

HILLSBORO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Student Handbook 2019-2020



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Hillsboro, Illinois 62049**

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This School Agenda belongs to:

Name _____

**Hillsboro Community
Unit School District #3
*Hillsboro Junior High School***

**PARENT
ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM*
2019-2020 School Year**

Student's Name _____

I/We, as Parents/Guardians of the above named student, have received & reviewed the Hillsboro Junior High School Student Handbook as found in the junior high school "Agenda Book".

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

***This form must be signed & returned to the Junior High School within 5 days of its receipt, or the student named above will be excluded from school activities until this form is signed & returned.**

The entire contents of this handbook have been reviewed, revised, and approved by the Hillsboro Unit District #3 Board of Education.

**Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3
2019-2020 School Calendar**

August 19, 2019	Teachers Workshop – Students Not in Attendance
August 20, 2019	Teachers Workshop – Students Not in Attendance
August 21, 2019	First Day of Student Attendance - Early Dismissal-2:20 p.m. from Junior High School
August 22, 2019	Early Dismissal-2:20 p.m. from Junior High School
August 23, 2019	Early Dismissal-2:20 p.m. from Junior High School
September 2, 2019	Labor Day - No School
September 20, 2019	School Improvement Planning - Early Dismissal - 11:45 a.m. from Junior High School
October 9, 2019	Early Dismissal 2:20 p.m. from Junior High School – Parent/Teacher Conference 4-7:30 p.m.
October 10, 2019	Early Dismissal 2:20 p.m. from Junior High School – Parent/Teacher Conference 4-7:30 p.m.
October 11, 2019	Students Not in Attendance – Due to Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 14, 2019	Columbus Day - No School
November 1, 2019	School Improvement Planning - Early Dismissal - 11:45 a.m. from Junior High School
November 11, 2019	Veterans Day - No School
November 26, 2019	Thanksgiving Vacation Begins - Regular Dismissal - 3:20 p.m. from Junior High School
December 2, 2019	School Resumes
December 6, 2019	School Improvement Planning - Early Dismissal - 11:45 a.m. from Junior High School
December 20, 2019	Christmas Vacation Begins – School Improvement Planning – Early Dismissal - 11:55 a.m. from HJHS
January 6, 2020	Teachers Workshop – Students Not in Attendance
January 7, 2020	School Resumes
January 17, 2020	School Improvement Planning - Early Dismissal - 11:45 a.m. from Junior High School
January 20, 2020	M. L. King's Birthday - No School
February 14, 2020	School Improvement Planning - Early Dismissal - 11:45 a.m. from Junior High School
February 17, 2020	President's Day - No School
March 13, 2020	School Improvement Planning - Early Dismissal - 11:45 a.m. from Junior High School
April 8, 2020	Easter Vacation Begins - Regular Dismissal - 3:20 p.m. from Junior High School
April 14, 2020	Teachers Workshop – Students Not in Attendance
April 15, 2020	School Resumes
May 25, 2020	Memorial Day – No School
June 5, 2020	School Improvement Planning - Early Dismissal - 11:55 a.m. from Junior High School – End of School Year

Regular Schedule

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:10	9:00	9:50	10:40	11:30	12:20	1:10	2:00	2:50
8:58	9:48	10:38	11:28	12:18	1:08	1:58	2:48	3:18

2:20 Schedule

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:10	8:54	9:38	10:22	11:06	11:50	12:34	1:18	2:02
8:52	9:36	10:20	11:04	11:48	12:32	1:16	2:00	2:20

11:45 Schedule

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:10	8:38	9:05	9:32	9:59	10:26	10:53	11:20	N/A
8:36	9:03	9:30	9:57	10:24	10:51	11:18	11:45	N/A

HJHS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The faculty and staff wish to welcome you to Hillsboro Junior High School. We strive for excellence in all areas of education and encourage you as students to work and take advantage of the opportunities that YOUR school and community have to offer you.

On entering Junior High, you will have an opportunity for more **FREEDOM**. With this new freedom comes the serious **RESPONSIBILITY** of **SELF-DISCIPLINE**. You are more accountable now than in the past for your behavior.

REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR SCHOOL!! Be proud and maintain excellence.

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

This handbook is a summary of the school's rules and expectations, and is not a comprehensive statement of school procedures. This handbook may be amended during the school year without notice. The Board's comprehensive policy manual is available for public inspection through the District's website www.hillsboroschools.net or at the Board Office, located at 1311 Vandalia Rd. Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

BUILDING HOURS

The buildings are open from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM. The cafeteria will open at 7:45 AM for breakfast and for those 6th grade students who arrive before 8:00 AM. Office hours of the Junior High School are 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Students must leave the building immediately after school unless supervised by a teacher or coach.

VISITORS

All visitors, including parents and siblings, are required to enter through the front door of the building and proceed immediately to the main office.

Visitors must sign in, identifying their name, the date and time of arrival, and the classroom or location they are visiting. Approved visitors must take a tag identifying themselves as a guest and place the tag to their outer clothing in a clearly visible location. Visitors are required to proceed immediately to their location in a quiet manner. All visitors must return to the main office and sign out before leaving the school.

Visitors are expected to abide by all school rules during their time on school property. A visitor who fails to conduct themselves in a manner that is appropriate will be asked to leave and may be subject to criminal penalties for trespass and/or disruptive behavior.

SCHOOL VISITATION RIGHTS

The School Visitation Rights Act permits employed parents/guardians, who are unable to meet with educators because of a work conflict, the right to time off from work under certain conditions to attend necessary school functions such as parent-teacher conferences. Letters verifying participation in this program are available from the school office upon request.

ACCOMMODATING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Individuals with disabilities will be provided an opportunity to participate in all school-sponsored services, programs, or activities. Individuals with disabilities should notify the superintendent or building principal if they have a disability that will require special assistance or services and, if so, what services are required. This notification should occur as far in advance as possible of the school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

REQUEST TO ACCESS CLASSROOM OR PERSONNEL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATION OR OBSERVATION

The parent/guardian of a student receiving special education services, or being evaluated for eligibility, is afforded reasonable access to educational facilities, personnel, classrooms, and buildings. This same right of access is afforded to an independent educational evaluator or a qualified professional retained by or on behalf of a parent or child.

For further information, please contact the school principal.

DELIVERED GIFTS

Students are not allowed to have gifts delivered to them here at school. Any delivered gifts brought to the office will not be accepted. PLEASE NOTE, this is a district policy that was implemented in 1999.

TREATS AND SNACKS

Due to health concerns and scheduling, treats and snacks for any occasion must be arranged in advance with the classroom teacher. All treats and snacks must be store bought and prepackaged in individual servings. No homemade treats or snacks are allowed at school. Treats and snacks may not require refrigeration and must have a clearly printed list of ingredients on the packaging. We strongly encourage you to select a treat or snack with nutritional value.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In cases of bad weather and other local emergencies, please listen to any local radio or television station to be advised of school closings or early dismissals. Hillsboro Community School District #3 uses a mass phone messaging system to alert parents and guardians to cancellations. School closings for any reason will be announced by 6 a.m. If bad weather or other emergency occurs during the day, please listen to local media stations for possible early dismissal information.

For your child's safety, make certain your child knows ahead of time where to go in case of an early dismissal.

VIDEO AND AUDIO MONITORING SYSTEMS

A video and/or audio monitoring system may be in use on school busses and a video monitoring system may be in use in public areas of the school building. These systems have been put in place to protect students, staff, visitors and school property. If a discipline problem is captured on audiotape or videotape, these recordings may be used as the basis for imposing student discipline. If criminal actions are recorded, a copy of the tape may be provided to law enforcement personnel.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL DANCES OR EVENTS

Attendance at school-sponsored dances or events is a privilege.

Only students who attend the school may attend school sponsored dances, unless the principal or designee approves a student's guest in advance of the event.

All school rules, including the school's discipline code and dress code are in effect during school-sponsored dances. In particular, students shall not:

1. Use, possess, distribute, purchase, or sell tobacco materials.
2. Use, possess, distribute, purchase, or sell alcoholic beverages.
3. Use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute any illegal substance or paraphernalia;
4. Use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute any object that is or could be considered a weapon or any item that is a "look alike" weapon.
5. Vandalize or steal;
6. Haze other students;
7. Behave in a manner that is detrimental to the good of the school; or
8. Be insubordinate or disrespectful toward teachers and chaperones.

