

HAMILTON COUNTY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Stephanie Knight	Teacher’s Aide
Rhonda Tracy	Nurse Secretary
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MY CLASS SCHEDULE

First Semester

Hr. Room	Class	Teacher
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Second Semester

Hr. Room	Class	Teacher
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
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BELL SCHEDULES

<u>Regular Schedule</u>		<u>Early Dismissal Schedule</u>	
First Bell	8:00 a.m.	First Bell	8:00 a.m.
1 st period	8:05 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	1 st period	8:05 a.m. - 8:43 a.m.
2 nd period	8:54 a.m. - 9:39 a.m.	2 nd period	8:47 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.
3 rd period	9:43 a.m. - 10:28 a.m.	3 rd period	9:29 a.m. - 10:07 a.m.
Lunch	10:28 a.m. - 10:58 a.m.	Lunch	10:07 a.m. - 10:37 a.m.
4 th period	11:02 a.m. - 11:47 a.m.	4 th period	10:41 a.m. - 11:19 a.m.
5 th period	11:51 a.m. - 12:36 p.m.	5 th period	11:23 a.m. - 12:01 p.m.
6 th period	12:40 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.	6 th period	12:05 p.m. - 12:44 p.m.
7 th period	1:29 p.m. - 2:14 p.m.	7 th period	12:48 p.m. - 1:27 p.m.
8 th period	2:18 p.m. - 3:02 p.m.	8 th period	1:31 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

HAMILTON COUNTY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

This handbook supplements the Unit #10 Parent-Student Handbook and Activity Calendar. It provides an overview of procedures, policies, and guidance information to Hamilton County Junior High School students and their parents. These policies and procedures are intended to be fair and functional for the multitude of personalities and needs of approximately 200 students. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate faculty member or the principal.

MISSION STATEMENT

Through a student, family, school and community partnership, students will become confident, caring, lifelong learners. Hamilton County Junior/Senior High School students will demonstrate basic competencies in communication, problem-solving, and technological skills. As a result, students will take their places as productive citizens in our global society.

CODE OF ETHICS

A student of Hamilton County Junior High School is expected to:

1. Respect the rights and privileges of others.
2. Respect authority and observe all rules and regulations.
3. Protect and preserve personal and school property, refraining from marking on walls or furniture or in any way damaging or defacing school property.
4. Observe commonly accepted standards of decency in association with contact with others. Outward displays of affection, such as hugging and kissing, are unacceptable behavior at school.
5. Project a positive attitude toward others and accept educational challenges in and out of the classroom. Destiny is not a matter of chance...it's a matter of choice.

VISITORS TO HAMILTON COUNTY JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

In the interest of providing a safe and orderly environment at school, parents or other visitors to Hamilton County Junior/Senior High School must obtain a visitor's badge in the Main Office unless the sole reason for their visit will require them to only be in the Main Office or Guidance Office. Visitors may enter the building through the main east entrance, which is located west of the visitor's parking lot. For the safety of our students and staff, all entrances (except the front main entrance) will be locked from 8:15 a.m. until 3:02 p.m. To obtain a visitor's badge, the visitor should come directly to the Main Office and sign in with the office staff, stating the reason for the visit. Once approval is granted, visitors will receive a badge. After completing the business, visitors should return the badge and sign out in the Main Office.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Physical Exams

State Law and School Board Policy JBCB requires that any student new to the district, 7th—12th grades, have evidence of a recent health physical examination and a record of immunizations on file with the school nurse. Parents are advised that failure to provide these in a reasonable amount of time may result in children being excluded from school until such requirements are fulfilled.

Enrollment Fees

Each student must pay a \$33.00 instructional materials fee at the time of registration, which helps offset the use of textbooks and classroom materials. Students who wish to secure a school-issued locker must pay \$6.00 for a combination lock. Students may retain locks purchased until they graduate from Hamilton County Junior/Senior High School. In addition, students enrolled in Intro to STEM and Intro to Art will be charged a fee of \$10 per class. Students enrolled in Art I and Discovering STEM will be charged a fee of \$20.00 per class to help defray extra costs associated with using instructional materials. A waiver of fee eligibility explanation is provided within the Activity-Calendar Handbook.

