Haughton Middle School
Student Handbook
2024-2025

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Haughton Middle Personnel

HMS Main Office (318) 549-5560
HMS Fax Number (318) 549-5573

Richard Warren, Principal (318) 549-5565
Contact for school-wide suggestions and concerns.

Ashley Sanchez, Assistant Principal (318) 549-5567
Contact for questions and concerns related to curriculum, textbooks, discipline, or bus concerns.

Marc Braden, Assistant Principal (318) 549-5566
Contact for questions and concerns related to curriculum, discipline, or PBIS concerns.

Shawn Hotard, School Resource Officer (318) 549-5568
Contact for issues or concerns related to school or student safety.

Nicole Addison, 6th Grade Counselor (318) 549-5571
Contact for scheduling, counseling, conferences, and School Building Level Committee (SBLC) information.

Debbie Chestnut, 7th Grade Counselor (318) 549-5569
Contact for scheduling, testing (LEAP) information, counseling, and conferences.

Roxanne Voigt, 8th Grade Counselor (318) 549-5570
Contact for scheduling, Section 504 questions, counseling, and conferences.

Lisa Lambert, Instructional Coach (318) 549-5575
Contact for remediation, RTI, State Testing, or curriculum concerns.

Pam Taylor, Secretary/Bookkeeper (318) 549-5561
Contact for general school related questions, transportation issues, messages for teachers, records requests (when moving), school events, school fees and to volunteer.

Kelli Patton, Front Office Clerk (318) 549-5562
Contact for general school related questions, transportation issues, messages for teachers, records requests (when moving), school events, and to volunteer.

Lauren Willcox, Attendance Clerk (318) 549-5564
Contact for enrollment and registration questions, attendance, absences, tardy information, and to request homework.

Amee Hensley, Librarian (318) 549-5628
Contact for library books and fees.

Tamara Landers, Cafeteria Manager (318) 549-5576
Contact for questions about free/reduced meals or lunch accounts and for special dietary requirements.

Sherri Sharp, School Nurse (318) 549-5563
Contact for medication administration and medical concerns for your child.

Please visit WWW.HAUGHTONMIDDLE.COM for school information. You can call your child's teacher for concerns about grades, classroom behavior, or report cards.

Mascot- Buccaneers
Colors- Red and White

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2024-2025
BELL SCHEDULE

70 Minute Blocks

1ST Lunch		**2nd Lunch**		**3nd Lunch**	
(70 Minutes per Block)					
1st Bell	7:30	1st Bell	7:30	1st Bell	7:30
1st Block	7:33 – 8:45	1st Block	7:33 – 8:45	1st Block	7:33 – 8:45
Buccaneer Block	8:48-9:18	Buccaneer Block	8:48-9:18	Buccaneer Block	8:48-9:18
2nd Block	9:21-10:31	2nd Block	9:21-10:31	2nd Block	9:21-10:31
Lunch	10:31-10:56	3rd Block	10:34-12:09	3rd Block	10:34-11:44
3rd Block	10:59-12:09	Lunch	11:05-11:30	Lunch	11:44-12:09
4th Block	12:12-1:22	4th Block	12:12-1:22	4th Block	12:12-1:22
5th Block	1:25-2:35	5th Block	1:25-2:35	5th Block	1:25-2:35

Core Subjects are always the same block and time each day (Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, ELA).
Elective and PE courses are on a red/white rotation.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red/White day	Red day	Red day	White day	White day

PM ACTIVITY BELL SCHEDULE

1ST Lunch		**2nd Lunch**		**3nd Lunch**	
(66 Minutes per Block)					
1st Bell	7:30	1st Bell	7:30	1st Bell	7:30
1st Block	7:33 – 8:41	1st Block	7:33 – 8:41	1st Block	7:33 – 8:41
2nd Block	8:44-9:50	2nd Block	8:44-9:50	2nd Block	8:44-9:50
3rd Block	9:53-10:59	3rd Block	9:53-10:59	3rd Block	9:53-10:59
Lunch	10:59-11:24	4th Block	11:02-12:33	4th Block	11:02-12:08
4th Block	11:27-12:33	Lunch	11:31-11:56	Lunch	12:08-12:33
5th Block	12:36-1:42	5th Block	12:36-1:42	5th Block	12:36-1:42
Activity	1:42-2:35	Activity	1:42-2:35	Activity	1:42-2:35

Welcome to Haughton Middle School

The administrators, faculty, and staff would like to welcome you to Haughton Middle School. We are looking forward to a successful school year. Our goal is to create a safe and educational environment in which our students can achieve their goals and learn. We are providing this handbook to assure an easy transition for new students entering HMS as well as for returning students and parents.

Please read this handbook carefully and retain it for future questions you may have regarding rules, regulations, and school policy. During annual student registration, you will sign in OnCourse indicating that you have read and understand the rules and procedures at HMS. The HMS administration has the authority to amend this handbook to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment if necessary.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a rigorous education to ensure our students become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

Amendments

Haughton Middle School administration reserves the right to make changes and amendments to this handbook as necessary. As these changes are made, we will attempt to keep an updated version on our website at all times.

Bossier Parish School Board Student Handbook

Please refer to the Bossier Parish Student Handbook for all items not addressed by the Haughton Middle School Handbook.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Students should arrive on time and be prepared to learn. Students should be respectful of teachers, administrators, staff, and other students. Keep your hands and feet to yourself. Follow all rules, including: No Pushing, No Shoving, No Running, No Profanity, No Obscene Gestures or Conversation.

Arrival: Students should not arrive before 7:10 AM. All students must be dropped off in the designated drop-off area. Students who eat breakfast go **directly** to the cafeteria. All other students will report directly to their first period class. All students should be at school by 7:30 AM. Students arriving after 7:33 AM must be signed in by a parent. Any student who is not in class by the tardy bell will receive an AM Tardy.

Dismissal: Students will go **directly** to their pick up areas after the 2:35 PM bell. Students will be picked up in the designated pick-up area only. Bus riders must go directly to their bus. Any student attending a school practice will go to the team meeting area immediately. Failure to follow these rules may lead to loss of privileges and disciplinary action.

Parent procedure for Car Line in the afternoon:

- **Parents may not begin lining up before 2:00 each day.**
- Please pull forward as far as possible to load as many vehicles as possible at one time.
- Make sure your son/daughter looks for you as they exit the building because the sooner they get to the car, the sooner you may leave too.
- Follow directions of staff on duty; be aware of students and staff moving between vehicles while loading.
- If you do not have your child, please pull around the parking lot to get into the first lane closest to the building in order to keep traffic flowing. **No students will be loaded into cars once cars are moving.**
- Once the buses begin leaving, **no** car will be allowed to leave until **all** buses have left.

Check-In and Checkout Procedures

Check In: All tardiness without proper documentation (original doctor excuse, etc.) is unexcused, but it is important for students to be checked into school by an adult in order for make-up work to be assigned. Any student signed in by a parent/guardian will be allowed to make up assignments according to BPSB policy. If a student arrives to school after 7:30, a parent MUST bring the student into the office and sign them in. Students MUST have their ID to scan when checking in so they can be counted present to school for the day.
Check Out: Students are not allowed to leave the school premises without proper authorization from the office. Parents/Guardians needing to check students out during the school day must report to the office and sign the student out. Only parents, guardians, and persons authorized on the student's registration form will be allowed to check a student out of school if a parent is unavailable. PICTURE IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO CHECK A CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL. Students will not be called from class until the parent/guardian arrives to the office. Students are not allowed to be checked out over the phone. Students who need to check out for illness must report to the Front Office to see the nurse and may call home. If the checkout is not due to illness, students can use the teacher phone in the classroom to call home.
There will be no check outs <u>during lunch shifts</u> or after 2:05 PM.

Lunch Shifts	1st Lunch 10:31-10:56	2nd Lunch 11:05-11:30	3rd Lunch 11:44-12:09

Attendance and Absences

In order to receive credit for courses necessary for promotion, all students must be in attendance for a minimum of 160 days. A student who misses more than 20 days in a school year is not allowed to be promoted to the next grade. It is the law in the state of Louisiana that personal illness (as verified by a doctor), death in the family (with a copy of obituary or funeral program), or extenuating circumstances (as agreed to by the principal) are the only basis for excusing an absence. A written note from the parent/guardian explaining the absence is required upon the student's return to school. All doctor's notes must be received within five (5) days of return to school. Students will be responsible for all classwork assigned during absences. Upon receipt of the fifth unexcused absence or fifth unexcused tardy, the student will be referred to the Bossier/Webster Parish Truancy Assessment and Service Center (TASC). Students must attend for more than half of the school day in order to participate in any extracurricular activity/practice/game at the end of that day.

Tardiness

All students should be at school by 7:30 AM. Students arriving after 7:30 AM must report to the office and be signed in by a parent. Any student who is not in class by the tardy bell will receive a tardy. Tardies between classes are kept per quarter and reset to zero at the beginning of the next quarter. Tardies will be entered into OnCourse by the teacher and are cumulative across the school day. If students are more than 5 minutes late, and do not have a note from an administrator or faculty/staff member, teachers may write a D-slip or referral for skipping class. Tardiness to class will be addressed by the teacher using the following policy:

Tardies 1-3-----Warnings from teacher
Tardy 4----------Call to parent
Tardies 5-6-----Parent Contact & One day After School Detention Assigned
Tardies 7-8-----Parent Contact & Two days After School Detention Assigned
Tardy 9 & All Subsequent Tardies----Parent Contact & Three days After School Detention Assigned

Assignment Requests and Make Up Work

After an absence, students should return to school with a note from a parent that includes the date(s) absent and excuse. Teachers may assist with assignments, but it is the student's responsibility to get any missed assignments and complete them within three days. The best way for a student or parent to get missed assignments is through OnCourse or email by sending a request for any missed work indicating date(s) absent and an excuse to each of the student's teachers. This same policy

applies to students who are suspended. Suspended students may not earn full credit on missed assignments, but should not receive less than 75% credit of work completed. In the event a student will be absent for more than three consecutive days, parents may contact the school office at 549-5560 to obtain assignments.

Bus Information and Procedures

School bus guidelines have been adopted by the Bossier Parish School Board in order to provide safe transportation to and from school. It is a **privilege**, not a right, to ride Bossier Parish school buses. All Board policies are strictly enforced on school buses. The bus operator, together with the principal, assumes full responsibility for the discipline of students who ride the bus. Should an infraction occur, the bus operator will notify the principal in writing. The Principal has the sole authority to determine consequences, if warranted.