Students who violate the school's discipline code will be required to leave the dance immediately and the student's parent/guardian will be contacted. The school may also

impose other discipline as outlined in the school's discipline code.

DISTRIBUTION OF NON-SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS

A student or group of students seeking to distribute more than 10 copies of the same material on one or more days to students must comply with the following guidelines:

1. The student(s) must notify the building principal of the intent to distribute, in writing, at least 24 hours before distributing the material. No prior approval of the material is required.
2. The material may be distributed at times and locations selected by the building principal, such as, before the beginning or ending of classes at a central location inside the building.
3. The building principal may impose additional requirements whenever necessary to prevent disruption, congestion, or the perception that the material is school-endorsed.
4. Distribution must be done in an orderly and peaceful manner, and may not be coercive.
5. The distribution must be conducted in a manner that does not cause additional work for school personnel. Students who distribute material are responsible for cleaning up any materials left on school grounds.
6. Students must not distribute material that:
 - a. Will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities;
 - b. Violates the rights of others, including but not limited to, material that is libelous, invades the privacy of others, or infringes on a copyright;
 - c. Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to the students' maturity level, including but not limited to, material that is obscene, pornographic, or pervasively lewd and vulgar, contains indecent and vulgar language, or sexting as defined by School Board policy and the Student Handbook;
 - d. Is reasonably viewed as promoting illegal drug use; or
 - e. Is primarily prepared by non-students.
7. A student may use the School District's Uniform Grievance Procedure to resolve a complaint.
8. Whenever these guidelines require written notification, the appropriate administrator may assist the student in preparing such notification.

A student or group of students seeking to distribute 10 or fewer copies of the same publication on one or more days to students must distribute such material at times and places and in a manner that will not cause substantial

disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities and in compliance with paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Students are prohibited from accessing and/or distributing at school any pictures, written material, or electronic material, including material from the Internet or from a blog, that:

1. Will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities;
2. Violates the rights of others, including but not limited to material that is libelous, invades the privacy of others, or infringes on a copyright;
3. Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to maturity level of the students, including but not limited to material that is obscene, pornographic, or pervasively lewd and vulgar, or contains indecent and vulgar language;
4. Is primarily intended for the immediate solicitation of funds; or
5. Is primarily prepared by non-students, unless it is being used for school purposes. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to prevent the inclusion of material from outside sources or the citation to such sources as long as the material to be distributed or accessed is primarily prepared by students.

The distribution of non-school-sponsored written material must occur at a time and place and in a manner that will not cause disruption, be coercive, or result in the perception that the distribution or the material is endorsed by the school district.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is essential for a child's continuing progress in school. Parents are responsible for the regular attendance of their children in school.

Illinois law requires that whoever has custody or control of any child between six (by September 1st) and seventeen years of age shall assure that the child attends school in the district in which he or she resides, during the entire time school is in session (unless the child has already graduated from high school). Illinois law also requires that whoever has custody or control of a child who is enrolled in the school, regardless of the child's age, shall assure that the child attends school during the entire time school is in session.

ABSENCE

If a student is going to be absent from school, the parent is asked to notify the school office at 532-3742 by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the student's absence. Or Parents may email aholcomb@hillsboroschools.net to report absences.

Parents are asked to send a note to the office on the day of the student's return to specify the date(s) and the reason(s) for the absence if no phone call was made to school. Messages may be left on the answering machine before 7:30 am or after 4:00 pm.

Absences due to illness of the student, a serious family illness, or a death in the family will be excused. A doctor's note may be required for absences of more than 5 consecutive days. If a student is to have an excused absence an assignment sheet can be obtained from the office to request homework. All requests for homework are required by noon.

Other absences (for family vacations, holiday travel, etc.) will be excused, provided the parent gives one-week prior notice to the office stating the reason for the absence.

Students shall be permitted NO MORE THAN TEN (10) EXCUSED ABSENCES PER YEAR BASED UPON PARENTAL CONFIRMATION FOR THE REASONS OF THE ABSENCE. After the student has been excused (10) times during the school year, a written doctor's excuse will be required for any additional absences. After the ten (10) excused absences, the school office will notify the parent/guardian by mail. Other excused absences will be limited to death in the family, a family emergency requiring the absence of the student or other reasons determined by the administration to have necessitated an absence. The reasons for such absences must be verified by the parent/guardian. If a student has a doctor or dental appointment, they should bring a card from their appointment and turn it in to the office. If a student absence is verified by a doctor's excuse before the student has reached the limit of ten (10) days of excused absences, that absence will not count toward the ten (10) days permitted by this section. **ANY NOTE TO EXCUSE AN ABSENCE BY A DOCTOR MUST BE TURNED IN WITHIN 5 SCHOOL DAYS OF THE ABSENCE.** If a student is absent 3 consecutive days, a doctor's excuse is required.

Students that have been referred to the Regional Office of Education for truancy services will not be allowed the 10 parent verifiable absences. These students will be required to have a doctor's statement to validate the absence for the remainder of the school year or until the student is off the truancy/RAP list.

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT

Any time a student comes to school after the start of school, the student must report to the office to receive a pass to class.

No child will be permitted to leave school unless he/she has the guardian's written permission. Students must be

signed out in the office by a parent or designee. Parents are asked to go to the office when they want to pick up a student.

MAKE UP WORK

If a student's absence is excused, he/she will be permitted to make up any missed work, including homework and tests. The student will be permitted the same number of days as he/she was absent to turn in the make-up work. The student is responsible for obtaining assignments from his/her teachers. Students who are unexcused from school will not be allowed to make up missed work.

TRUANCY

Student attendance is critical to the learning process. Truancy is therefore a serious issue and will be dealt with in a serious manner by the school and district.

Students who miss more than 1% but less than 5% of the prior 180 regular school days without valid cause (a recognized excuse) are truant. Students who miss 5% or more of the prior 180 regular school days without valid cause are chronic truants. Students who are chronic truants will be offered support services and resources aimed at correcting the truancy issue.

If chronic truancy persists after support services and other resources are made available, the school and district will take further action, including:

1. Referral to the truancy officer
2. Reporting to officials under the Juvenile Court Act
3. Referral to the State's Attorney
4. Appropriate school discipline

A student who misses 15 consecutive days of school without valid cause and who cannot be located or, after exhausting all available support services, cannot be compelled to return to school is subject to expulsion from school.

A parent or guardian who knowingly and willfully permits a child to be truant is in violation of State law.

Hillsboro Jr. High School is governed by the truancy ordinance adopted by Montgomery County. The following fines may be assessed by the Truancy Officer:

1. 1st offense \$25 fine
2. 2nd offense \$50 fine
3. 3rd offense \$100 fine

HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

A student who is absent from school for an extended period of time, or has ongoing intermittent absences because of a medical condition, may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital.

For information on home or hospital instruction, contact the school office at 532-3742.

STUDENT ILLNESS

The following guidelines can act as a guide in determining whether or not a student should stay home or go to school. This is not intended as medical advice. Use your common sense and this information as a guide until your doctor can be contacted.

1. Any child with a fever of 100 degrees or higher should not be sent to school and will be sent home.
2. When a child has a fever, do not allow the child to return to school until he has been "free of fever" for 24 hours.
3. A child with a "heavy" cold and a hacking cough should be kept home even though he or she may not have a fever.
4. If a child complains of a sore throat and/or has white spots on the back of the throat, keep him at home and call your doctor.
5. If vomiting occurs, keep your child home until he can keep his food down and is eating normally again.
6. A child with diarrhea should be kept at home.
7. Do not send your child to school with a rash until your doctor has said that it is safe to do so. A rash or itching may be a first sign of illness.

Library

The Library is open for students during the school day and after school until 4:00.

During the school day, students need a pass from their classroom teacher or cafeteria supervisor to come into the Library.

Students may check out one book for a two-week period.

If a book is not returned by the Due Date, the student is given a First Overdue Notice (yellow). A couple of days later, the student will receive a Second Overdue Notice (red) if the book has not been returned or there is an outstanding late fee. Should the first two reminders fail to satisfy book return or paying late fees, a Third Notice (blue) is given to the student requiring him/her to spend lunch recess in the library.

The Late Fee is 10¢ per day for each day past the Due Date. If a book is damaged, a fee will be assessed.