All students are required to purchase a combination lock in the main office for \$6.00 to secure belongings placed in P.E. lockers. The same refund policy mentioned above applies.

Student Insurance

A student insurance package explanation is provided in the Activity-Calendar Handbook.

School Lunch Program

Student lunches in the school cafeteria cost \$4.00 per day for a full-price lunch and \$.40 per day for a reduced-price lunch. Breakfast is \$2.75 per day for full price and \$.30 a day for reduced price. Students must have a positive balance on their account to purchase extra items or from the concession line. There are various other food offerings ranging from \$.50 - \$2.00. Students may bring lunch from home and purchase milk for \$.40 per half-pint. Unpaid Meal Charges Explanation is provided within the Activity-Calendar Handbook.

Free or reduced-price lunch applications will be available upon request during registration. Parents are encouraged to complete this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Activity-Calendar Handbook

The Activity Calendar Handbook can be located on the school's webpage.

ACADEMICS AND GRADING INFORMATION

Guidance Department

The primary function of the guidance counselor is to assist the students with the various concerns they may encounter at Hamilton County Junior High School. The counselor is available to help students make informed decisions that will arise both from an academic and social nature, such as developing a class schedule and dealing with peer and classroom pressures. Students should visit the counselor before or after school or during their study hall period.

A listing of classes offered at Hamilton County Junior High School is in the Activity Calendar Handbook.

Academic Honors Information

An explanation of the district's honor roll procedures is described in the Activity-Calendar Handbook.

Grades and Grading Procedures

An explanation of the district's grading scale is given in the Activity-Calendar Handbook, and the dates when progress reports are distributed. Progress reports are mailed home to students with a 76% average or below. Parents who want a special progress report on their children should contact the principal.

Incomplete

"I" on a report card means incomplete and denotes failure to turn in work, take a test or complete other requirements for the grading period, typically due to lengthy illness. A student has a period of 2 weeks in which to remove this deficiency. (A student who receives an "I" for the final nine-week grading period will also have two weeks to make up the deficiency. Work must be completed within two weeks of the final day of school.)

Tutoring and Academic Assistance

Teachers are available before school, during their planning period, and after school (3:02 - 4:00) to provide students with additional academic support for the classes they teach. Teachers are considered the best resource for academic assistance to students needing support. Students who wish to receive additional tutoring may take advantage of an after-school tutoring program. Any student interested should contact the principal. In addition, students and parents may access our school website, unit10.com, and enter their Teacherease password to check student grades and homework assignments. If a student has 3 or more missing assignments and is failing the quarter, the student will be assigned to mandatory tutoring for two days a week. Tutoring is from 3:02 to 4:00 pm.

Student Achievement Testing

Students participate in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). Seventh graders are tested in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. Eighth graders are tested in Reading, Mathematics. Eighth graders also participate in the Illinois Science Assessment. For additional information concerning these tests, please contact Mrs. Roper.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES

School Building Access Procedures

In the interest of providing an orderly environment in the school, students entering the building each morning should report directly to the commons area (for those choosing to eat breakfast) or gymnasium and may not go anywhere else in the building unless escorted by a staff member to conduct official school business (club meetings, tutoring, etc.) Once students arrive on campus, they must go to one of the above-mentioned areas. Students are not allowed to stay in the parking lot or other areas of the school grounds. Students are not permitted to access the building prior to 7:30 am unless arrangements have been made with the administration.

Attendance Policy

Pupils cannot benefit fully from schoolwork unless they attend regularly. Good attendance and scholarship are closely associated. The attendance policy is listed below.