The responsibility for supervision of students begins at the bus stop in the morning and ends when students exit buses at the end of the day. On-time delivery and student safety are the primary goals of each bus operator.

When riding the school bus, every student will:

1. Follow the Bus Transportation rules as directed by the bus operator and the student's principal.
2. Report to the assigned bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time. Please note that time does not permit buses to return to pick up students who have missed the bus.
3. Not bring on the bus objects that are too large to be held in the student's lap or to fit under the seat (including large band instruments, projects, and other large objects).
4. Assist the bus operator in maintaining a clean and sanitary bus; students who damage/destroy buses are appropriately disciplined/assessed for damages.
5. Not exit the bus at a different stop from their assigned stop without written authorization from the principal. The note must be presented to the operator at the start of the afternoon run.
6. Remain seated with backs against the seat, backpacks in lap, facing forward in the student's permanently assigned seat, while the bus is in motion and during stops for other students. The bus operator is responsible for seat assignments.
7. Only talk quietly to your neighbor. Vulgar language and bullying of other students will not be tolerated.
8. Adhere to the dress code for each school.
9. Not eat on the bus. (Students may carry water on the bus in plastic bottles)
10. Not extend arms out of windows or doors; not throw objects out of windows.

Note: A violation of a bus rule may result in loss of bus privilege and or disciplinary action. All buses are equipped with video cameras that constantly monitor student passengers. Bus operators are permitted to make reasonable rules for the safe transportation of students. See Transportation website for additional bus safety tips.

See the Transportation page at www.bossierschools.org for additional bus safety tips.

If it is necessary for you to ride a bus other than the one you are assigned, you must bring a note from your parent or guardian stating the following information:

- The name of the student you are riding with
- The address of the student whose home you are going to
- The bus number of that student
- Parent or guardian signature

A note is also required from a parent or guardian giving permission for a student to ride with them. Written permission must be on file from both parents/guardians.
Students will follow this procedure:

- Students will turn in their bus notes to the office before school or during the first hour. Students will pick up signed notes in the office during lunch. In order to timely process bus change notes, they must be turned in no later than the end of first hour. **Notes that are not processed due to late turn in to the office will result in the student riding their regular bus.**

- Bus changes **MUST** be requested in writing with a parent signature. We cannot process change requests over the phone.
- Please do not email notes for bus changes. Emails can be overlooked and not processed in a timely manner.
- Students will give the note to the bus driver when they get on the bus.

Please be aware that due to some overcrowding, there may be some buses that cannot accommodate any extra students and will not be allowed to take students who are not assigned to those buses for safety reasons. **Students may be refused permission to ride other buses as deemed necessary by school administrators.** Students with behavioral issues on the bus will not be allowed to ride another bus nor have students ride home with them.

After School Activities

Haughton Middle School will provide supervision for 15 minutes after the ending time for all school-sponsored events such as dances, athletic events and spirit groups. For example, if a dance ends at 6:00 PM, supervision ends at 6:15 PM. Parents should provide rides for students by 7:15 PM for football games and 6:00 PM for boys and girls basketball games. Failure to pick up students within 15 minutes may result in the student being barred from attending future events. The administration will make this determination for repeat offenders.

OnCourse/School App

Parents can keep up with their child's academic performance by using OnCourse. Please create an OnCourse account and check it regularly. If you need directions setting up an account, go to www.haughtonmiddle.com and click on the Parent's Tab. Teacher information can also be found on our school website. Student assignments can be found on either OnCourse Classroom or Google Classroom. Teachers will send an information sheet with codes to access online assignments. HMS will be using an online School App to disseminate information to the community. Information to download and sign up for the School App will be available at our school website after July 1, 2024.

Conferences

Parents may schedule conferences with the teachers or administrators by calling the office (549-5560) during school hours. If a parent needs to speak with an individual teacher about a classroom issue, your message will be forwarded to that teacher. If your child is failing multiple subject areas, please contact the school counselor for assistance.

School Counselors

The school counselors, Mrs. Addison, Mrs. Chestnut, and Mrs. Voigt, are available to talk with students and parents about concerns they may have. Mrs. Addison's number is 549-5571, Mrs. Chestnut's number is 549-5569, and Mrs. Voigt's number is 549-5570. The school counselors advise students on matters that impact their lives both at school and in the community. Parents should call the counselor when they would like to schedule a teacher – parent conference. The conferences are usually scheduled from 7:15 – 7:30 AM, 2:45 – 3:15 PM, or during the teacher's planning period. Parents may also call the counselor when they would like to get information about their child's performance in school.

Homework

Homework is a necessary part of a student's educational experience. It is essential that everyone consider their part in this important aspect of student success. The HMS administration will provide policies and procedures relating to homework to the faculty, students, and parents. Homework completion is essential for a student's academic success. Homework includes written assignments, studying, practice, and projects. Teachers are to utilize homework as a meaningful tool and are expected to provide feedback on homework assignments. Classwork may be assigned for grade recovery as homework. Parents are asked to respond to the school's request for support in getting homework completed and review assignments. Students are

expected to complete assignments by the due date per the directions given by the teacher. Students who do not complete their homework or classwork may be assigned Study Hall to complete missing work.

Uniform Policy and Dress Code

According to Act 414, the Board shall authorize a mandatory uniform dress code, which may include school uniforms. All Bossier Parish Schools have adopted mandatory uniforms beginning fall of 1999. Haughton Middle School follows a mandatory school uniform policy that is designed by a committee that consists of school administrators, parents, teachers, and students. To meet dress code requirements, the students must present themselves in the approved uniform. All uniforms must be worn in the manner meant by the manufacturer. All edges should be hemmed. The parents may make simple hemming of sleeve length, skirts, skorts, and/or length as long as it follows the dress code guidelines for uniform length. Students who are not in uniform may not be allowed to enter class. It is the responsibility of the parent and/or student to purchase only uniforms that meet all the requirements of Haughton Middle School Dress Code. **The administration shall make the final decision of what is considered proper or improper appearance.**

Shirts

- White, navy, gray, or red polo style shirts with no more than three buttons (no zipper, snap, or tie closings)
- White oxford shirts
- Current club or spirit shirt
- HMS Buccaneer shirt from BSN
- Shirt tails must be long enough to cover the midsection even when hands are raised. No fitted shirts with short cap sleeves or multiple buttons will be worn.

Bottoms

- (Boys) navy, gray, black, or khaki pants or shorts*.
- (Girls) navy, gray, black or khaki pants, capris, shorts, uniform jumper, uniform dress, skorts, or skirts*
- Jeans, pajamas, sweatpants, yoga pants and spandex are NOT ALLOWED.
- Plaid skirts/skorts are NOT ALLOWED.
- No skinny pants or body forming pants. Pants and shorts must not have any metal brads.
- Shorts and pants are not to be rolled up. The length of shorts must be no shorter than the bottom of fingertip when arms are held naturally at the side. Bottoms are worn on the waist. If they are not on the waist, undergarments are showing, or the student has to continuously pull up their bottoms, this is considered a uniform violation.
- The length of shorts, skirts, and skorts must be no shorter than the bottom of fingertip when arms are held naturally at the side.
- Joggers are acceptable. Joggers are considered pants with drawstrings or elastic waist with tapered legs with snug cutoff. These are NOT sweatpant material.
- Bottoms must not drag the floor in a manner that destroys the pants by stepping on them. The hem of the pants/shorts must not be cut, frayed, split, or torn.
- No cargo pants

*Denim and spandex, including spandex-like combination shirts, pants, or shorts are NOT allowed.

Students who receive a violation for shorts too short or too tight will lose their privilege to wear shorts on the 3rd violation for an extended period of time determined by administration.

Students who receive a violation for bottoms hanging below waist will be required to wear a belt.

Student ID Badges

Haughton Middle School students are required to have an ID badge at all times for five reasons: 1) security and easy recognition while on campus, 2) library check-in and check-out, 3) cafeteria account information and identification, 4) PBIS Groups for events and 5) Check-in/ Check-out and tardy accounting. Students will be issued one free ID at the beginning of the school year. This ID may be worn on an appropriate lanyard, clipped to the student's shirt, or in the student's pocket/purse, but the ID MUST be on their person at all times while at school or at school sponsored events. Student ID must be presented during daily uniform checks and when asked by any staff member. Refusing to show an ID is willful disobedience and will be dealt with through the discipline policy. Students must have their own ID for the

current year . If a student needs a replacement ID, they can be purchased for $5 in the Library. ID Badges are not to be decorated, deformed, or altered in any way. Mutilated IDs will be confiscated and must be replaced at the student's expense. Temporary IDs may be purchased for $1 and are valid for the date issued. Any student not in possession of their ID or possessing an altered ID will receive a uniform violation (see Uniform Violation Policy for disciplinary consequences).

Belts– Belts are optional. If a belt is worn it must fit inside belt loops. No part of the belt may be left hanging. Belt must be school appropriate. No large or distracting belt buckles are allowed. Scarves, ties, straps, and other items may not be substituted for a belt (all belts must be **buckled** at all times). Some decorations and jewels on the belt are approved. Writing on the belt is not allowed. **Students who receive a violation for bottoms hanging below waist will be required to wear a belt.**

Jackets and Outerwear– Students may wear approved solid red, white, navy, gray, or black uniform jackets or coats WITH NO HOOD. Hooded outwear is prohibited inside the building. Haughton letter jackets and "official" Haughton jackets (sold or given by HMS) are permitted. No striped, plaid, or print shirts or outerwear. This includes camouflage clothing of any kind. No vests. No cropped jackets. Jackets must zip from top to bottom. Quarter zip jackets are not approved. Oversized jackets are NOT allowed at HMS. During uniform check, all outerwear must be unzipped (**students must wear an approved school uniform top daily**). No more than 2" X 2" label on jackets and outerwear. No gloves or rags are allowed inside the school. Monogramming of your child's initials (no nicknames) is allowed on the left or right side of the chest of the jacket. Monogramming should fit in a 4" X 4" square

HMS sweatshirts - HMS has one approved sweatshirt that can be purchased through our BSN website. Students must wear an approved school shirt under their sweatshirt. No hoodies (defined as any pullover with a hood or sweat shirt with a front pocket).