If a book is lost, the student is charged the cost to replace it.

Students may lose Library privileges for the remainder of a semester if:

1. They go through the entire three-notice plan described above two times within one semester.

2. They lose or damage two books within a semester.

When Library privileges are restored at the start of the next semester, it is at the Librarian's discretion as to the value of the books allowed to be checked out.

STUDENT FEES AND MEALS

SCHOOL FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES; WAIVER OF STUDENT FEES

The school establishes fees and charges to fund certain school activities, including athletics, cheerleading, and scholastic bowl. Some students may be unable to pay these fees. Students will not be denied educational services or academic credit due to the inability of their parent or guardian to pay fees or certain charges. Students whose parent or guardian is unable to afford student fees may receive a fee waiver. A fee waiver does not exempt a student from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, supplies, and/or equipment.

Applications for fee waivers may be submitted by a parent or guardian of a student who has been assessed a fee. A student is eligible for a fee waiver if the student currently lives in a household that meets the income guidelines, with the same limits based on the household size, that are used for the federal free meals program.

The building principal will give additional consideration where one or more of the following factors are present:

- An illness in the family;
- Unusual expenses such as fire, flood, storm damage, etc.;
- Seasonal employment;
- Emergency situations; or
- When one or more of the parents/guardians are involved in a work stoppage.

The building principal will notify the parent/guardian promptly as to whether the fee waiver request has been granted or denied. Questions regarding the fee waiver application process should be addressed to the building principal.

Pursuant to the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act, the school is required to provide a federally reimbursable meal or snack to a student who requests one, regardless of whether the student has the ability to pay for the meal or snack or owes money for earlier meals or snacks. Students may not be provided with an alternative meal or snack and the school is prohibited from publicly identifying or stigmatizing a student who cannot pay for or owes money for a meal or snack.

LUNCH

Families may apply for free or reduced lunch/breakfast program. Eligibility will be determined according to criteria established by the federal government. Once application is made, the district office will notify parents and attendance centers whether or not the family is eligible.

Hillsboro Jr. High School has a **closed campus** lunch policy. Students may not leave campus for lunch on their own or with another student's parent. Parents may come to take only their child out to lunch, provided they are not taken out of class time to do so. Students who bring their lunch must eat in the cafeteria during the designated time. Glass bottles or containers of any kind are prohibited.

Transportation

The district provides bus transportation to and from school for all students living 1.5 miles or more from the school. A list of bus stops will be published at the beginning of the school year before student registration. Parents must, at the beginning of the school year, select one bus stop at which a student is to be picked up, and one stop at which a student is to be dropped off. Students are not permitted to ride a bus other than the bus to which they are assigned. Exceptions must be approved in advance by the building principal.

While students are on the bus, they are under the supervision of the bus driver. In most cases, bus discipline problems can be handled by the bus driver. In the case of a written disciplinary referral, student bus problems will be investigated and handled by the building principal.

Students are expected to follow all school rules while on the bus. Students may be suspended from riding the school bus for up to 10 consecutive school days for violating school rules or for engaging in other gross disobedience or misconduct. The school board may suspend the student from riding the school bus for a period in excess of 10 days for safety reasons. The district's regular suspension procedures shall be used to suspend a student's privilege to ride a school bus.

A student who is suspended from riding the school bus and who does not have alternative transportation to school shall be allowed the opportunity to make up all missed work for equivalent academic credit. It is the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to notify the school that the student does not have alternative transportation to school.

In the interest of the student's safety and in compliance with State law, students are also expected to observe the following:

- 1.) Dress properly for the weather. Make sure all drawstrings, ties, straps, etc. on all clothing, backpacks and other items, are shortened or removed to lessen the likelihood of them getting caught in bus doors, railings or aisles.

- 2.) Arrive on time at the bus stop, and stay away from the street while waiting for the bus.
- 3.) Stay away from the bus until it stops completely and the driver signals you to board. Enter in single file without pushing. Always use the handrail.
- 4.) Take a seat right away and remain seated facing forward. Keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus.
- 5.) Talk quietly on the bus. No shouting or creating loud noises that may distract the driver. Tablets, iPods®, iPads®, smart phones, and other electronic devices must be silenced on the bus unless a student uses headphones.
- 6.) Help keep the bus neat and clean. Keep belongings out of the aisle and away from emergency exits. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
- 7.) Always listen to the driver's instructions. Be courteous to the driver and other students. Sit with your hands to yourself and avoid making noises that would distract the driver or bother other passengers. Remain seated, keeping your hands, arms, and head inside the bus at all times.
- 8.) Wait until the bus pulls to a complete stop before standing up. Use the handrail when exiting the bus.
- 9.) Stay out of the danger zone next to the bus where the driver may have difficulty seeing you. Take five giant steps away from the bus and out of the danger zone, until you can see the driver and the driver sees you. Never crawl under a bus.
- 10.) If you must cross the street after you get off the bus, wait for the driver's signal and then cross in front of the bus. Cross the street only after checking both ways for traffic.
- 11.) Never run back to the bus, even if you dropped or forgot something.

Video and audio cameras may be active on busses to record student conduct and may be used for the purposes of investigation into misconduct or accidents on the bus.

For questions regarding school transportation issues, contact the bus garage at 532-6012.

***Parents are allowed to fill out a "District Bus Transportation Sheet" to have 1 alternative pick up and drop off for their students in case of emergencies. If their students will be using their alternative on a given day this needs to be conveyed to the office by 3:00 so the appropriate bus pass can be issued to the student.

Immunization, Health, Eye and Dental Examinations

Required Health Examinations and Immunizations

All students are required to present appropriate proof of a health examination and the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases within one year prior to:

1. Entering kindergarten or the first grade;

2. Entering the sixth and ninth grades; and
3. Enrolling in an Illinois school for the first time, regardless of the student's grade.

Proof of immunization against meningococcal disease is required for students in grades 6 and 12. A diabetes screening must be included as part of the health exam (though diabetes testing is not required). Students between the age of one and seven must provide a statement from a physician assuring that the student was "risk-assessed" or screened for lead poisoning.

Failure to comply with the above requirements by October 15 of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the school, subject to certain exceptions. New students who register mid-term have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization requirements. If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by October 15, the student must present, by October 15, an immunization schedule and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay. The schedule and statement of medical reasons must be signed by an appropriate medical professional.

Eye Examination

All students entering kindergarten or the school for the first time must present proof by October 15 of the current school year of an eye examination performed within one year. Failure to present proof by October 15, allows the school to hold the student's report card until the student presents: (1) proof of a completed eye examination, or (2) that an eye examination will take place within 60 days after October 15.

Dental Examination

All students entering kindergarten, second and sixth grades must present proof by May 15 of the current school year of having been examined by a licensed dentist within the last 18 months. Failure to present proof allows the school to hold the child's report card until the student presents: (1) proof of a completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15.

Exemptions

A student will be exempted from the above requirements for:

1. Medical grounds if the student's parent/guardian presents to the building principal a signed statement explaining the objection;
2. Religious grounds if the student's parent/guardian presents to the building principal a completed Certificate of Religious Exemption;
3. Health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification;

4. Eye examination requirement if the student's parent/guardian shows an undue burden or lack of access to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who provides eye examinations or a licensed optometrist; or
5. Dental examination requirement if the student's parent/guardian shows an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.

TDAP

Per ISBE and IDPH, beginning fall 2012, all students entering sixth grade are required to provide proof of a TDAP vaccination in addition to the mandatory sixth grade physical requirement.

Student Medication

Taking medication during school hours or during school-related activities is prohibited unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child by completing a "School Medication Authorization Form." Parent provides any medication prescribed, all Over the Counter medicine should be in original, and in an unopened container.

No school or district employee is allowed to administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed School Medication Authorization Form is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. No student is allowed to possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this procedure.

Self-Administration of Medication

A student may possess an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen®) and/or an asthma inhaler prescribed for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed a School Medication Authorization Form. The school and district shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication or epinephrine auto-injector or the storage of any medication by school personnel. A student's parent/guardian must agree to indemnify and hold harmless the school district and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or asthma inhaler, or the storage of any medication by school personnel.

Student use of cough drops requires a parent note.