1. Students are allowed seven qualified absences per quarter. The first two excused absences of each semester shall be considered a student's two sick days for the semester, and they shall count toward the total number of seven absences allowed per quarter.
2. Students are allowed 5 mental health days during the school year. After a student has used two mental health days, the administration reserves the right to refer the student for mental health services. Students are NOT to attend other events for the day unless approved by the administration.
3. The following types of absences do not count against the attendance policy. All others will be considered qualified absences, and they will count toward the attendance policy:
 - Doctor approved
 - School-sponsored function
 - In School Suspension
 - Out-of-School Suspension
 - Mental Health (up to 5)

* Students who accumulate excessive absences in any Quarter will be subject to an attendance review meeting with the parent/guardian and administration. They may also face referral to the truancy officer.

4. In order to receive a perfect attendance award at the end of the school year, a student shall not have any absences for any reason.

Excused Absences

Policy 7:70 of the Hamilton County Community Unit #10 Board of Education Policy Handbook deals with absences and excuses.

Absence Procedures

The following steps should be taken when a student is absent from school:

1. On the day of a student's absence, the parent/guardian should call the main office before 10:00 a.m. as per the Illinois School Code, Chapter 105, Section 5/26-36.
2. The student should bring a signed statement from their parent or guardian to the main office when the student returns to school, explaining the cause of the absence. A two-day grace period will be enforced to produce a parental note following an absence.
3. Students failing to bring a parental note or doctor's excuse within two days of returning to school will receive an unexcused absence. Failure to comply will result in the absence remaining unexcused.

Work missed during an excused absence must be completed to the teacher's satisfaction. The responsibility for make-up work is placed on the student with reasonable cooperation from the teacher. If a student has any absence from class on the day of an announced test, quiz, assignment, or project, then he/she shall make up that test or turn in the work that was due on the same day they return to school.

Any student absent from school for a full day cannot attend after-school activities or events unless their absence is excused due to medical appointments, bereavement, parent requests approved by the administration, or other school-related activities.

Tardiness Policy

Tardiness is interpreted as arriving to class after the tardy bell has rung or not being in a proper location in the room for class to begin. Gross tardiness will be defined as any student who enters class 5 minutes after the tardy bell and before one-half of the class period has elapsed. Gross tardiness is punishable by one after-school detention. Gross tardies count toward the total number of tardies a student may receive in a given quarter. Three tardies per quarter will count as one day of absence from a class, resulting in the loss of perfect attendance.

Tardies will be punishable as follows:

3rd Tardy – one lunch detention

4th Tardy – two lunch detentions

5th Tardy – one after-school detention

6th Tardy- ISS

Unexcused Absences

Continued unexcused absences will result in in-school suspension, Saturday School, out-of-school suspension, and the revocation of field trips and fun day privileges. Excessive excused absences in non-academic areas, such as study hall, will be subject to similar consequences as unexcused absences. See Truancy Policy for further actions.

Truancy

Students are required by law to attend school every day. Students who are absent more than 5% of the last 180 school days will be subject to the following:

- Students are required to supply a doctor's excuse after 5 days of absences per quarter. If a doctor's excuse is not supplied, the student's absence will be unexcused.
- Administration will notify the Truancy Officer at the Regional Office of Education after 5 unexcused absences. Students who leave school or miss classes without permission will also be counted as truant. At 18 unexcused absences, the truancy officer may petition the parent and child to appear in court. A parent or guardian may be subject to no more than 30 days imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$500.

Leaving the Building During School Hours

Hamilton County Junior/Senior High School has a closed campus. PERMISSION (WRITTEN OR VERBAL) MUST FIRST BE GIVEN BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN TO THE PRINCIPAL OR THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BEFORE A STUDENT MAY LEAVE THE BUILDING FOR ANY REASON. Students must sign out before leaving. A student who leaves the building for any reason without prior permission will be charged with an unexcused absence and declared truant for the time gone. Punishment for this type of offense may include in-school or out-of-school suspension. Only students scheduled into the work program may leave the campus without prior permission. No motor vehicles are to be driven off campus without prior permission from the principal or assistant principal. Parents who wish to take their children away from school during lunch period must physically come to the school and sign them out. A note or phone call requesting a student to leave campus during lunch will only be accepted if a verifiable emergency situation arises.