Undershirts– Must be solid red, white, navy, gray, or black with NO writing. Solid red, white, navy, gray, or black turtlenecks and Under Armor type shirts are allowed. Hoodies and shirts with a hood are NOT to be worn as undershirts.

Socks/Knee Socks/Tights– Knee socks and tights, for females only, maybe worn. No inappropriate writing on socks or tights.

Shoes– All shoes must match and be closed toe oxfords, tennis shoes, or loafers. Dress boots and rain boots are allowed. All shoes must have backs. Shoes must be worn on campus at all times and must be laced and appropriately tied. Shoes must be worn properly. No beach, pool or house shoes, crocs, steel toe boots, flip-flops, work boots, sandals or shoes with wheels. Black soled shoes may not be worn in the PE classes.

Piercings and Jewelry– Any jewelry should not detract from the school climate. No body piercing of any kind. (Exception: Females may wear earrings that are not distracting) Males may wear small stud earrings. No gauges allowed. No facial piercings allowed. Students are not allowed to wear straws or clear spacers to preserve pierced holes nor are they allowed to be covered by Band-Aids or other coverings. No wallet, pocket, or dog chains, spiked, or excessive (too large or too long) jewelry. Grills are not allowed. Inappropriate wrist bands are not allowed.

Hair and Make-up– No distracting hairstyles or colors will be allowed. No hair colors other than natural tones. No tinting or spray coloring which draws attention is permitted. Red hair color is acceptable. Hair must not cover eyes or face in any way. No make-up, body art, etc. that attracts undue attention as determined by the administration is permitted. Students are not to draw or write on body parts. No stocking caps, visors, hats, bandanas, sweatbands, scarves, or "do rags" are to be worn or brought to school. Students may not wear hair picks, combs, brushes, or rollers in their hair. No distracting headbands or headwear are allowed.

Spirit Days– Spirit days will be allowed at HMS at administrators' discretion. Any spirit activity "designated spirit uniform" may be worn in place of the regular school uniform. Examples: cheer uniform, dance uniform, football, basketball, soccer, softball, track, or volleyball jerseys, etc. Only uniforms distributed or approved by Haughton Middle School administration are allowed. HMS Spirit Shirts are allowed Monday-Friday. Only spirit shirts on the HMS website are approved. These shirts may be purchased in the school office. If a student receives a shirt from a club or organization, that student may wear the shirt any day during the current school year. It may be necessary to further define or amend this guideline as needed by administration.

Dress Code Clarifications

1. **No visible writing on any part of the uniform** (tops, bottoms, jackets, backpack, IDs, shoes, socks or belt) (Exception: Please write your child's name on the tag inside clothing with a permanent marker in case the item is lost or stolen)
2. No inappropriate or detracting wording should appear on any part of the uniform including jewelry.

3. Gang, drug, and race-related dress are not allowed.
4. Spirit shirts may be worn any day of the week. Students who are members of clubs, sports, and organizations may wear letter jackets and the associated spirit shirts any day of the week.
5. Shorts, skirts, and skorts must at least come to the bottom of the fingertips when arms are naturally held to the side and will be no longer than the bottom of the kneecap. (See bottom section of dress code policy)
6. No hats or hoods are allowed to be worn inside the school.
7. Pants will not drag on the floor in a manner that mutilates or destroys the pants by stepping or tripping on them. Pants may NOT be rolled up to a calf length or tight rolled around the ankle.
8. Pants must be worn at the waist.
9. No underclothing should be visible below shorts.
10. All buttons except for the top button must be buttoned on all shirts.
11. All uniforms must be sized correctly in order to avoid ANY sagging or tight-fitting tops or bottoms.
12. Labels on shirts and pants may not exceed 1" x 1" and labels on jackets may not exceed 4" x 4" and it must be an original manufacturer label.
13. Uniforms need to be kept in good condition and clean. No mutilation of any kind is allowed. Mutilations include, but are not limited to, writing, tearing, ripping or cutting of hems, cuffs, sleeves or body of any of the uniform parts.
14. Blankets and Snuggies are not allowed.
15. Any visible tattoo must be covered by clothing or a bandage at all times.
16. Colored contacts and distracting glasses are not allowed. Eyeglasses must be prescribed by a doctor.
17. IF A CLOTHING ITEM OR JACKET IS NOT LISTED AS APPROVED, IT IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN AT HMS.

Students violating the school uniform policy may be sent home, given a Uniform Violation and/or D-slip, assigned to detention, GASP, and/or suspended from school.
The administration shall make the final decision of what is considered proper or improper appearance.

Dress Code Violations

Parents/Guardians acknowledge on Oncourse stating that they have read the HMS Student Handbook. Students sign at the beginning of school stating they have reviewed the handbook. Any student enrolling after the first week of school must watch the Handbook Video. During the first week of school, students are warned about dress code violations. After the first week, Dress Code Violations will be issued as outlined below.

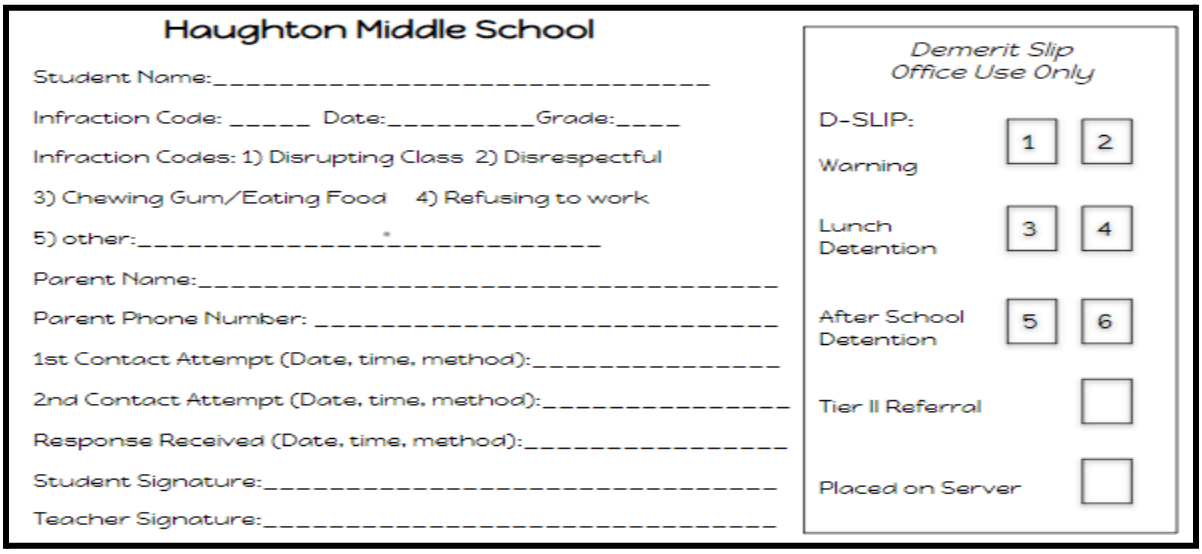
Minor uniform violations will be addressed with Dress Code Violations. Dress Code Violations are stored and restarted each quarter. When given a Dress Code Violation, the student must wear a Dress Code Violation Sticker on the date of infraction. Parents with an email address in OnCourse will receive a notification alerting you that your child has received a dress code violation. Dress Code Violations are sequential, and disciplinary action is progressive as stated below:

Dress Code Violation 1-4-----Warnings (Parent contact will be via automatic email per violation.)
Dress Code Violation 5-6-----One Day of Lunch Detention per violation
Dress Code Violation 7-8-----One Day of After School Detention per violation
Dress Code Violation 9 and subsequent-----Referral per violation

NOTE: This is only a guide for students who are in noncompliance with the HMS Dress Code. Students who are willfully out of uniform and disobedient may receive a Disciplinary Referral on their first violation depending on the situation. **Students who receive a violation for shorts too short or too tight will lose their privilege to wear shorts on the 3rd violation for a time period determined by administration for an extended period of time.**

Major Uniform Violations such as, but not limited to, unapproved hair color, designs in hair, revealing clothing (too tight, short, etc.), drug/alcohol/ gang related clothing, etc… will result in students being placed in GASP until the issue is resolved. In addition to GASP placement, the student is subject to further disciplinary action for violating school rules, including after school detention, GASP, and/or suspension.

Demerit Slips (D-slips) for Minor Disciplinary Infractions



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Student Name:_____

Infraction Code: _____ Date:_____Grade:____

Infraction Codes: 1) Disrupting Class 2) Disrespectful

3) Chewing Gum/Eating Food 4) Refusing to work

5) other:_____

Parent Name:_____

Parent Phone Number: _____

1st Contact Attempt (Date, time, method):_____

2nd Contact Attempt (Date, time, method):_____

Response Received (Date, time, method):_____

Student Signature:_____

Teacher Signature:_____

Demerit Slip
Office Use Only

D-SLIP:

Warning 1 2

Lunch Detention 3 4

After School Detention 5 6

Tier II Referral

Placed on Server

Demerits (D-slips) will be issued by school faculty and/or staff members for minor disciplinary infractions of school rules, gum chewing, minor disrespect, failure to follow class rules, etc. Disciplinary action for D-slips is as follows:

- 1st and 2nd----Warnings
- 3rd and 4th ----One day of lunch detention per D-slip
- 5th and 6th ----One day of after school detention per D-slip
- 7th and subsequent D-slips----Students will receive a Major Disciplinary Referral for every rule violation.

The procedure for teachers completing D-slips involves teachers contacting parents. Every time your child violates a school rule, you will receive a phone call or an email (that requires a reply). Your assistance is vital to the educational success of your child and we will strive to keep you informed of your child's progress. D-slip files are stored and restarted each quarter.

Minor Disciplinary Infractions resulting in issuing a D-Slip can include, but are not limited to the following:

- Teacher/Classroom rule infractions
- Off Task
- Gum, food, or candy in the classroom or hallway
- Minor disrespect to teacher/substitute
- Minor classroom/school disruption
- Tardies
- Minor willful disobedience
- Passing notes (depending upon content)
- Talking without permission
- Sleeping in class
- Lack of participation
- Refusing to complete assigned work
- Littering
- Minor name calling/teasing other students
- Horseplay/minor arguments between students
- PDA (depending upon incident)

Behavior Referral for Major Disciplinary Infractions

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL BEHAVIOR REPORT

In accordance with R. S. 17:416(A) the purpose of this report is to inform parents/guardians of a behavior incident on the school campus, in the classroom, cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, elsewhere at the school or during school-related activities, and of subsequent disciplinary action taken by school officials. Because this or other incidents may jeopardize the safety, well-being or education of other students, parents are urged to discuss the incident and possible implications with the student to prevent further occurrences.