HEAD LICE

The School Board will adhere to rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and Department of Public Health relative to the control of head lice in the school district. This may include the exclusion of students with head lice in appropriate cases. Parents/guardians will be notified upon discovery of the problem and be provided information on the necessary treatment. But, failure of parents/guardians to remedy the problem may lead the district to enforce this policy of exclusion in order to protect other children. A child who is sent home with a head lice problem should be treated immediately and housekeeping procedures done as directed in the provided literature, and should return to school after one working day (for example: if a child is sent home on Wednesday, (s)he has Thursday to remedy the problem, and must be back at school Friday morning. If the child is sent home on Friday, (s)he has Monday to remedy the problem, and must be back in school on Tuesday morning). Truancy procedures may be started if more than one school day is missed for each incident of head lice is reported. If a student has 10 incidents with head lice, the Attendance Officer may file a Petition of Neglect against the parents (i.e., if head lice are found on Wednesday, this is considered the first incident, and (s)he returns on Friday but the problem is not corrected, (s)he being sent home again is considered the second incident). Our district has a NO NIT POLICY which means that a child must be clean of nits before being allowed to return to school.

STUDENTS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES

State law requires our school district to annually inform parents of students with life-threatening allergies or life-threatening chronic illnesses of the applicable provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and other applicable federal statutes, state statutes, federal regulations and state rules.

If your student has a life-threatening allergy or life-threatening chronic illness, please notify the building principal at 532-3742.

Federal law protects students from discrimination due to a disability that substantially limits a major life activity. If your student has a qualifying disability, an individualized Section 504 Plan will be developed and implemented to provide the needed supports so that your student can access his or her education as effectively as students without disabilities.

Not all students with life-threatening allergies and life-threatening chronic illnesses may be eligible under Section 504. Our school district also may be able to appropriately meet a student's needs through other means.

CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

If your child has diabetes and requires assistance with managing this condition while at school and school functions, a Diabetes Care Plan must be submitted to the school principal. Parents/guardians are responsible for and must:

- a. Inform the school in a timely manner of any change which needs to be made to the Diabetes Care Plan on file with the school for their child.
- b. Inform the school in a timely manner of any changes to their emergency contact numbers or contact numbers of health care providers.
- c. Sign the Diabetes Care Plan.
- d. Grant consent for and authorize designated School District representatives to communicate directly with the health care provider whose instructions are included in the Diabetes Care Plan.

For further information, please contact the Building Principal.

AGENDA BOOKS

Agenda books are provided to each student for a fee and are to be in the student's possession at all times because they will be used as hall passes. If an agenda book is lost, it must be replaced within 3 days.

BOOKS & SUPPLIES

As always, students are responsible for the care of textbooks from the time they are assigned until they are returned. When they are collected, they should reflect normal use. If they are in any other condition, the student will be charged accordingly. Books and supplies are to be kept in **LOCKED LOCKERS** when not in use.

ENROLLMENT FORMS

Registration must be completed for all new and returning students. Please keep address, phone and emergency information current for the safety of your child.

INSURANCE (SCHOOL)

Accident insurance is obtainable through the school which helps pay medical expenses for accidents occurring while at school, while enrollee travels to or from school, or while participating at school.

LEAVING SCHOOL

No one is allowed to leave campus without the permission of an authorized adult. The student must sign out in the office. When a student becomes ill, an authorized adult will send the student to the office, where they will be given permission to call a parent/guardian.

LOCKERS

Lockers are to be kept locked at all times. Lockers are owned and controlled by the school and are subject to search by authorized personnel. Students may access lockers only at designated times as set by grade level teachers. Students are not to share lockers. Access during inappropriate times and inappropriate use will be considered for discipline consistent with "Hallway Behavior".

PHYSICAL ED. REQUIREMENTS

Students must wear a white or orange t-shirt, black or blue shorts (5" inseam with no zippers), socks and a clean pair of tennis shoes. A combination lock will be given to each student to lock up personal belongings. We recommend valuables be left at home. Students are expected to dress for P.E. every day unless excused by a note from a physician.

EXEMPTION FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

A student who is eligible for special education may be excused from physical education courses in either of the following situations:

1. He or she (a) is in grades 3-12, (b) his or her IEP requires that special education support and services be provided during physical education time, and (c) the parent/guardian agrees or the IEP team makes the determination; or
2. He or she (a) has an IEP, (b) is participating in an adaptive athletic program outside of the school setting, and (c) the parent/guardian documents the student's participation as required by the Superintendent or designee.

A student requiring adapted physical education will receive that service in accordance with the student's Individualized Education Program.

REPORT CARDS / PROGRESS REPORTS

Report cards are distributed one week after the end of every quarter. Progress reports will be distributed near the middle of every quarter. Grades for special education students must comply with all guidelines established in their individual education plan. The special education teacher has the primary responsibility for the implementation of an individual educational plan.

RETENTION POLICY

Retention of students at Hillsboro Junior High is based on a number of factors, including attendance, academic performance (Failure of 3 out of 5 core classes in the aggregate of all quarters of enrollment), and scores on nationally-normed and state standard assessments.

SELLING OF ITEMS AT SCHOOL

The selling of any item, including fund-raising items, from one student to another, is strictly prohibited without the written permission of the principal.

TELEPHONES

Students may use the phone in the main office for necessary parental/guardian contact. After school plans and issues that are not of a school nature will not necessitate the use of the phone in the office. **Cell phones should remain turned off and out of sight during school hours.**

ATHLETIC RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT

The Athletic Code applies to all students who want to participate in athletics. Athletics includes competitive sports, extracurricular activities, and cheerleading. This code applies in addition to other rules and regulations concerning student conduct and imposes additional requirements on student athletes and cheerleaders.

Participation in athletics is a privilege. Those who participate in athletics have a responsibility to favorably represent the school and community. Student athletes are expected to conduct themselves both in and out of school in a manner appropriate to their responsibilities as representatives of the school and district. If a student fails to comply with the terms of this code, the privilege to participate in athletics may be lost in accordance with the terms of this Athletic Code.

IESA

Eligibility for most athletics is also governed by the rules of the Illinois Elementary School Association and, if applicable, these rules will apply in addition to this Athletic Code. In a case of a conflict between IESA and this Athletic Code, the most stringent rule will be enforced.

Eligibility

All student athletes must pass all of their courses each week during the season to be eligible to play. Eligibility is calculated each Thursday afternoon during each athletic season. Any student found to be failing 1 or more subjects will be ineligible. Athletes are ineligible from Sunday through Saturday the following week. Any student who is ineligible for 2 consecutive weeks or three weeks in total will be dismissed from their respective team.

Requirements for Participation

An athlete must have the following fully executed documents on file at the school office before the athlete's first participation in any activity:

1. A current physical examination report completed by a physician licensed in Illinois to practice medicine in all its

branches which finds the athlete is physically able to participate; and

2. A permission slip to participate in the specific sport in which the athlete intends to participate signed by the athlete's parent or guardian; and

3. Proof the athlete is covered by medical insurance; and

4. A receipt showing the athlete and his/her parents received a copy of the Athletic Code, understand the terms of the Athletic Code and agree to abide by its terms and conditions, and

5. All athletic fees and school fees paid. Unpaid fees will result in exclusion from all athletics including practices, games, and other events associated with the team.

Behavioral Conduct

Misconduct by student-athletes will not be tolerated. Misconduct shall include but shall not be limited to:

- a. Insubordination; or
- b. Any behavior or action which is negligently or intentionally injurious to a person or property or which places a person or property at risk of injury or damage; or
- c. Any behavior which disrupts the appropriate conduct of a school program or activity; or
- d. Hazing, bullying, or harassment of any kind; or
- e. Use of profanity; or
- f. Exhibition of bad sportsmanship; or
- g. Violation of any school rules or regulations or law.

Coaches and school officials will impose disciplinary measures appropriate to the offenses committed. The discipline imposed for any particular offense shall be at the sole and exclusive discretion of the coaching staff and school officials.

Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

Except with respect to prescription drugs used by the person for whom such drugs were prescribed in the manner intended by the prescribing medical doctor, the possession, use, distribution, purchase or sale of any alcoholic beverage, drug, drug paraphernalia, controlled substance, look alike, tobacco or tobacco product or any other substance which, when taken into the human body is intended to enhance performance or alter mood or mental state, including any item or substance which is represented by a student to be, or is believed by a student to be any of the foregoing, regardless of the true nature or appearance of the substance, is prohibited in school buildings, on school buses and on all other school property or school related events at any time. This prohibition shall include all school sponsored or school related activities, whether

held before or after school, evenings or weekends and shall additionally include a prohibition of use by a student athlete in any instance where the school can demonstrate a reasonable connection to the school program or school athletic program. For purposes of this procedure, students who are under the influence of prohibited substances shall be treated in the same manner as though they had prohibited substances in their possession.