If a student becomes ill during the day, the student is to report directly to the classroom teacher, who will issue a pass to the nurse or the main office. If a student becomes ill during a passing period, the student is to report to his/her next class and notify the teacher he/she is ill. That teacher will then issue the appropriate pass. If the nurse is not available, the student is to report to the assistant principal or someone in the main office for help. A student absent from a class states he/she was in the restroom, waiting for the

nurse, assistant principal, principal, etc., will be unexcused from the class and subject to disciplinary action. A secretary is ALWAYS available in the main office to assist a student when necessary.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Student Behavior and Discipline Measures

It is hoped that students will be proud of their school, which will help develop a sense of school pride throughout the student body. The worth of our school should not be judged solely by its buildings and facilities. The people in it determine the true quality of a school. Students are urged to do their part to make Hamilton County Junior/Senior High School a school where we can all take pride.

Consequences of Misconduct

For students who choose not to behave appropriately, several methods of discipline may be used depending on the nature of the behavior. These methods may include the following: written and or verbal warning, detention during school or after school, suspension of bus-riding privileges, in-school and out-of-school suspension, or possible expulsion. Rescheduling of assigned detentions will only be considered upon a parent's official written or personal request. Students assigned in-school suspension are not counted absent from school but will be assigned to stay in an alternative location to complete classroom assignments, tests, quizzes, etc. Failure to serve the in-school suspension will be considered an out-of-school suspension for the day originally assigned, and the student is also suspended out of school for the next two school days. A parent conference must be held before the student can return to school.

Students assigned out-of-school suspension are not allowed to attend any school-related activity during the suspension period.

A detailed explanation of student discipline is in the Activity-Calendar Handbook found online at www.unit10.com.

Gross Misconduct

Gross misconduct or disobedience shall include any behavior that would constitute suspension as a minimum disciplinary action. Types of gross misconduct include but are not limited to the following:

1. Insubordination toward school personnel.
2. Intimidation of, or any attempt to intimidate, school personnel or other students, including threats of violence.
3. Possession, use, under the influence of, distribution of, or attempt to distribute any illegal or controlled substance, including look-alike drugs.
4. Possession of a weapon on school property, including look-alikes as defined in Chapter 105 of the Illinois School Code, Section 5/10-22.6a, and as defined in the Hamilton County Community Unit School District #10 Activity-Calendar Handbook* found online at www.unit10.com.
5. Possession or use of any tobacco product and/or paraphernalia on school property, including any look-a-like products.
6. Fighting or assault of school personnel or other students.
7. Intentional damage to or attempt to damage school property or personal property of staff or students.
8. Setting off a fire alarm or fire extinguisher.
9. Illegal acts as defined by the judicial system.
10. Sexual harassment.
11. Falsifying school records.
12. Instances of theft.
13. Student initiation.
14. Bullying.
15. Taking pictures or videos of school events or personnel without prior permission.

*The board may expel a student for a definite period not exceeding 2 school years. A student who is determined to have brought a weapon, as defined by Section 921 of Title

18, United States Code, to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year.

Bullying Response and Prevention

Bullying, intimidation, and harassment diminish a student’s ability to learn and a school’s ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors and providing all students equal access to a safe, non-hostile learning environment are important District goals.

- 1. Engaging in bullying, hazing or any kind of aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to a staff person or another student or encouraging other students to engage in such behavior is prohibited. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying, bullying using a school computer or a school computer network or other comparable conduct. Bullying is NOT however the same as a conflict. Understanding the difference is critical and handling them requires different approaches to be determined by administration.

Conflict vs. Bullying- What’s the difference?