Name of Student:	**Phone:**	**Grade/Section:**	
Name of Teacher/Staff:	**Teacher/Staff/Location:**		
Name of Principal:	**School:**		
Check One: ☐ Regular Education ☐ 504 ☐ Special Education	**Date of Incident:**	**Time:**	**Location:**

Time Code:	**01** Before School on Grounds, **02** During Class, **03** Between Classes, **04** After Normal School Hours & Supervised, **05** To/From School, **06** At Bus Stop or Transfer Station, **07** During School Extracurricular/Assembly Event, **08** Recess, Club, Free Time, **09** Homeroom, **10** Breakfast/Lunch
Location Code:	**01** Classroom, **02** Restroom, **03** Lunchroom, **04** Hallway, **05** Playground, **07** At Bus Stop or Transfer Station, **08** Parking Lot, **09** Locker Room, **10** Cell Phone, **11** Internet, **12** To or From School, **13** School Sponsored Event, **14** Home, **98** Offsite Program, **99** Other _____

INFRACTION/REASON CODES (Check all that apply)

01. ☐ Willful disobedience
02. ☐ Treats an authority with disrespect
03. ☐ Makes an unfounded charge against authority
04. ☐ Uses profane and/or obscene language
05. ☐ Commits immoral or vicious practices
06. ☐ Conduct or habits injurious to his/her associates
07. ☐ Uses or possesses any controlled dangerous substances governed by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, in any form
08. ☐ Uses or possesses tobacco, lighter, or matches
09. ☐ Uses or possesses alcoholic beverages
10. ☐ Disturbs the school or habitually violates any rule
11. ☐ Cuts, defaces, or injures any part of public school buildings/vandalism
12. ☐ Writes profane and/or obscene language or draws obscene pictures
13. ☐ Possesses weapon (s) as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code. *Use of code 13 requires additional submission of the Weapon Type code.
14. ☐ Possesses firearms (not prohibited by federal law), knives, or other implements, which may be used as weapons, the careless use of which might inflict harm or injury (Excludes pocket knives with a blade length < 2 ½" - refer to code 31).
15. ☐ Throws missiles liable to injure others
16. ☐ Instigates or participates in fights while under school supervision
17. ☐ Violates traffic and safety regulations
18. ☐ Leaves school premises or classroom without permission
19. ☐ Is habitually tardy and/ or absent
20. ☐ Takes another's property or possessions without permission
21. ☐ Commits any other serious offense
30. ☐ Discharge or use of weapon(s) prohibited by federal law
31. ☐ Possesses pocket knife or blade cutter with a blade length < 2 ½"
33. ☐ Use of OTC medication in a manner other than prescribed or authorized
34. ☐ Possession of Body Armor
35. ☐ Bullying/Harrassment (*complete Bullying Form)
36. ☐ Cyber Bullying (*complete Bullying Form)
37. ☐ False Alarm/Bomb Threat
38. ☐ Forgery
39. ☐ Gambling
40. ☐ Public Indecency
41. ☐ Obscene behavior or Possession of Obscene/ Pornographic Material
42. ☐ Unauthorized use of Technology
43. ☐ Improper dress
44. ☐ Academic dishonesty
45. ☐ Trespassing Violation
46. ☐ Failure to Serve Assigned Consequence
47. ☐ Misusing Internet/ Violates electronic/ technology policy
48. ☐ Sexual Harassment
49. ☐ False Report
50. ☐ Crime of Violence (per R.S. 14:2B)

REMARKS/DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: _____

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ACTION(S) TAKEN BY TEACHER OR OTHER SCHOOL EMPLOYEE

The student named above is hereby reported for inappropriate behavior as indicated in this report. This is the student's 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th (circle one) or other _____ cumulative behavioral referral(s). I have taken the following action(s):

011 ☐ Referred to Office
012 ☐ Referred to Counselor
013 ☐ Referred to Social Worker
014 ☐ Referred to SBLC
018 ☐ Secondary Referral (PBIS)
019 ☐ Tertiary Referral (PBIS)
022 ☐ Therapeutic Removal
025 ☐ Intervention Room
080 ☐ Assigned Remedial Work
120 ☐ Student Conference
140 ☐ Student Reprimand
160 ☐ Loss of Privileges
030 ☐ Restorative Practices Implemented
173 ☐ Conference with Parents or Guardians
175 ☐ Conference with Principal
999 ☐ Other Action _____

Contact Parent/Guardian? ☐ Y ☐ N	Date:	Time:	☐ Phone Call ☐ Letter ☐ Conference Date:	Time:
RECOMMENDATION(S) BY TEACHER OR OTHER SCHOOL EMPLOYEE:				
Signature of School Employee:				Date:

ACTION(S) TAKEN BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

The student named above is hereby reported for inappropriate behavior as indicated in this report. This is the student's 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th (circle one) or other _____ cumulative behavioral referral(s). I have taken the following action(s):

000 ☐ No Action – only use if no reportable action was taken
001 ☐ Expulsion Recommendation
002 ☐ Suspension Out of School from ____ to ____
004 ☐ Suspension In School from ___ to ___
006 ☐ Suspension Alternative Site from ____ to ____
012 ☐ Referred to Counselor
013 ☐ Referral to Social Worker
014 ☐ Referred to School Building Level Committee (SBLC)
016 ☐ Court Referral Date: _____
017 ☐ Enforcement Referral (Arrest Resulted Y N)
020 ☐ TOR (Time Out Room)
030 ☐ Restorative Practices Implemented
040 ☐ In School Detention from ___ to ___
043 ☐ After School Detention from __ to __
045 ☐ Weekend Detention from ___ to ___
080 ☐ Assigned Remedial Work
120 ☐ Student Conference Date: _____
140 ☐ Student Reprimand
160 ☐ Loss of Privileges
173 ☐ Conference w/ Parents or Guardians on: _____
175 ☐ Conference w/ Principal on: _____
180 ☐ Corporal Punishment (If checked, complete "Corporal Punishment" Incidence Checklist)
999 ☐ Other Action(s): _____

Perpetrator: Serious Bodily Injury ☐ Y ☐ N Medical Treatment ☐ Y ☐ N **Victim:** Serious Bodily Injury ☐ Y ☐ N Medical Treatment ☐ Y ☐ N

Contact Parent/Guardian? ☐ Y ☐ N	Date:	Time:	☐ Phone Call ☐ Letter ☐ Conference Date:	Time:
SIS Primary Infraction/Reason Code Entered:			Signature of Principal:	Date:

COMMENTS BY STUDENT AND/OR PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Signature of Student:	Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Current Date:

Check appropriate blocks as copies of the document are supplied:
☐ Parent/Guardian ☐ School's Pupil File ☐ Employee Filing this Report ☐ Principal

***NOTE: The principal shall return a completed copy of this form to the staff member who initiated the referral within 48 hours (excluding non-work days) of the time it was submitted to the principal.**

****Attachments:** Provide copies of all documents related to the behavior of the student named above and prepared by the employee submitting this referral.

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A Referral Form will be issued by school faculty and/or staff members for major disciplinary infractions of school rules. This report is added to the student's permanent school record. Disciplinary action for Major Behavior Referral Forms can include, but are not limited to the following consequences: conference with administrator, referral to counselor, restitution, restorative practices, lunch/after school/Saturday detention, in school detention, GASP, suspension, or recommendation for alternate placement.

Major Disciplinary Infractions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Cell phone/smart watch or other electronic device violation
- Misuse of technology
- Major disrespect to teacher/substitute
- Major classroom/school disruption
- Gambling or possession of gambling items
- Profanity

- Sexual Harassment
- Skipping class/school
- Fighting
- Stealing
- Academic Dishonesty/cheating
- Vandalism
- Bullying, threatening, or gang related activity
- Possession of Tobacco, lighter, vape; or use of any of these
- Possession and/or use of alcohol, OTC medication, prescribed medication, illegal drugs
- Possession of weapons or ammunition
- PDA (depending upon incident)
- Habitual Dress Code Violations in same Quarter

Detention

There are three types of Detention utilized at HMS for disciplinary consequences for students: Lunch Detention, After School Detention, and Saturday Detention.

- Lunch Detention is a disciplinary action typically assigned for minor disciplinary infractions, Cafeteria issues, and as a part of the D-Slip policy. Students assigned to Lunch Detention are to sit at the assigned table upon entering the Cafeteria for lunch. Students are not allowed to talk to anyone except duty teachers/administrators. Students are not allowed to participate in Concession Sales nor go outside for Break Time at the end of the lunch period. Students will be allowed to get a tray from the lunch line once all other students have received their lunch. Students who do not report to Lunch Detention will either be assigned additional Lunch Detention, After School Detention, or GASP.
- After School Detention is the primary disciplinary action for students who routinely break the tardy policy, repeatedly receive uniform violations, or for major rule violations as an alternative to Saturday Detention, GASP, or suspension. It is preferred to more severe consequences because students do not miss classroom instruction from their classroom teacher. If assigned, students are to report to After School Detention from 2:35-3:35 on their assigned day. **There is no school provided transportation for After School Detention, thus parents will need to arrange transportation. Students are not allowed to walk home from After School Detention. Parents will be notified in advance of student placement in After School Detention.** Failure to report to detention will result in Saturday Detention, GASP, or suspension from school. If a student is assigned detention on the day of an extracurricular activity or sports practice, they must complete the detention before participating in the extracurricular activity, practice, or game.
- Saturday Detention is a disciplinary action for students who break major rules and is an alternative to GASP and/or suspension from school. Saturday Detention is from 8:00am to 12:00 noon on select Saturdays during the school year. Students will report to the Front Office and be ready to participate in classroom/written activities and campus beautification activities during that time. School dress code is enforced and lunch will not be provided. Parents will be contacted in advance of students being assigned to Saturday Detention. Transportation before and after Saturday Detention is the responsibility of the parent. Students MUST be picked up at the Front Office at 12:00 noon.