Rules in Effect

The rules set forth in this Athletic Code are in effect throughout the calendar year and twenty-four hours a day, whether or not school is in session and including vacation periods, and holidays. The rules apply on and off campus and whether or not the misconduct occurs at school or a school-sponsored activity or in some other locale. The rules apply from the beginning of the athlete's first tryout or practice in the first sport which the athlete attempts until the completion of the athlete's athletic eligibility in all sports.

Absence from School on Day of Activity

An athlete who is absent from school after noon on the day of an activity is ineligible for any activity on that day unless the absence has been approved in writing by the principal.

Exceptions may be made by the coach:

- 1) for a medical absence pre-arranged with the coach or
- 2) for a death in the athlete's family. An athlete who has one or more trancies or who has been suspended from school may be suspended from participation in athletic activities by administration.

An athlete who is absent from school on a Friday before a Saturday event may be withheld from Saturday activities at the sole discretion of the coach.

Travel

All athletes shall travel to athletic events and return home from athletic events with the team on which the athlete competes by use of school approved means of transportation. A written waiver of this rule may be issued by a coach or administrator upon advance written request of an athlete's parent or guardian and provided the parent or guardian appears and accepts custody of the athlete. In no case shall a waiver be issued unless the alternate means of transportation anticipated by the waiver will be provided by the parent. Oral requests shall not be honored and oral permissions shall not be valid. A student athlete's parent may sign them out with a coach following an athletic event.

Any student athlete found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the school district's athletic discipline policies, rules and regulations as provided herein.

Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

Student athletes must comply with Illinois' Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act and all protocols, policies and bylaws of the Illinois High School Association before being allowed to participate in any athletic activity, including practice or competition.

A student who was removed from practice or competition because of a suspected concussion shall be allowed to return only after all statutory prerequisites are completed, including without limitation, the School District's return-to-play and return-to-learn protocols.

RULES AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

General Building Conduct

This handbook is provided to students and their families to acquaint them with the rules, regulations, procedures, and other relevant information necessary for the orderly functioning of the school. It has been structured to help promote student progress as well as the interest of modeling appropriate school government. In addition, this handbook provides for the psychological and physical safety of the students through appropriate rules and regulations.

When breaches of school disciplinary rules and regulations occur, it is the responsibility of involved teachers and administrators to work with the student, his or her parents, and other support personnel to help the student correct his or her behavior. All disciplinary actions shall be directed toward protecting the welfare of the school community as well as helping the student develop self-discipline. When determining the response for a specific breach of discipline, school personnel will consider the nature of the act, the student's previous school history, his or her age and maturation, any mitigating circumstances, and the effect of his or her actions on the school community. Disciplinary responses may include, but are not limited to, those that follow. Students participating in extra-curricular or athletic activities are subject to all disciplinary rules.

Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Behavioral Interventions

Behavioral interventions shall be used with students with disabilities to promote and strengthen desirable behaviors and reduce identified inappropriate behaviors. The School Board will establish and maintain a committee to develop, implement, and monitor procedures on the use of behavioral interventions for children with disabilities.

Discipline of Special Education Students

The District shall comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and the Illinois State Board of Education's Special Education rules when disciplining special education students. No special education student shall be expelled if the student's particular act of gross disobedience or misconduct is a manifestation of his or her disability.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

Detention

Detentions will typically be assigned after school. After school detentions will be served from 3:15 to 4:00. Detentions may also be served before school or at lunch time, at the discretion of administration.

Internal Supervision

Internal Supervision is a consequence that is served at the school, in a secluded room away from the rest of the student body. There shall be no talking, no sleeping, no fellow student contact. Those in I.S. will work all day on schoolwork for full credit. There will be 2 bathroom breaks and a lunch break. Failure to follow the rules of I.S. will result in repeating the day of I.S. or external suspension.

External Suspension

From time to time, it may be necessary for a student to be suspended from school and school activities, as outlined in the following sections under "Rules and Disciplinary Procedures". During an external suspension, a parent may request missed schoolwork. The amount of credit, if any, awarded for work completed during a suspension is left to the discretion of the teacher.

Expulsion

Expulsion from school is only recommended in extreme cases of student misconduct. Only the Board of Education can expel. No services will be offered to students who have been expelled from school.

All disciplinary actions are determined without regard to race, religion, sex, or ethnic origin of the student.

Student Behavior

Copies of all School District policies on student behavior are available online through the School District's website or in the school office.

Prohibited Student Conduct

Students may be disciplined for gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to the following:

1. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling or offering for sale tobacco or nicotine materials, including

electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes.

2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence of an alcoholic beverage are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.

3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling or offering for sale:

a. Any illegal drug, controlled substance, or cannabis (including marijuana, medical cannabis and hashish).

b. Any anabolic steroid unless it is being administered in accordance with a physician or licensed practitioners' prescription.

c. Any performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association's most current banned substance list unless administered in accordance with a physicians' or licensed practitioners' prescription.

d. Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a physician or licensed practitioner, or when used in a manner inconsistent with the prescription or prescribing physicians' or licensed practitioner's instructions. The use or possession of medical cannabis, even by a student for whom medical cannabis has been prescribed, is prohibited.

e. Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance: (a) that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system; or (b) about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system. The prohibition in this section does not apply to a student's use of asthma or other legally prescribed inhalant medications.

f. "Look-alike" or counterfeit drugs, including a substance that is not prohibited by this policy, but one: (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy; or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug, controlled substance or other substance that is prohibited by this policy.

g. Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to: (a) ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and (b) grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances.

h. Any substance inhaled, injected, smoked, consumed or otherwise ingested or absorbed with the intention of causing a physiological or psychological change in the body, including without limitation, pure caffeine in a tablet or powdered form.

Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they have the

prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.

4. Using, possessing, controlling or transferring a “weapon” or violating the procedures listed below under the Weapons Prohibition section of this handbook procedure.
5. Using or possessing an electronic paging device.
6. Using a cellular telephone, smartphone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), or similar electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, creating and sending, sharing, viewing, receiving or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of a computer, electronic communication device or cellular telephone, commonly known as “sexting.” Unless otherwise banned under this policy or by the building principal, all cellular phones, smartphones and other electronic devices must be kept powered-off and out-of-sight during the regular school day unless: (a) the supervising teacher grants permission; (b) use of the device is provided in a student’s individualized education program (IEP); (c) it is used during the student’s lunch period; or (d) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.
7. Using or possessing a laser pointer unless under a staff member’s direct supervision and in the context of instruction.
8. Disobeying rules of student conduct or directives from staff members or school officials. Examples of disobeying staff directives include refusing a staff member’s request to stop, present school identification or submit to a search.
9. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, altering report cards and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.
10. 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. 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.
11. Engaging in any sexual activity, including without limitation, offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure (including mooning) and sexual assault.
12. Engaging in teen dating violence.
13. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, stealing, or attempting to steal, school property or another person’s personal property.
14. Entering school property or a school facility without

proper authorization.

15. In the absence of a reasonable belief that an emergency exists, calling emergency responders (calling 9-1-1); signaling or setting off alarms or signals indicating the presence of an emergency; or indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, school bus or at any school activity.
16. Being absent without a recognized excuse.
17. Being involved with any public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society.
18. Being involved in a gang or engaging in gang-like activities, including displaying gang symbols or paraphernalia.
19. Violating any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, vandalism and hazing.
20. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.
21. Making an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel if the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.
22. Operating an unarmed aircraft system (AUS) or drone for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event unless granted permission by the building principal.

For purposes of these rules, the term “possession” includes having control, custody, or care, currently or in the past, of an object or substance, including situations in which the item is: (a) on the student’s person; (b) contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of, the student, such as in the student’s clothing, backpack, or automobile; (c) in a school’s student locker, desk, or other school property; (d) at any location on school property or at a school-sponsored event; or (e) in the case of drugs and alcohol, substances ingested by the person.