Conflict	Bullying
*Disagreement or argument in which both sides express their views	*Goal is to hurt, harm, or humiliate
*Equal power between those involved	*Person bullying has more power. They may be older, bigger, stronger or seem to be more popular.
*Generally stop and change behavior when they realize it is hurting someone.	*Continue behavior when they realize it is hurting someone.

- 2. Administration and staff cannot assist victims of bullying if they are not aware there is an issue. Students and parents are encouraged to report situations of potential bullying immediately. There is a link that can be found on unit10.org to report such incidents. Anonymous reports are also accepted by phone call or in writing. The link is monitored regularly so that reports can be investigated in a timely manner.
- 3. The administration shall use interventions to address bullying, which may include, but are not limited to, school social work services, restorative measures, social-emotional skill building, counseling, school psychological services, and community-based services.
- 4. A reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying is prohibited. A student’s act of reprisal or retaliation will be treated as *bullying* for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.
- 5. Administration reserves the right to alter school day schedules, bus riding privileges and after school program access to ensure the safety and health of any student deemed as a victim of bullying.
- 6. A student will not be punished for reporting bullying or supplying information, even if the school’s investigation concludes that no bullying occurred. However, knowingly making a false accusation or providing knowingly false information will be treated as *bullying* for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.

Classroom Conduct

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with each of their teachers’ class rules and to abide by them. Failure to adhere to class rules may result in the following consequences: warning, detention, or discipline referral to the administration. Teachers may remove disruptive students from the classroom. The normal discipline procedures followed in incidents of misconduct in the classroom **per semester** are as follows:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Offense will all be a lunch detention. A verbal or written warning will not count against a student as their first offense. Students who are assigned a lunch detention will report to the study hall at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be eaten in the study hall, and students will remain there until the conclusion of the lunch period. Students will receive lunch from the school menu (NO CHOICES).

4th and 5th Offense is a lunch detention and an after-school detention (3:05-4:00 p.m.)

6th Offense is In-School Suspension.

7th Offense 2 days In-School Suspension

8th Offense 3 days In-School Suspension

9th Offense and beyond will result in an Out-of-School Suspension.

Any student who has to be removed from lunch detention for inappropriate behavior will automatically be assigned after-school detention. This process will be progressive for each discipline step (i.e., Removal from after-school will result in In-School, etc.).

Any student who fails to report to his/her assigned location (i.e., lunch detention, after school, etc.) will receive a punishment no less than double the original punishment.

Any student receiving multiple discipline notices within the same class would be subject to removal from that class for a period of 3 days up to the remainder of the semester.

Deviation from the above may occur depending on the nature and severity of the incident.

Any student suspended (in-school or out-of-school) will be prohibited from attending or participating in any school activities for the duration of the suspension.

Academic Integrity Misconduct

Any of the following are considered acts of academic misconduct and are subject to disciplinary action, including failing grades on assignments and progressive disciplinary action:

- Cheating on any form of homework, tests, quizzes, or papers.
- Plagiarism by intentionally taking or using work that is not your own. It can be published or unpublished, which is considered plagiarism.
- Misrepresenting information, including data, quotations, sources, or other information.
- Abetting includes helping another student cheat, plagiarize, misrepresent, or otherwise engage in academic dishonesty.
- The use of electronic applications to fabricate or obtain responses of any kind.

Field Trips/Holiday World/PBIS Participation

1. Students must pass all classes at the end of the 4th quarter.
 - a. No failing grades.
2. Students must be in good standing with attendance.
 - a. Fewer than 3 unexcused absences
3. Students who receive 5 or more days of suspension (ISS/OSS) for the school year will not be allowed to go on the Holiday World trip.
4. The administration reserves the right to remove a student from field trips due to gross misconduct without progressive discipline.

More information regarding PBIS participation is shared with students as well.