GASP (Guided Alternative to Suspension Program)

The purpose of GASP is to reduce the number of suspensions at Haughton Middle School. As an alternative to suspension, a student who violates school rules may be assigned GASP. GASP is a very structured alternative classroom setting that allows students to complete classwork in a classroom setting during the normal school day. Students assigned to GASP must report to the cafeteria as soon as they get to school, complete academic work in silence, write any questions to the GASP director, eat alone at lunch, receive two scheduled restroom breaks, and are responsible for keeping their area of the GASP room clean. If a student causes a disruption in GASP, he or she will be **suspended** from school. **Any student assigned GASP, suspended, or expelled may not attend games or after school events or participate in games or practices on days they are in GASP, suspended, or expelled. Please see Bossier Parish School System Handbook for information about Out-of-School Suspension and Expulsion. IN ADDITION, ANY STUDENT SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY**

HMS EVENT FOR THE REST OF THE SEMESTER IN WHICH THEY ARE SUSPENDED OR FOR THREE MONTHS (WHICHEVER IS GREATER).

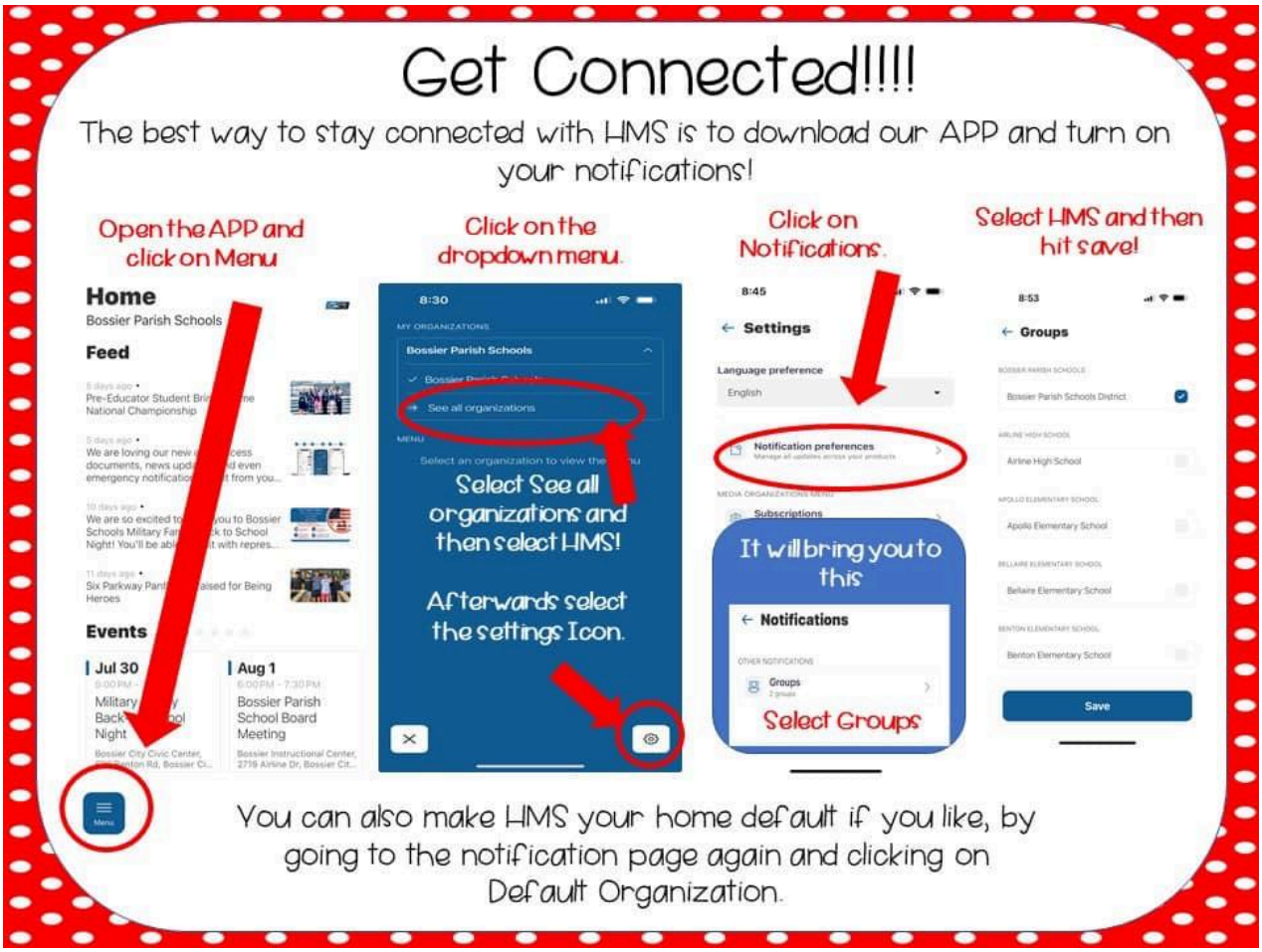
Website, App, and Communication

Bossier Parish has a parish app that contains vital information. Schools will use the app to communicate with parents. We will no longer use Remind, Class Dojo, or any other communication app. This includes facebook messenger. Our facebook page is to share information and show off your children. Please do not attempt to contact HMS faculty or administration about school issues through facebook. School personnel will not respond through social media via messenger. Each faculty member is supplied a school email for you to use. All emails follow the same design. Firstname.Lastname@BossierSchools.org. Our faculty should respond within 24 hours.

Our app will also notify you when your child's bus is late, any announcements from your school or your parish, and you have our calendar available for you to view. With the new app, you can access documents, events, news updates, and even emergency notifications.

Download for Android https://aptg.co/kztMjY
Download for iPhone https://aptg.co/VkpbJC

Haughton Middle School also has a website and a facebook page. Our school website and facebook page are connected to our app as well.



Haughton Middle School Communication Expectations

At HMS, we strive to have open communication with our parents and community. Our school utilizes many tools to ensure we are communicating effectively.

Email

Our parish has provided all employees with a Bossier parish email address. Emailing our employees for more information, concerns, praises, or needs is a great way to get in touch with us. Our email addresses all follow the same template: Firstname.Lastname@BossierSchools.org. HMS strives to return emails within 24 hours. This does not include weekends or holidays.

Phone Calls

All teachers and administrators have a school number you can utilize. Our teachers generally have their phones turned off unless it is their planning period. You are welcome to leave a voicemail. Our teachers are asked to return your call within 24 hours. This does not include weekends or holidays.

Bossier Parish App & Edurooms

Our Bossier Parish App is new to us, but HMS has embraced it. HMS pushes out information on the live feed portion of our App almost daily. We share pictures, upcoming events, announcements, and Buccaneer Business. We also have our school calendar linked to ensure parents are aware of events.

Eduroom is part of the App. Teachers are able to push information about their classes out in Edurooms. Teachers can also message parents as well from this tool. Teachers are asked to respond within 24 hours. This does not include weekends or holidays. Most communication between parents and educators will be between 7 am and 3:30 pm.

HMS Facebook Page

Our school utilizes our facebook page often to show off the accomplishments of our students. Often you can view our students enjoying HMS or learn about upcoming events. This is a positive page and unnecessary comments will be removed. Our social media page is to promote the fun our students are having. We do NOT use this as a communication tool to talk about school issues, individual student issues, or concerns. For those matters, please email or call the appropriate person. Teachers and administrators are unable to answer questions through facebook messenger. This includes their personal facebook accounts.

Extracurricular Events

Please remember that many of our teachers and staff are also parents to school aged children. We ask that you are mindful of this when you see them at extracurricular events. They love to talk about their students; however, please allow them to be present for their own children when outside of normal school working hours. Additionally it is difficult to ensure confidentiality when talking in public areas.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support is a program supported by the Louisiana Department of Education and Bossier Parish Schools to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. With PBIS, we implement school-wide strategies for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. Students are expected to follow our Buccaneer CODE which is courteous, organized, dedicated, and efficient. All students are part of PBIS and receive instruction pertaining to school safety and procedures. HMS also utilizes counselors and teachers in the program to serve as Check-In, Check-Out Coaches for students with academic or disciplinary issues. Some students are placed in Tier II and Tier III for more intensive interventions as determined by the school administrators, counselors, and teachers as part of the PBIS Team.

PBIS Rewards

One of the best aspects of PBIS is the positive rewards for students and teachers who are displaying Buccaneer Behaviors. Teachers and students displaying Buccaneer Behaviors are given CODE Cash which list: the student's name, teacher name, and the reason they are giving the CODE Cash. The CODE Cash can then be used in various ways during the school year (school store, prize drawings, etc…).

Behaving Bucs

Each quarter, students who have not been placed in detention–lunch, after school, or Saturday–(from receiving 3 or more D-Slips, 5 or more tardies between classes, or receiving 6 or more dress code violations), GASP, suspended, or received a Discipline Referral AND have 5 or less unexcused days absent will be recognized and rewarded as Behaving Bucs as outlined below:

- Each quarter, Behaving Bucs will be allowed to attend the Behaving Buc Event.

- Students who are Behaving Bucs for an entire fall semester (1st and 2nd quarters), do not owe any school or Library fees, and no more than 9.5 unexcused days absent will be allowed to participate in a reward activity. However, students may be assessed a fee to cover charges incurred by the school for the event.
- Students who are Behaving Bucs for an entire spring semester (3rd and 4th quarters), do not owe any school or Library fees, and no more than 9.5 unexcused days absent will be allowed to participate in a reward activity. However, students may be assessed a fee to cover charges incurred by the school for the event.