Efforts, including the use of positive interventions and supports shall be made to deter students, while at school or a school-related event, from engaging in aggressive behavior that may reasonably produce physical or psychological harm to someone else.

No disciplinary action shall be taken against any student that is based totally or in part on the refusal of the

student's parent/guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

When and Where Conduct Rules Apply

The grounds for disciplinary action also apply whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including but not limited to:

1. On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any time;
2. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school;
3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
4. Anywhere, if the conduct interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

Disciplinary Measures

School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and, where practicable and reasonable, shall consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline before using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions. School personnel shall not advise or encourage students to drop out of school voluntarily due to behavioral or academic difficulties. Potential disciplinary measures include, without limitation, any of the following measures:

1. Notifying parents/guardians.
2. Disciplinary conference.
3. Withholding of privileges.
4. Temporary removal from the classroom.
5. Return of property or restitution for lost, stolen or damaged property.
6. In-school suspension.
7. After-school study or Saturday study provided the student's parent/guardian has been notified. (If transportation arrangements cannot be made in advance, an alternative disciplinary measure will be assigned to the student.)
8. Community service.
9. Seizure of contraband; confiscation and temporary retention of the personal property that was used to violate school rules.
10. Suspension of bus riding privileges.
11. Suspension from school and all school activities for up to 10 days. A suspended student is prohibited from being on school grounds.
12. Expulsion from school and all school activities for a definite time period not to exceed 2 calendar years. An expelled student is prohibited from being on school

grounds.

13. Transfer to an alternative program if the student is expelled or otherwise qualifies for transfer under State law.

14. Notifying juvenile authorities or other law enforcement whenever the conduct involves criminal activity, such as, illegal drugs (controlled substances), "look-alikes," alcohol or weapons or in other circumstances as authorized by the reciprocal reporting agreement between the District and local law enforcement agencies.

The above list of disciplinary measures is a range of options that will not always be applicable in every case. In some circumstances, it may not be possible to avoid suspending or expelling a student because behavioral interventions, other than a suspension or expulsion, will not be appropriate and available, and the only reasonable and practical way to resolve the threat and/or address the disruption is a suspension or expulsion.

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is illegal and will not be used.

Corporal punishment is defined as slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for students, staff, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property.

Weapons Prohibition

A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year but not more than 2 calendar years:

(1) A firearm, meaning any gun, rifle, shotgun, weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961. The expulsion period may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis.

(2) A knife, brass knuckles or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including "look-alikes" of any firearm as defined above.

The expulsion requirement may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination

may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis.

Gang & Gang Activity Prohibited

“Gang” is defined as any group, club or organization of two or more persons whose purposes include the commission of illegal acts. No student on or about school property or at any school activity or whenever the student’s conduct is reasonably related to a school activity, shall: (1) wear, possess, use, distribute, display, or sell any clothing, jewelry, paraphernalia or other items which reasonably could be regarded as gang symbols; commit any act or omission, or use either verbal or non-verbal gestures, or handshakes showing membership or affiliation in a gang; or (2) use any speech or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interest of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to, soliciting others for membership in any gangs; (3) request any person to pay protection or otherwise intimidate, harass or threaten any person; (4) commit any other illegal act or other violation of district policies, (5) or incite other students to act with physical violence upon any other person.

Re-Engagement of Returning Students

The building principal or designee shall meet with a student returning to school from an out-of-school suspension, expulsion or alternative school setting. The goal of this meeting shall be to support the student’s ability to be successful in school following a period of exclusion and shall include an opportunity for students who have been suspended to complete or make-up missed work for equivalent academic credit.

Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

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 school goals.

Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, immigration status, military status, unfavorable discharge status from the military service, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender-related identity or expression, ancestry, age, religion, physical or mental disability, order of protection status, status of being homeless, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic is prohibited in each of the following situations:

1. During any school-sponsored education program or activity.
2. While in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or

school-sanctioned events or activities.

3. Through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment.

4. Through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a non-school-related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by the school district or school if the bullying causes a substantial disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of a school.

Bullying includes cyber-bullying (bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication) and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

1. Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student’s or students’ person or property;
2. Causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student’s or students’ physical or mental health;
3. Substantially interfering with the student’s or students’ academic performance; or
4. Substantially interfering with the student’s or students’ ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, stalking, sexual violence, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, threatened or actual destruction of property, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

Students are encouraged to immediately report bullying. A report may be made orally or in writing to the district complaint manager or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking. Anyone, including staff members and parents/guardians, who has information about actual or threatened bullying is encouraged to report it to the district complaint manager or any staff member. Anonymous reports are also accepted by phone call or in writing.

Forms for reporting bullying are located in Mr. VanGiesen’s office.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE/STUDENT APPEARANCE

Students are expected to wear clothing in a neat, clean, and well-fitting manner while on school property and/or in attendance at school sponsored activities. Students are to use discretion in their dress and are not permitted to wear apparel that causes a substantial disruption in the school environment. **If there is any doubt about dress and appearance, the building principal or assistant principal will make the final decision.** Student whose dress causes a substantial disruption of the orderly process of school functions or endangers the health or safety of the student, other students, staff or others may be subject to

discipline. Guidelines for dress are historically referred to as the 7B's

1. No Bellies
2. No Bare Arms
3. No Bra Straps
4. No Backsides
5. No Bed Wear
6. No Bandannas
7. No Ball Caps

CAFETERIA RULES

1. Students shall not save seats for other students.
2. Students shall walk to lunch and shall be orderly and quiet during lunch.
3. Trays shall be stacked neatly. No food shall leave the cafeteria.
4. Loud talking, yelling, screaming, and other disruptions are prohibited.
5. Students shall not throw food, milk cartons or other items.
6. **Students shall not trade or purchase food for other students.**
7. Students shall follow the instructions of the lunchroom aides and show proper respect toward all cafeteria personnel.
8. Students shall remain seated while in the cafeteria except to return to the lunch line or return trays.
9. Students shall immediately become silent when staff or presenters make announcements in the cafeteria.
10. Students shall report spills and broken containers to cafeteria staff immediately.
11. Students shall be dismissed from the cafeteria by the lunch room supervisor.

CAFETERIA CONSEQUENCES

Any violation of the posted cafeteria rules as well as misbehavior during lunch recess may result in the following consequences:

- 1st offense - Warning
- 2nd offense - 1-week lunch isolation
- 3rd offense - 2 weeks' lunch isolation
- 4th offense - 3 weeks' lunch isolation
- 5th + offense - Internal Suspension and lengthy lunch isolation

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are a privilege for students. Students must abide by all school policies during transportation and during field-trip activities, and shall treat all field trip locations as though they are school grounds. Failure to abide by school rules and/or location rules during a field trip may subject the student to discipline. All students who wish to attend a field trip must receive written permission from a parent or guardian with authority to give permission.

Bus Conduct

Students are expected to follow all schools when riding the school bus. A student may be suspended from riding the bus for up to 10 consecutive school days for engaging in gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to, the following:

1. Violating any school rule or school district policy.
2. Willful injury or threat of injury to a bus driver or to another rider.
3. Willful and/or repeated defacement of the bus.
4. Repeated use of profanity.
5. Repeated willful disobedience of a directive from a bus driver or other supervisor.
6. Such other behavior as the building principal deems to threaten the safe operation of the bus and/or its occupants.

If a student is suspended from riding the bus for gross disobedience or misconduct on a bus, the School Board may suspend the student from riding the school bus for a period in excess of 10 days for safety reasons.

A student suspended from riding the bus who does not have alternate transportation to school shall have the opportunity to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit. It shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to notify the school that the student does not have alternate transportation.

Students who are found to cause infractions may be subject to the following discipline.

- 1st offense - Warning/1 detention
 - 2nd offense - Parent contact/2 detentions
 - 3rd offense - Bus suspension for up to 3 days'/parent contact
 - 4th offense - Bus suspension for up to 10 days'/parent conference with principal, superintendent and driver before privileges are restored
 - 5th offense - Possible loss of all bus-riding privileges
- * If a student is suspended from riding the bus, he/she is expected to be in school. **School Bus suspensions will not be an excused absence.**

** It should be noted that any extremely dangerous or continuous behavior that endangers the safety of the bus and/or its occupants could result in immediate suspension of all bus-riding privileges.