Search and Seizure

To maintain order and security in the school, administrators may inspect and search places and areas such as lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school. This also includes searching student backpacks, bags, and personal effects without the notice or consent of the student. Specifics of search and seizure may be found in Chapter 105, Section 5/10-22.6a of the Illinois State Code.

Substance Abuse

Hamilton County Junior/Senior High School has a zero-tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol. Students who violate this policy will be disciplined as outlined in the Activity Calendar Handbook at www.unit10.com.

CAMPUS CONDUCT

Hallway Behavior

While in the halls, students are expected to be orderly. Waste paper and other refuse

materials should be placed in the waste paper baskets. Safety regulations that apply to behavior in the halls are:

1. Keep to the right.
2. No excessive noise.
3. No running.
4. No loitering.
5. Stay within two abreast.

Book bags, Handbags, Purses, Backpacks, etc..

All students must place book bags, handbags, backpacks, and purses in their lockers before the start of class (8:05 a.m.). These items will not be allowed to be carried throughout the school day.

Food and Drink on Campus

Students must limit their food and drink consumption to the cafeteria/commons area. **Eating food and having drink containers (including water bottles) in the hallways and lockers is prohibited.** The cafeteria juice machines will be available to students during the lunch period. Sodas will not be available to students on normal school days. Sodas may be purchased after school only.

Bicycles on Campus

Students are allowed to ride bicycles to school. They are to park them in the designated area until school is dismissed. It is advised that students chain/lock their bicycles while in school. Safe bicycle riding must take place at all times. Students may lose their riding privileges if bicycle misbehavior occurs. The school will not be responsible for bicycles that are damaged or stolen.

Extracurricular Activities

Sponsors/coaches of extracurricular activities (i.e., field trips, activity nights, band, sports, etc.) may develop specific rules or codes of conduct for students. Violations of extracurricular activity rules may result in the student being eliminated from the activity and /or future extracurricular activities. Students must have attended school for at least half the day to participate in after-school activities.

Hallway Passes

Students in the hallways during class time must have a pass from their teacher showing permission to be absent for a specified time. The pass must state the destination, departure time, and the teacher's signature. All school staff members are authorized to verify that students have approved passes.

Cell Phone/Smart Watch

Cell phones, smartwatches, and other communication devices may not be used by students on campus from the time a student enters the building for the day until 3:02 p.m. **Cellular phones, smart glasses, and smartwatches are to be kept in a locked container in their 8th-hour classes.** Upon checking out a Chromebook for the day, students should place their cell phones/watches in an assigned cell phone box. Any phone usage by students will be on an as-needed basis through the classroom teacher or the main office with prior administrative approval. The consequences for violating the cellular phone restriction are as follows:

1st Offense – will be confiscating the phone and lunch detention. Parents must pick up the device from the office.

2nd Offense –after-school detention

3rd Offense – in-school suspension.

4th Offense – 2-day in-school suspension

Progressive disciplinary action will be taken if necessary.

The School District is not responsible for the loss or theft of any electronic device brought to school.

Bus Conduct

As many students of all ages ride the busses of Hamilton County, student behavior on buses must be conducive to maintaining safe driving conditions for the bus driver. In short, obey the bus driver and the safety guidelines outlined in the Activity-Calendar Handbook. Consequences for misbehavior on the bus will range from detention and parent/administrator conferences to short-term or permanent removal from the bus. The misconduct citations will be issued as follows:

1st offense: student is given a verbal warning by the bus driver

2nd offense: Student will be assigned an after-school detention

3rd offense: Student is denied bus privileges for three days. Students may be subject to additional disciplines, such as after-school detention, ISS, and/or OSS.

4th offense: Student is denied bus privileges for five days. Students may be subject to additional disciplines, such as after-school detention, ISS, and/or OSS.

5th offense: Student is denied bus privileges for 8- 10 days. Students may be subject to additional disciplines, such as after-school detention, ISS, and/or OSS.

6th offense: Student is suspended for from the bus the rest of the school year. Students may be subject to additional disciplines, such as after-school detention, ISS, and/or OSS.