Student Expectations and Rules

School Rules:

1. Follow all classroom rules and procedures. Classroom rules and procedures will be posted in each classroom and will be discussed by each teacher during the first few days of school.
2. Adhere to the student dress code.
3. Leave candy, food, and drinks at home. Students are not allowed to bring any food or drinks to school other than their lunch. This includes Stanley & Yeti-like cups. Students are allowed to bring a **CLEAR PLASTIC** refillable water bottle with a **SCREW TOP LID** that securely closes to refill throughout the day. Cirkul type bottles are allowed. The water bottle must be **KEPT IN STUDENT'S BACKPACKS** and taken out when needed and **RETURNED** to the student's backpack. **METAL CUPS OR WATER BOTTLES ARE NOT ALLOWED. BOTTLES WITHOUT SCREW TOP LIDS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Only water is allowed to be consumed in the classrooms, **no other drinks are allowed outside the Cafeteria**. Students must eat their lunch during designated lunch times only. Gum chewing is not allowed in any classroom or in any area of the school.
4. Leave all toys including fidget spinners and fidget cubes at home.
5. Respect the rights of others.
6. Keep your hands, feet, and hurtful words to yourself.
7. Obtain permission to leave class. Students may not leave the classroom without a digital hall pass that is approved by the teacher. See information below in the E-Hall Pass Section.
8. Public Display of Affection (PDA) is prohibited at school and at all school events. This includes hand holding, hugging, kissing, etc…
9. Use appropriate voice and language in all areas of the school.
10. Walk and talk during class changes. Students are not allowed to congregate in halls or common areas of the school during changes. Students are expected to be walking directly to their assigned destination, to the restroom, or to get water.
11. Walk on paved walkways only. Students are not allowed to walk, visit, run, or play in grass/dirt areas of the campus during class changes or lunch shifts.
12. Students must congregate in their designated break area at lunch.
13. REFRAIN FROM FIGHTING: **STUDENTS WHO FIGHT AT SCHOOL ARE SUBJECT TO <u>ARREST</u>, SUSPENSION, AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION FOR ALTERNATE PLACEMENT.**
14. Students may not possess any instrument capable of inflicting bodily harm.
15. Students may not possess alcohol, tobacco, or drugs on or near BPSB property.
16. Students may not possess vapes, lighters, or matches on school property.
17. Students may not be involved in gambling, immorality, inappropriate behavior, or extortion on or near school property.
18. Students may not damage, deface, vandalize, or destroy school property or illegally enter school buildings.
19. Students may not bring cards to campus–this includes playing cards or trading/gaming cards (baseball cards or Pokemon cards).
20. Cellphones and Smartwatches must be turned off and placed in backpacks prior to arrival at school and remain there during the school day.
21. AirPods and other Bluetooth headphones/earbuds are not allowed at Haughton Middle. Wired headphones or earbuds are acceptable to connect to Chromebooks as needed.

Class Rules:

1. Report to class on time.
2. Be prepared to learn by having all school supplies.
3. Bring completed assignments and homework to class.
4. Respect authority.
5. Follow directions promptly.
6. Accept responsibility for your behavior.
7. Do your own work. No cheating.
8. Display a concern for learning.
9. Respect the rights of others.
10. Respect your property, HMS property, and other students' property.
11. Handle conflicts maturely. If you have a conflict, please tell an adult.

Violating any of these rules can result in one of the following consequences: D-slip, Disciplinary Referral, Lunch Detention, After-school Detention, Saturday Detention, GASP, removal from bus (for bus infractions), suspension, and/or recommendation for alternate placement depending on severity and frequency of rule violation. If a law is violated, the student is subject to arrest.

Student Cell Phones, Earbuds/Headphones, & Smart Watches

Prior to arriving on campus in the morning, cell phones and smart watches are to be turned off and placed into the student's backpacks. These items are to remain in backpacks until the end of the school day when the student enters their vehicle or the school bus to travel home. HMS teachers, administration, and staff are not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken items brought to school.

Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices

No student, unless authorized by the school principal or his/her designee, or as permitted under the Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) initiative, shall use, or operate any cellular telephone, personal computer, laptop, electronic instrument, iPad, iPod, tablet device, e-reader, or similar devices during the normal school hours of operation in any Bossier Parish school building or on the grounds thereof. Normal school hours can include detention: before, during or after school. Violation of this policy shall be grounds for disciplinary action by the school, including, but not limited to, suspension and/or expulsion from school.

No student shall possess, on his/her person, an electronic telecommunication device throughout the instructional day. If a student brings an electronic telecommunication device in any public elementary or secondary school building or on the grounds thereof
during an instructional day, the electronic device shall either be turned off and properly stowed away for the duration of the instructional day or prohibited from being turned on and used during the instructional day. Electronic telecommunication devices shall include, but not be limited to, cellular telephones, personal computers, laptops, electronic instruments, iPads, iPods, tablet devices, e-readers, or similar devices. These provisions shall not be applicable to a student whose Individualized Education
Program, Individualized Accommodation Plan, Section 504 plan, or Individualized Health Plan requires the student's use of an electronic telecommunication device.

Refusal to relinquish a device shall constitute willful disobedience and shall be handled accordingly.

The school shall not be responsible for confiscated items if not picked up by a parent within ten (10) days of the last day of school. The School Board shall not be responsible for any electronic devices or device accessories, including cell phones, lost or damaged while on School Board property.

A properly authorized medical device worn by a student shall not be considered to be in violation of this policy. Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:239, 17:416, 17:416.1. BPSB Policy: JCDAE

Cell phones and Electronic Devices:

MUST be turned off and stowed away (in the student's backpack) upon arriving on campus. This includes transition times. **Cell phones MAY NOT be used at lunch. Students may not have their cell phones out as they walk to buses or carline. Cell phones must be stored away at all times. Students who fail to adhere to this policy will be subject to the following:**

- **First offense**: Phone/device will be confiscated by an administrator and secured. Students may pick up at the end of the day.
- **Second offense**: Cell phone/device will be confiscated by an administrator and required to be retrieved by the parent or legal guardian listed only on OnCourse.
- **Third offense**: Cell phone/device will be confiscated by an administrator. Parent must return with the student for conference with administrator or administrator designee
- **Fourth offense**: Cell phone/device will be confiscated by an administrator. Student will be subject to disciplinary action resulting in loss of privileges. Loss of privileges can include no extracurricular activities, such as athletic events, dances, pep rallies, and/or other school sponsored events.
- **Fifth Offense:** Cell phone will be confiscated/device by an administrator. Administrator discretion.

Headphones/Listening Device:

Students may not use any listening device on campus. Listening devices are defined as headphones and earbuds. These devices will not be allowed to be used during school hours. This does not apply to wired headphones that are being used for instructional purposes.

- **First offense:** Listening device will be confiscated and required to be retrieved by a parent or guardian listed on OnCourse.
- **Second offense:** Listening device will be confiscated. Parent must return with the student for a conference with administrator or administrator's designee.
- **Third offense:** Listening device will be confiscated. Students will be subject to disciplinary action resulting in loss of privileges. Loss of privileges can include no extracurricular activities, such as athletic events, dances, pep rallies, and/or other school sponsored events
- **Fourth Offense:** Listening device will be confiscated. Students will be subject to disciplinary action resulting in GASP or out of school suspension.

Assemblies

Students are to be courteous and respectful at all school activities. Each student is personally responsible for the impression made by the school as a whole. Unacceptable behavior in assemblies includes whistling, uncalled for clapping, boisterousness, and talking during a program. Students are to sit in their assigned areas with their teachers during all assemblies. **Students who do not display appropriate behavior during an assembly will not attend any more assemblies for the semester and will receive disciplinary action as determined by administration.**

Halls and Class Changes

Students are only to be in halls during class changes. While changing classes, students are to continue moving toward their destination. Students are not to use time between classes to stop and visit with friends. Students should not be in halls that they do not have classes in unless they have permission to be there from a faculty member. Students should make every effort to keep traffic flowing smoothly during class changes. Students are to walk on the right side of the hall. Loud talking, yelling, and causing disruption to traffic flow are not allowed. Violation of these rules will result in disciplinary action. When students need to leave class during instructional time for any reason, they will need to sign out with our new digital E-Hall pass system.

E-Hall Pass

In an effort to maximize instructional time, we will continue to use the E-Hall Pass system this year. Students will digitally request a hall pass from the teacher to leave the classroom. Once digital permission is granted, students may leave to go to their requested location. Students' time out of class will be tracked via the E- Hall Pass system. Students identified to be out of class excessively will be subject to disciplinary consequences such as After School Detention and parents will be contacted.

Bullying

Haughton Middle School has a NO bullying policy. We take bullying very seriously whether it is verbal, physical, or cyber bullying. We ask any person being bullied or any student aware of bullying to report this activity to school personnel immediately. Your name will be kept confidential. Our goal is to have a safe, secure, and bully-free campus and community. Students are prohibited from making threats toward students, administrators, school board members, other school board employees, and/or school property.
Students who bully other students are subject to disciplinary action.

Act 861, enacted during the 2012 Louisiana Legislative Session, requires that all school districts in the state adopt an official policy prohibiting bullying of students while on school property, at a school sponsored or school-related activity or event, on a school bus or van, at any designated school bus stop, and in any other school or private vehicle used to transport students to and from schools, or any school-sponsored activity or event.

The Act defines bullying as any pattern of obscene gestures; written, electronic, or verbal communications that threaten harm; taunting; malicious teasing; physical acts, not limited to hitting, kicking, pushing, or damaging personal property; and repeatedly shunning or excluding students from activities.

School employees are required to undergo at least four hours of training on how to detect and curb bullying, including the relationship between suicide risk factors and bullying. In addition, the law requires teachers and other school staff to utilize a variety of prevention and intervention tools and resources to create environments of safety, respect, and expectations of appropriate behavior.

Under the new law, school officials who receive a complaint of bullying are required to verbally report the allegation to the principal the day of the incident and in writing within two days of the incident. The principal is required to notify the students' parents and launch an investigation within one school day and complete the investigation within ten days.

The Louisiana Department of Education developed a Bullying Prevention Toolkit of resources that are designed to assist school districts with their efforts to effectively address bullying in schools and all components of Act 861.

Gossiping

Gossiping is an extension of bullying. Any student who is involved in spreading information that is harmful or hurtful about someone will be disciplined accordingly.

School Sponsored Trips, Special Activities, and Events

Students who have maintained good attendance (no more than 5 unexcused absences in current quarter), exhibit good behavior, and have not been suspended from school during the current semester OR assigned detention (including lunch detention, after school detention, or Saturday detention) and/or GASP for the two weeks prior to the field trip or event will be allowed to participate on the field trip or event. Some trips, especially out-of-town trips, may have special rules and more rigorous guidelines designed by the trip sponsor and approved by the administration (please read all permission slips carefully and make a copy for your records). **Any student who owes fees to HMS will not be allowed to attend field trips until those fees are settled with our front office.** Any student who is in academic jeopardy, which can include current D's and F's in a

subject or course grade, and missing assignments can be prohibited from attending field trips until those subject areas are clear of failure. Regular attendance (as defined by the administration) is required for students to attend trips. All school rules are in effect while on field trips with the school.