CANDY/FOOD/GUM

These will not be allowed in school. Offenses against their prohibition will be considered insubordination and will be handled as such. Candy or food that is distributed as a reward by a classroom teacher must be consumed in the classroom in which it was awarded or placed in the student's locker for consumption at home. (See defiance/insubordination)

Student Use of Electronic Devices

The use of electronic devices and other technology at school is a privilege, not a right. Students are prohibited from using electronic devices, except as provided herein. An electronic device includes, but is not limited to, the following: cell phone, smart phone, audio or video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), iPod®, iPad®, laptop computer, tablet computer or other similar electronic device. Pocket pagers and other paging devices are not allowed on school property at any time, except with the express permission of the building principal. During instructional time, which includes class periods and passing periods, electronic devices must be kept powered-off and out-of-sight unless: (a) permission is granted by an administrator, teacher or school staff member; (b) use of the device is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP); or (c) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.

Students are allowed to use electronic devices during non-instructional time, which is defined as before and after school and during the student's lunch period.

Electronic devices may never be used in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, violates student conduct rules or violates the rights of others. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: (1) using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms; (2) cheating; and (3) creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction or non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images (i.e., sexting).

The school and school district are not responsible for the loss, theft or damage to any electronic device brought to school.

Students in violation of this procedure are subject to the following consequences:

1. First offense – The device will be confiscated by school personnel. A verbal warning will be assigned. The student will receive the device back at the end of the day in the school office.
2. Second offense – The device will be confiscated. A detention will be assigned. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and required to pick up the device in the school office.
3. Third offense – The device will be confiscated. A detention will be assigned. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and required to pick up the device in the school office. Additionally, the student will be prohibited from bringing the device to school for the next 10 school days. If the student is found in possession of the device during this 10-day period, the student will be prohibited from bringing the device to school for the remainder of the school year. The student will also face consequences for insubordination.
4. Fourth and subsequent offense – The device will be confiscated. The student will be assigned a detention and will be prohibited from bringing the device to school for

the remainder of the school year. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and required to pick up the device in the school office. The student will also face consequences for insubordination.

School officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy. In the course of an investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order to allow school officials to make a factual determination.

DISRUPTION/DEFIANCE / DISRESPECT / INSUBORDINATION TO STAFF

Any student who practices any of the above infractions may be subject to disciplinary consequences,

FAILURE TO SERVE SUPERVISED STUDY (Internal Supervision) OR DO WORK DURING SUPERVISED STUDY

Students are required to serve assigned supervised studies and will be required to do schoolwork during the assigned time. Failure to either serve or work may result in the following:

- 1st offense - Reassignment
- 2nd offense - Reassignment plus 1 detention
- 3rd offense- Reassignment plus 2 detentions
- 4th & 5th offense - Internal Suspension
- 6th offense - External Suspension

FIREWORKS/INCENDIARY DEVICES

Fireworks of any kind or any other incendiary device (matches, lighters) are prohibited on the school grounds. Possession or use of any such items may have the following consequences:

- 1st offense - Up to 3 days' suspension
- 2nd offense - 5 days' suspension
- 3rd offense - 10 days' suspension, recommendation for expulsion

HALLWAY BEHAVIOR

Running, loitering, blocking flow of student traffic, or shouting in the hallways, as well as deliberately littering the halls (or campus) will not be accepted. Violation may result in the following:

- 1st offense - Warning
- 2nd offense - 1 Detention
- 3rd & 4th offense - 2 Detentions
- 5th & 6th offense - Internal Suspension
- 7th offense - Suspension

INDECENCY

Words, phrases, gestures, actions, etc., that are deemed indecent by current norms and standards may result in suspension, the length of which shall be determined on a case-by-case basis

INSTIGATING VIOLATION OF SCHOOL RULES

Students are not to try to persuade others to break any of the rules of HJHS. Discipline for such an action is the same as "HALLWAY BEHAVIOR".

LEAVING CAMPUS (Truancy)

Once students arrive on campus, whether by walking, being brought to school by bus or other vehicles or bicycling, they must remain on campus unless excused. They are not permitted to leave without permission until their day is over.

LOSS OF SCHOOL PRIVILEGES

Loss of school privileges (LOSP) results from repeated disciplinary incidents. No passes, assemblies, or participation in extracurricular activities, dances, or field trips or any group rewards or school-sponsored events are allowed. LOSP will be imposed as follows:

- If at the end of the 1st quarter a student has 3 or more referrals, then he/she will lose school privileges for the 2nd quarter.
- If at the end of the 2nd quarter a student has 6 or more referrals, then he/she will lose school privileges for the 3rd quarter.
- If at the end of the 3rd quarter or at any point during the fourth quarter a student accumulates 9 or more referrals, then he/she will lose school privileges for the remainder of the school year.
- **All students who owe school fees will be placed on LOSP until the balance is paid.**

LYING / FORGING

Lying to a staff member or forging a pass or note from a parent is considered a serious breach of proper school behavior. Violation may result in:

- 1st offense - 1 Detention and parent contact
- 2nd offense - 2 Detentions/parent contact
- 3rd offense - Internal Supervision

NOTES & NOTE WRITING

The writing of notes is prohibited. Notes that are discovered will be confiscated and a warning given to those responsible. Continued infractions may result in further consequences.

PASSES

No student is to be in the halls or otherwise out of the classroom without a pass. Passes are located in the back of the Agenda book, and must be properly filled out and signed by a teacher. Abuse, misuse, or absence of a pass will result in the same discipline as found under "HALLWAY BEHAVIOR".

PROFANITY / PROFANE BEHAVIOR

Profane language, as well as profane gestures or acts, on school grounds is not acceptable. Violation will result in the following consequences:

- 1st offense - 1 Detention

- 2nd offense - 2 Detentions
- 3rd and subsequent offenses - Treated as defiance

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Such behavior: kissing, hugging, holding hands, etc., is not acceptable. Disciplinary action is the same as for "HALLWAY BEHAVIOR".

RACISM

Words, phrases, gestures, actions, etc., that are deemed racist by current norms & standards may result in suspension, the length of which shall be determined on a case-by-case basis. Police notification & involvement is also a strong possibility. Repeated offenses will be treated as defiance/disrespect.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment of students is prohibited. An employee, District agent, or student engages in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes sexual advances, requests sexual favors, and engages in other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed on the basis of sex, that

1. denies or limits the provision of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or that makes such conduct a condition of student's academic status or
2. has the purpose of substantial interfering with a student's educational environment, creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment, depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment or, making submission to or rejection of such unwelcome conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

Students who believe they are victims of sexual harassment or have witnessed sexual harassment are encouraged to report the incident to the building principal. Complaints will be kept confidential to the extent possible needed to investigate. Depending on the severity of the incident, consequences can range from parent contact to suspension and police involvement.

TARDIES

Tardies to school and to class will result in the following.

- 1st - 3rd - Warning
- 4th - 8th offense - 1 Detention
- 9 + offenses - Internal Suspension

UNWANTED PHYSICAL CONTACT

Unwanted physical contact, such as pushing, shoving, slapping, hitting, etc. is unacceptable. The consequences for such acts may range from a detention to several days of internal supervision, depending on the severity.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PROHIBITED

Engaging in teen dating violence that takes place at school, on school property, at school sponsored activities, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation is prohibited. For purposes of this policy, the term *teen dating violence* occurs whenever a student who is 13 to 19 years of age uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control an individual in the dating relationship; or uses or threatens to use sexual violence in the dating relationship. Depending on the severity of the incident, consequences can range from parent contact to suspension and police involvement.

INTERNET, TECHNOLOGY, AND PUBLICATION USE

All use of electronic network use must be consistent with the school's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. These rules do not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. The failure of any user to follow these rules will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

Unacceptable Use - The user is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:

1. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any State or federal law;
2. Unauthorized downloading of software;
3. Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
4. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
5. Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
6. Hacking or gaining unauthorized access to files, resources, or entities;
7. Invading the privacy of individuals, that includes the unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, and personal nature including a photograph;
8. Using another user's account or password;
9. Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
10. Posting anonymous messages;
11. Using the network for commercial or private advertising;
12. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material; and
13. Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

Search and Seizure

In order to maintain order safety and security in the schools, school authorities are authorized to conduct reasonable searches of school property and equipment, as well as of students and their personal effects. "School authorities" includes school liaison police officers. School Property and Equipment as well as Personal Effects Left There by Students

School authorities may inspect and search school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school (such as, lockers, desks, and parking lots), as well as personal effects left there by a student, without notice to or the consent of the student. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these places or areas or in their personal effects left there.

