2 day of after school detention
6th Tardy	Parent Contact & 4 day of after school detention
7th Tardy	Parent Contact & 1 day of ISS
8th Tardy	Parent Contact & 2 days of ISS

The student tardy count will start over at zero at the beginning of each grading period.

A student is considered tardy to a class when he/she is not in the classroom, sitting in their seat, and ready for classroom instruction when the tardy bell stops ringing. A student who is more than 15 minutes late to a class is considered absent.

VISITORS

All visitors must report to the school office to obtain a visitor's pass. Visitors on campus during the school day will be allowed only for the purpose of official school business. Parents/guardians who wish

to eat lunch with their child may do so after obtaining a visitor's pass. Other individuals will not be allowed to visit with students during the lunch period.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM DATES

ACT Dates

September 19
October 17
December 12
February 27
April 10
June 12
July 10

PSAT Date

Primary Date: October 1-30
Saturday Date: October 17

SAT Dates

August 22
September 12
October 3
November 7
December 5
March 6
May 1
June 5

For information regarding SAT administration locations, contact the school counselor. Registration information for any of the exams may be obtained in the counselor's office. Redwater High School is an ACT testing site.