Student Messages

Messages **will not** be taken for students during school hours. In the case of an **emergency,** please contact the school office.

Visitors and Conferences

We encourage parents to visit our school, attend your child's programs and sporting events, and become an active part of our school community. All classroom visits must have principal approval and should be prescheduled. These visits should be purposeful and planned. **All visitors must sign in at the office**. All teacher conferences should be scheduled through the counselor's office or through individual teachers. Conferences with teachers should be arranged before school, after school, or during the teacher's planning time.

Deliveries to School/Items Dropped off by Parents

The school cannot and will not accept commercial deliveries to the school. This is especially true in regard to flowers and gifts. The front office will not sign for, nor accept, any items for delivery to the school. Parents and acquaintances are NOT to bring items to school for delivery (including special food and drinks). Items such as student ID, homework, money, practice gear, etc. that are brought to the school will be placed on a designated table for your child to pick up the item during class exchange or lunch. Students will not be called out of class to pick it up. Calls to classrooms must be limited to emergencies and official school business only. The school will not be responsible for any lost, stolen, or misplaced items.

Lost and Found

Any items found on campus are to be turned in to the office immediately. Students may check with the office if an item is lost during their lunch time. Under no circumstances should any item that has been found be taken from school property. Keeping items that do not belong to you will result in disciplinary action. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR NAMES TO BE WRITTEN IN PERMANENT MARKER ON THE INSIDE TAG OF CLOTHING ITEMS. Items not claimed within one month will be discarded or donated to charity.

Fees

All students at HMS will pay a $10.00 technology fee. All physical education students will pay a $30.00 fee for uniforms. A $5.00 replacement charge is required for lost and damaged student IDs. Most electives/Explorations classes have a $30 fee. Band students renting instruments from HMS will have an additional fee. Skills review/RtI classes do not have an elective fee. Elective teachers will send home fee information during the first day of class. All fees can be paid online at the "Pay Fees Online" tab on the Haughton Middle School website. The fee website can be directly accessed at www.bossierparish.schoolcashonline.com and follow the instructions to create an account. Fee amounts or payment CANNOT be accessed through OnCourse. Fees can also be paid at the school with exact change, personal checks, cashier's check, or money orders for the exact amount of each fee sent. All checks and money orders should be made out to Haughton Middle School. Fees are non-refundable.

Fundraisers and Selling Items on Campus

The only items that can be sold at school are those that are part of a school sponsored activity. No other items may be sold or traded on the school campus.

Textbooks/Workbooks

Workbooks are assigned to students, and they are responsible for the storage and care of them. Students can write in these workbooks as assigned by teachers. If a workbook is lost or damaged, the student must pay the replacement cost of the book. A current list of textbook/workbook prices can be obtained in the school office.

Chromebooks/Emails/Google Drive/Outside Technology

Chromebooks will be checked out to individual students, however they remain the property of HMS. Therefore, if the Chromebook is damaged in any way parents/guardians will be held responsible for the repair or replacement costs incurred. Replacement/repair costs will be determined by current market prices. Students should inspect their Chromebook upon receiving it at the beginning of the school year and immediately report any damage to their homeroom teacher. Students should not lend their Chromebooks to other students for any reason. Student email accounts are to be used for school business only. They should never be used for personal emails or chatting with friends. This also applies to the student's Google Drive and all documents within their drive. Outside technology such as personal laptops, tablets, or Chromebooks are not allowed at HMS. Please speak with an administrator to address questions. Violations of these technology guidelines will result in disciplinary consequences including, but not limited to D-slips, major disciplinary referrals, and/or removal of technology privileges.

Cafeteria

HMS is a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) School for the 2024-2025 school year. All students will receive free breakfast and lunch. Students may still bring a nutritious meal from home. Meals from restaurants bearing the restaurant's name are not allowed at school. Any food brought to school must be in a non-labeled container. Students should visit quietly and keep their area clean. Students are not allowed to take food or drink from the cafeteria. Students may only purchase concessions during their lunch break. Students will still be responsible for previous cafeteria balances.
Information on prices for breakfast and lunch for Employees & Adults can be found on the school website once updated by the district for 2024/2025.

Please contact the Cafeteria Manager, Mrs. Landers, at 549-5576 for pricing or issues concerning your child's lunch account.

Physical Education Department

Rules & Regulations For Locker Room and Dressing Out in Physical Education

1. Do not leave anything out of your locker during class. Lock your belongings in your locker. No cell phones/smart watches are allowed in PE.
2. Students are not allowed to share lockers or to share their combinations for their locks with other students.
3. No student is allowed in the locker room during class for any reason, unless approved by the teacher.
4. No gum, food, or drinks are allowed in the locker room or the gym.
5. Jackets may not be worn inside during PE.
6. P.E. uniforms will be purchased from the P.E. Department or Online through the HMS Website for $30.00.

7. Writing on or damaging uniforms in any way is prohibited. If this occurs, the student must purchase a new uniform at the regular price. $15.00 for shorts and $15.00 for shirts.
8. Tennis shoes and socks must be worn. (No street/casual shoes on the gym floor.)
9. Dressing out completely (shorts, shirts, and shoes) is mandatory. If the student does not dress out, they will lose 50% of their daly grade but still be required to participate in the daily activities to receive the other 50%. (50%Dressing out/50% participation=Daily PE Grade) .
    - Consequences for not dressing out in PE
        - 1st time Verbal warning
        - 2nd time Parent Contact
        - 3rd time D-slip
        - 4th time D-Slip
        - 5th time D-Slip
        - 6th time D-Slip
        - Thereafter, students may receive a referral or be removed from PE Class.
10. No t-shirts or other clothing are to be worn under gym uniforms.
11. During cold weather, warm-ups/wind suits may be worn with P.E. uniforms when classes go outside.
12. It is the student's responsibility to wash their uniform and have it clean and ready to dress out on the student's next day of PE.
13. Do not sit or climb on bleachers when they are in the closed position. Students will only be allowed to sit in bleachers when they are pulled all the way out and locked.

MEDICAL EXCUSES: IF A STUDENT IS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASS FOR MEDICAL REASONS, THE STUDENT MUST HAVE A SIGNED AND DATED EXCUSE FROM THEIR PHYSICIAN. THE STUDENT WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO DRESS OUT, AND OTHER WORK WILL BE ASSIGNED. NOTES FROM HOME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS MEDICAL EXCUSES.

Archery

Sponsor: Mr. Doug Smith

Tryout information handouts for the 2024-25 HMS Archery Team will be available during back to school night and in Mr Smith's classroom in Room 201 during the first few weeks of school. The deadline to sign up for tryouts will be announced in the handout. Tryouts are free and all equipment is provided. A two-day clinic for girls and a two-day clinic for boys will be held after school before each group of tryouts. The purpose of the clinic is to allow students unfamiliar with archery to learn the basics before trying out as well as providing range time to practice before tryouts. The Archery clinic fee will be $20. Archers who advance onto the teams will pay an additional $40.00 for their t-shirt, supplies, and Regional tournament entry fee. There will be 26-30 archers selected for the team, depending on tryout results. The top 24 archers will proceed on to State. Participation in Nationals and Open Champions is based on team performance at State. The HMS Archery team will compete in many tournaments including In-District, Regional, State, Nationals, and Open Championships. Ability to travel is required and parents must provide transportation. Expectations concerning behavior, discipline, and grades will be provided in the archery handout and in the Archery Constitution.

Basketball

Girls Basketball
Coach Dee Hunt & Coach Kevin Teague

Boys Basketball
Coach Jacob Newton & Coach Justin Turner

Tryouts for girls are generally held by the end of August. Tryouts for boys will be announced around the end of October. A student must have a 1.5 GPA with no more than one F and cannot turn 15 before September 1st to be eligible for tryouts. Team members are selected based on their knowledge of the sport, ball handling skills, shooting skills, agility and grades/behavior. The team consists of 11-15 members.

HMS Cheerleaders & "Bucky the Buccaneer" Mascot

Sponsor: Mrs. Amanda Temple

The purpose of the Haughton Middle School Cheerleaders shall be to serve the school by promoting school spirit and serving in any capacity that might reflect a positive image of our school. The cheerleaders help boost the morale of all Haughton Buccaneers. Cheerleader tryouts will be held in the spring each school year. Membership in cheerleading shall be open to any girl currently enrolled in HMS and must be entering the seventh or eighth grade of the next school year. Candidates must maintain a 2.5 GPA and have a good disciplinary & attendance record. **Candidates must have completed a full year of pep squad or band as a member in good standing**. Membership depends on the number of girls trying out and variations in scoring. A panel of qualified judges will evaluate the performance of each candidate. Selection of the Haughton Middle School cheerleaders will be based on the sum of all the scores of all the judges and teacher/sponsor evaluations during a closed tryout session. Mascots are selected after cheer tryouts. More information about membership requirements can be found in the Cheer Constitution in the Athletics section of the school webpage.

Cross Country

Coach: Nicole Addison (nicole.addison@bossierschools.org)

HMS Cross Country is all about establishing healthy running and training while accomplishing personal and team goals. Available to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, Cross Country provides an excellent opportunity to increase stamina and endurance while challenging your feet and your mind. Optional practices will begin in mid July and will focus on basic stretching and running techniques. Mandatory practices begin the second week of school. All practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 4:00. Official tryouts will be held during the 2nd week of mandatory practices. Runners must attend the two weeks of mandatory practices if they would like to try out. The season kicks off in late August and culminates in early October. There are a minimum of four races that runners will participate in. 6th graders run 1 mile races while 7th and 8th graders run 1.5 or 2 mile races depending on the event. Runners must ride the bus with the team from HMS to all events. Runners may be signed out by a parent after all events. Runners will be required to be picked up by a parent or guardian for all local events. For any events that are out of the immediate Shreveport/Bossier area, bus transportation will be provided back to HMS where runners will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian.

There is no bench in cross country. We are training to run, not running to train.