Student Dress

Students are expected to adhere to the general student dress guidelines outlined in the Activity Calendar Handbook. Students and parents are reminded that an important element of appropriate student dress is clean, neat clothing and a clean body, and shampooed hair.

The following guidelines will assist parents and students in understanding Hamilton County Junior/Senior High School's specific expectations regarding student dress. The statements below are not all-inclusive. Students who violate this policy will be required to make necessary arrangements, which may include calling a parent to bring a change of apparel or clothing to correct the violation of these guidelines. Time spent away from class to comply with this policy will be considered unexcused. Students with multiple dress code violations will face disciplinary action, including detention or ISS.

*Students will refrain from graffiti or other writing on their skin or clothing with markers/pens, etc.

*Billfold-type chains of any size are not permitted at school.

*Torso and midriff areas must be covered at all times.

*No exposed undergarments.

*Cami or undershirts must have a minimum strap width of 1 inch

*Jeans must be worn at the natural waist.

*Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.

*Students who wear hats to school should remove them upon entering the building and store them in their lockers for the remainder of the day before the first-hour tardy bell.

*Any attire with obscene or suggestive notations should not be worn at school. This includes references to controlled substances, including alcohol, look-alike drugs or drug paraphernalia, tobacco or tobacco products, etc.

*Shorts may be worn throughout the school year if they do not deviate from board policy or the guidelines (4½" inseam) concerning obscene or suggestive clothing. The 4½" inseam is enforceable regardless of any undergarment worn. Shorts may not be rolled at the waistline.

*Sleeveless tops are prohibited.

*Dresses or skirts must be within 6" of the middle of the knee, regardless of any undergarment worn.

*Razor-cut jeans or other attire that has areas that might offensively expose various parts of the anatomy. Jeans with holes above the knee must be within 6" of the middle of the knee. Holes above that height must be patched or have clothing (not undergarments) visible underneath. Students will be asked to change if they have exposed holes.

*Necklines of shirts, blouses, or dresses shall not be lower than 3 1/2" below the collarbone (clavicle). Open-back shirts are not permitted.

*Inappropriately tight clothing. If leggings or yoga pants are worn, the buttocks and pelvic region must be covered at all times by a dress, shirt, skirt, or shorts. The skirt or shorts must also meet dress code as outlined in the next items. Leggings must be opaque/not see-through.

*Dresses or skirts must be within 6" of the middle of the knee, regardless of any undergarment worn.

- *Shorts may be worn throughout the school year if they do not deviate from board policy or the guidelines (4½" inseam) concerning obscene or suggestive clothing. The 4½" inseam is enforceable regardless of any undergarment worn.
- * Any studded coats or clothing, studded bracelets, studded earrings, or studded necklaces are not permitted.
- *Fishnet stockings are not permitted.
- * Face paint is **not permitted** in the classroom, on school grounds, or during regular school hours unless specifically approved in advance by the school administration. Excessive or costume-style makeup that obscures facial features or disrupts the learning environment is not allowed. Facepaint or spirit paint is permitted at the discretion of administration for PBIS Days, pep rallies, or other special events.
- * Current trends may require additional interpretation of the above-mentioned guidelines
- *The above statements are not all-inclusive.

Locker Room Conduct

- *Keep all belongings in your PE locker and **locked at all times**.
- *Do not touch or take belongings from other students or lockers.
- *Pick up all trash and throw it away.
- *Students can only enter the locker room with the teacher's permission.
- *No horseplay allowed. Change before or after class and return to the gym promptly.
- *Spray deodorant, cologne, or perfume should be used appropriately.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

Accident Insurance

All students can secure student accident insurance as explained in the Activity Calendar Handbook. All athletes and cheerleaders must take out school insurance or have their parent sign a statement furnished by the school indicating that their family insurance gives adequate coverage.

All accidents at school or on school-sponsored trips must be reported to Health Services immediately.