Danceline (HMS Treasures)

Sponsors: Mrs. Tonya Morgan

The purpose of the Haughton Middle School Treasures shall be twofold: to perform and cheer at Haughton Middle School Football and Basketball games and to boost the morale of all Haughton Buccaneer students and their families. Character, leadership, and individual responsibility will be developed in each member while maintaining high moral standards. It is the purpose of the Treasures to represent Haughton Middle School in a manner that will reflect credit upon the school. Treasurers tryouts will be held in the spring each school year. Membership in the Treasurers shall be open to any girl currently enrolled in HMS and must be entering the seventh or eighth grade of the next school year who meet the following qualifications: Candidates must maintain a 2.5 GPA and have a good disciplinary & attendance record. Candidates must have completed a full year of pep squad or band as a member in **good standing**. Membership depends on the number of girls trying out and variations in scoring. A panel of qualified judges will evaluate the performance of each candidate. Selection of the Haughton Middle School Treasures will be based on the sum of all the scores of all the judges and teacher/sponsor evaluations during a closed tryout session.

Football

Coaches: Jacob Newton, Pat Hanish, Justin Turner, Brandon Lucero and Mason Kizzia

Tryouts for 7th and 8th grade Football are held in the spring of the previous school year. Information will be distributed in P.E. Teams of about 45 students will be selected based on their skills, effort, attitude, and behavior. Students must meet the league requirements for Middle School Athletes and must sign a student athlete contract.

Pep Squad

Sponsor: Mrs. Kimberly Martin

The purpose of the Haughton Middle School Pep Squad shall be to serve the school by promoting school spirit and serving in any capacity that might reflect a positive image of our school. The Pep Squad members help boost the morale of all Haughton Buccaneers. Character, leadership, individual responsibility, sportsmanship, & scholarship will be developed in each member while maintaining high moral standards. It is the purpose of the Pep Squad to represent Haughton Middle School in a manner that will reflect credit upon the school.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Members must be enrolled or plan to attend HMS.
   A. Due to uniform shipping concerns, we will not be able to take late entries into the program.
2. Members must sign the Pep Squad Constitution and uphold the Code of Conduct throughout the year. Failure to do so may result in the following...
   A. Ineligibility for cheerleader and danceline tryouts
   B. Dismissal from the Pep Squad
3. Members must enroll in the Pep Squad Class on Google Classroom.
   A. Merits and demerits will be tracked in Google Classroom and can be checked at any time.

Students have been a member in good standing with the HMS Pep Squad for ONE complete year in order to be eligible to try out for cheerleader or danceline.

Soccer

Coaches: Timothy Grimes, Caroline Franklin, Haseal Mayorga & Lyndsie Linn

Boys and Girls Soccer teams are open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Try-outs occur in late October. The season runs from the beginning of February into the beginning of April, and consists of 10 district games with potential for additional mini tournaments or non-district games. Once tryouts are completed, athletes on the team will have mandatory practices after school that will run until 4:30. The schedule of games and practices will be posted to the school calendar and website. We look forward to another great season and hope you will try-out.

Softball

Coaches: Sharon Malone & Mason Kizzia

Eligibility requirements: Players must be 7th or 8th grade students and must maintain a minimum GPA as outlined in the Bossier Parish Middle School Athletics by-laws. Students must submit a contract signed by the student and parent prior to trying out. The contract outlines expected behaviors and consequences, and it is modeled after the contract required by the Haughton High Softball team. Equipment Manager positions are open to 6th graders only, and students must meet the same eligibility requirements as players. Team members and equipment managers are selected through a tryout administered by the softball coaches and one other coach.

Track

Coaches: Shelly Morris, Pat Hanish, Caroline Franklin

Eligibility requirements: Any HMS student in the 7th or 8th grade that has met the Bossier Parish Athletic requirements concerning age and GPA. Tryouts will be held in February (weather permitting) after school from 2:45-4:30 at Haughton High School's Track. Skills in running, jumping, and throwing will be timed or measured to determine who will compete in the track meets and continue to be a member on the track team. Discipline "issues" that may occur will be dealt with at the administration and coach's discretion. Practice will continue each afternoon from 2:45-4:30 at Haughton High School's Track with the exception of track meet days. Practice schedule and tryouts may change at the coach's discretion.

Girls Volleyball

Coaches: Dee Hunt, Shelly Morris, & Deanna Glaze
Tryouts for girls volleyball will be held during the summer and at the beginning of school. There is a 6th grade team, a 7th grade team, and an 8th grade team.
A student must have at least a 1.5 GPA with no more than one F and cannot turn 15 before September 1st to be eligible for tryouts. Team members are selected based on their knowledge of the sport, serving, passing, setting, hitting/spiking and grades/behavior. The team consists of 11-15 members.

4-H

Sponsor: Mrs. Angela Glasscock & Mrs. Michelle Caplis

4-H is an organization which teaches valuable leadership and teamwork skills, and is open to all students grade 6-8. If you are interested in shooting sports, showing animals, gardening, agriculture, photography, or community service, 4-H is the club for you. All students will submit their 4-H application and $20 (covers t-shirt & dues) to the 4-H sponsor by the deadline. Club members can apply to become a 4-H officer, who is responsible for planning, preparing, and leading monthly meetings and club initiatives. Monthly meeting schedule will be determined at the beginning of each school year.

Accelerated Reader Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Amee Hensley

Students become eligible when they read 500,000 or more words during the school year. AR Tests must be taken and passed with an average of 85% or higher. Rewards are given throughout the year.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Sponsor: Coach Jacob Newton

Co-Sponsors: Mrs. Amanda Temple & Coach Justin Turner

FCA is open to all students to join; there is a $20 fee (for shirt and supplies) to be a member. Students will be invited to attend FCA breakfasts where guest speakers and students will deliver religious messages. Members will also participate in Huddle Groups with their peers and seek the Word together. Most meetings will be held monthly on Fridays in the Gym beginning at 7AM. Upcoming meeting dates will be posted on the school calendar via the school webpage.

Math Counts

Sponsor: Mrs. Deborah Lawrence

The goal of Math Counts is to promote an enthusiasm and love for mathematics through the stimulation of creativity and ingenuity of the student mind while fostering healthy, competitive strategies for mathematical problem solving. Any student is eligible. Students interested in becoming a member and competing in Math Counts will be administered a Math Counts exam in which the top scores will be used for selection in team placement.

Military Club

Sponsor: Mr. Spencer Richter

Military club is an after school group for the students of military families. Our goal is to foster an environment where the students can form a cohesive group that can support each other in times of need. The club will also welcome new military students to the school to assist in the transition. The Military Club meets once a month on the first Wednesday of each month. Information to join the club will be sent out at the beginning of the school year.

National Junior Honor Society

Sponsors: Ms. Victoria Kerry

The HMS chapter of the National Junior Honors Society is composed of 8th grade students who meet or exceed high national standards in education, leadership, and community involvement in their local school and community. The organization is primarily a service organization, focusing on enriching and enhancing the lives of HMS students and the Haughton community through activities such as the Thanksgiving food drive, collection drives for Providence House, The Red Kettle Challenge etc. Students are deemed eligible for membership at the end of their 7th grade year. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above, and may not have more than two (2) major discipline referrals or one (1) major discipline referral resulting in out of school or in school suspension (GASP) from the start of their time at HMS and or throughout their time in NJHS, and perform a required number of community involvement services in order to remain a member in good standing.

Red Jackets

Sponsors: Mrs. Gina Williams

The Red Jackets are a group of students who serve the school throughout the year as student ambassadors and school representatives primarily at Camp Buccaneer, special assemblies, open house, and throughout the school and community. Being selected as a Red Jacket is an honor reserved for students who are committed to representing Haughton Middle School as positive role models at school and in the local community. In order to be selected for Red Jackets you must meet the following requirements: no behavior referrals, no D's or F's on progress report or report card, exemplary behavior and character, positive attitude, excellent teacher recommendations, and good attendance. Failure to uphold these guidelines will lead to a student's removal from Red Jackets. Red Jackets are responsible for arranging dependable transportation for anything outside of normal school hours. In April, all current 7th grade students are invited to fill out an application to be considered for Red Jackets for the following school year. A $65.00 Red Jacket payment will be due to help cover the cost of shirts and jackets.

Robotics

Sponsor: Mr. Spencer Richter

The Robotics Club is open to 6th-8th graders and will meet once a month after school. Previous robotics experience is not required.
Students will learn and build upon their programming skills to complete various challenges designed to foster teamwork and improve problem solving skills. Students must remain in good academic standing and maintain a good disciplinary record throughout the school year. The club fee and monthly meeting dates will be announced at the first meeting.

Science Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Mindy Brown

HMS science club is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who love science, are not failing any subject, and have a positive attitude. We meet after school every other Thursday. During these meetings, we will do several activities that are designed to stimulate interest in science, supplement our science curricula by providing activities that cannot be done in class due to time, materials, and space restrictions, build confidence in science skills, and have fun with science! Club members will pay a $25 fee. This will help us purchase materials for labs, activities, and a t-shirt. Our club shirt is school approved and can be worn any day during the week.

Student Council

Sponsor: Mrs. April Miles

Purpose: To involve students in leadership whenever possible and to serve the school and community when needed. Officers are elected within the council in the fall. Officers must have a 3.0, no more than one referral, and are elected by the student body. Representatives are selected through an application process and teacher recommendation. School Service and Community projects: Representatives and officers work together in serving the school and community by involving the student body. These include the following: Red Ribbon Week, welcoming and assisting new students, promoting school spirit at pep rallies and ball games, and community projects such as food drives for the needy.

Wrestling

Coach: Mrs. Chrystal Chumley

Tryout information handouts for the 2024-25 HMS Wrestling Team will be available during Back-To-School night and in Room 215 during the first few weeks of school. The deadline to sign up and tryouts will be in early October and announced on the handout along with an attached sports waiver that must be signed and returned before tryouts. Wrestlers who advance to the team will pay a $65 team fee for their t-shirt, team supplies, Dual Meet expenses, and District Tournament entry fee. Fees are due November 1st, before the first practice. The HMS Wrestling Team will partake in 3-5 Dual Meets with the other schools in our district beginning in December, and the Mitch Downey Bossier Parish Middle Schools District Tournament at the end of our season, on January 18th. The USA Club will be offered to those wishing to extend their season for $50 club membership. Expectations concerning behavior, discipline, and grades will be provided in the Wrestling Team Handout and outlined in the Behavior Contract signed by each member and parent. Each player will be responsible for ordering their warmups from the Team Store, wrestling shoes, and headgear. If a wrestler wears braces they will also need a mouth guard. The Team will provide team Singlets before each Dual for those competing that day, and are expected to be returned before leaving at the end of the meet.