Communication to Students

Administrative and staff communications to students are carried out by the following methods: (1) the hallway bulletin board, (2) published school announcements, (3) School Reach automated phone calls, (4) Teacherease emails, (5) Social Media. If a student has an announcement, it must be approved and signed by a faculty member or the principal and turned in to the office by 8:05 a.m. Announcements **MUST** be written or typed; verbal requests will not be accepted.

Student Records

The district's student records policy is in the Activity-Calendar Handbook.

Electronic Devices

Using laser pointers, paging devices, cameras, iPods, MP3 players, electronic games, earbuds, and headphones **is prohibited** on school property. No Chromebook accessories are permitted. If the school deems it necessary for such devices in the educational process, they will make such arrangements.

Cafeteria/Commons Area Rules and Procedures

1. Enter the cafeteria/commons area in an orderly and quiet manner.
2. **No talking is permitted in the serving area unless communicating with staff members.**
3. Stay in an organized line and show respect to others.
4. Once seated in your designated area, remain until you are dismissed for trash disposal in the provided containers.
5. Use a conversational tone to avoid loud, boisterous noise
6. Eat all food in the cafeteria; do not carry food or drinks outside.
7. Students must have trays and trash put up and disposed of at least 5 minutes before the end of the lunch period.

Student Lockers

All students are furnished with hallway lockers. For security reasons, no school locker can have any lock other than a lock purchased in the main office. Students are advised not to leave money or other valuables in lockers. The sharing of lockers is a major reason for lost articles. Lockers are school property and, therefore, should not be defaced inside or outside by such items as markers, ink, tape, stickers, etc., and are subject to searches as outlined in board policy JCAB and Illinois School Code, Chapter 105, Section 5/10-22.10a and 22.6a.

Lost and Found

Students who have property missing should come to the main office to report the missing item and check with the secretaries to see if the item has been turned in. Students finding property, which is not theirs, should turn it into the main office.

Taking Medicine at School

The district's administration of medication at school policy is detailed in the Activity-Calendar Handbook. Questions on this policy should be directed to the school nurse, Mrs. Alesha Storey.

District Grievance Procedure

The grievance procedure for students is published in the Activity-Calendar Handbook found online at www.unit10.com, along with explanations and due process procedures.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Extracurricular Participation

The following grades by students will result in suspension from an extra-curricular activity:

One or more failing grade(s) – Miss one week (Monday through Sunday)

If a student becomes ineligible for the third time in a season for athletics **OR** a third time in a semester for all other activities, then he/she will be required to turn in uniform, equipment, etc.

The activities include the following:

1. Cheerleading
2. Academic Organizations
3. All athletic teams
4. Trap (per semester; can rejoin at the semester)

Student progress will be checked weekly. Please contact the office for a schedule of the dates when grades will be checked. No pass/no play grades will become final at 11:00 a.m. on Friday. If a student is suspended due to grades, he/she may practice during the suspension period. He/she may attend activities/games and sit on the bench, but may not dress or participate. Students who are suspended from school may not practice, play, or attend the activity or game for the period of the suspension. Students who receive a DETENTION must serve it on the assigned day. Detentions may not be moved to avoid missing practice, activity, or game. Students **MUST** attend for a minimum of four (4) full class periods of the school day to participate in extracurricular activities that afternoon or evening unless it is an excused doctor's appointment, bereavement day, dental appointment, or approved by the administration.

PROMOTION AND RETENTION POLICY

Credit System

The following guidelines will assist students and parents with the understanding of the promotion and retention process. Each semester of a graded class will receive one-half (1/2) credit for a passing grade (70% or higher). The semester credit will be based on an average of the two-quarter grades. Each student will be scheduled a minimum of (7) credits of coursework for the year. A student must successfully complete a minimum of (5 ½) credits for the school year to be promoted to the next grade level. All graded classes are the same; Blended Labs do **NOT** count for credit.