The building principal may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to conduct inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs.

Students

School authorities may search a student and/or the student's personal effects in the student's possession (such as, purses, wallets, knapsacks, book bags, lunch boxes, etc.) when there is a reasonable ground for suspecting that the search will produce evidence the particular student has violated or is violating either the law or the school or district's student rules and policies. The search will be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to its objective of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the student's age and sex, and the nature of the infraction.

School officials may require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates the school's disciplinary rules or school district policy. In the course of the investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order for the school to make a factual determination.

Seizure of Property

If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the school or district's policies or rules, evidence may be seized and impounded by school authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. When appropriate, evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

EACH OF THE CONSEQUENCES LISTED IN THIS HANDBOOK MAY BE DOUBLED WHEN A REFERRAL IS MADE BY A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND ACTED UPON BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

PARENTAL RIGHTS AND NOTIFICATION

STUDENT BIOMETRIC INFORMATION

Before collecting biometric information from students, the school must seek the permission of the student's parent/guardian or the student, if over the age of 18. Biometric information means information that is collected from students based on their unique characters, such as a fingerprint.

HOMELESS CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO EDUCATION LAW

When a child loses permanent housing and becomes a homeless person as defined at law, or when a homeless child changes his or her temporary living arrangements, the parent or guardian of the homeless child has the option of either:

(1) continuing the child's education in the school of origin for as long as the child remains homeless or, if the child becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year during which the housing is acquired; or

(2) enrolling the child in any school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend.

The district Homeless Liaison is David Powell who can be reached at 532-2942.

ASBESTOS MANGEMENT PLAN

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regulations, this notification is to inform the public that an asbestos management plan has been developed for the Hillsboro Community School District No. 3. This management plan contains current information regarding inspections, response actions, and post-response actions concerning asbestos containing material within school district buildings. The district's management plan is available during normal working hours for review at the District's Administrative Office located at 1311 Vandalia Road in Hillsboro, Illinois.

MANDATED REPORTERS

All school personnel, including teachers and administrators, are required by law to immediately report any and all suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION LAW

State law prohibits a convicted child sex offender from being present on school property when children under the age of 18 are present, except for in the following circumstances as they relate to the individual's child(ren):

1. To attend a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the progress of their child.

2. To participate in a conference in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to their child's special education services.

3. To attend conferences to discuss issues concerning their child such as retention or promotion.

In all other cases, convicted child sex offenders are prohibited from being present on school property unless they obtain written permission from the superintendent or school board.

Anytime that a convicted child sex offender is present on school property - including the three reasons above - he/she is responsible for notifying the principal's office upon arrival on school property and upon departure from school property. It is the responsibility of the convicted child sex offender to remain under the direct supervision of a school official at all times he/she is in the presence or vicinity of children.

A violation of this law is a Class 4 felony.

SURVEYS BY THIRD PARTIES

Before a school official or staff member administers or distributes a survey or evaluation created by a third party to a student, the student's parent/guardian may inspect the survey or evaluation, upon their request and within a reasonable time of their request. This applies to every survey: (1) that is created by a person or entity other than a district official, staff member, or student, (2) regardless of whether the student answering the questions can be identified, and (3) regardless of the subject matter of the questions.

Parents who object to disclosure of information concerning their child to a third party may do so in writing to the building principal.

SURVEYS REQUESTING PERSONAL INFORMATION

School officials and staff members will not request, nor disclose, the identity of any student who completes any survey or evaluation (created by any person or entity, including the school or district) containing one or more of the following items:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent/guardian.
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family.
- Sexual behaviors or attitudes.
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships.

- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student’s parent/guardian.
- Income other than that required by law to determine program eligibility.
- The student’s parent/guardian may inspect the survey or evaluation upon, and refuse to allow their child to participate in the survey. The school will not penalize any student whose parent/guardian exercised this option.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

A student’s parent/guardian may inspect, upon their request, any instructional material used as part of their child’s educational curriculum within a reasonable time of their request.

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

It is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational services.

The School provides a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment and necessary related services to all children with disabilities enrolled in the school. The term “children with disabilities” means children between ages 3 and the day before their 22nd birthday for whom it is determined that special education services are needed. It is the intent of the school to ensure that students with disabilities are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services.

A copy of the publication “Explanation of Procedural Safeguards Available to Parents of Students with Disabilities” may be obtained from the school district office.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTICE

The district maintains a registry of parents/guardians of students who have registered to receive written or telephone notification prior to the application of pesticides to school grounds. To be added to the list, please contact: David Powell 217-532-2942. Notification will be given before application of the pesticide. Prior notice is not required if there is imminent threat to health or property.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Parents/guardians may request information about the qualifications of their child’s teachers and paraprofessionals, including:

- Whether the teacher has met State certification requirements;

- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status by which State licensing criteria have been waived;
- The teacher’s college major;
- Whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees; and
- Whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the school office.

STUDENT RECORDS

A school student record is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be identified individually that is maintained by a school or at its direction or by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except for certain records kept in a staff member’s sole possession; records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school; video and other electronic recordings that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes; and electronic recordings made on school buses.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Illinois Student Records Act afford parents/guardians and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student’s school records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and copy the student’s education receives a request for access.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent/ guardian or eligible student believes are inaccurate, irrelevant, or improper.
3. The right to permit disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that the FERPA or Illinois School Student Records Act authorizes disclosure without consent.
4. The right to a copy of any school student record proposed to be destroyed or deleted.
5. The right to prohibit the release of directory information.
6. The right to request that military recruiters or institutions of higher learning not be granted access to your student’s information without your prior written consent.
7. The right contained in this statement: No person may condition the granting or withholding of any right, privilege or benefits or make as a condition of employment, credit, or insurance the securing by any individual of any information from a student’s temporary record which such individual may obtain through the exercise of any right secured under State law.

8. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

USING A PHOTOGRAPH OR VIDEOTAPE OF A STUDENT

Pictures of Unnamed Students

Students may occasionally appear in photographs and video recordings taken by school staff members, other students, or other individuals authorized by the Building Principal. The school may use these pictures, without identifying the student, in various publications, including the school yearbook, school newspaper, and school website. No consent or notice is needed or will be given before the school uses pictures of unnamed students taken while they are at school or a school-related activity.

Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

Youth suicide impacts the safety of the school environment. It also affects the school community, diminishing the ability of surviving students to learn and the school's ability to educate. Suicide and depression awareness and prevention are important goals of the school district.

The school district maintains student and parent resources on suicide and depression awareness and prevention. Much of this information, including a copy of school district's policy, is posted on the school district website. Information can also be obtained from the school office.

Access to Student Social Networking Passwords & Websites

School officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy. In the course of an investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order to allow school officials to make a factual determination.

Pictures of Named Students

Sometimes the school may want to identify a student in a school picture. For example, school officials want to acknowledge those students who participate in a school activity or deserve special recognition.

Pictures of Students Taken by Non-School Agencies

While the school limits access to school buildings by outside photographers, it has no control over news media or other entities that may publish a picture of a named or unnamed student. School staff members will not, however, identify a student for an outside photographer. A parent/guardian may revoke this consent at any time by notifying the Building Principal in writing.

Standardized Testing

Students and parents/guardians should be aware that students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will take standardized tests in the spring of 2020. Parents are encouraged to cooperate in preparing students for the standardized testing, because the quality of the education the school can provide is partially dependent upon the school's ability to continue to prove its success in the state's standardized tests. Parents can assist their students achieve their best performance by doing the following:

1. Encourage students to work hard and study throughout the year;
2. Ensure students get a good night's sleep the night before exams;
3. Ensure students eat well the morning of the exam, particularly ensuring they eat sufficient protein;
4. Remind and emphasize for students the importance of good performance on standardized testing;
5. Ensure students are on time and prepared for tests, with appropriate materials;
6. Teach students the importance of honesty and ethics during the performance of these and other tests;
7. Encourage students to relax on testing day.

English Learners

The school offers opportunities for English Learners to develop high levels of academic attainment in English and to meet the same academic content and student academic achievement standards that all children are expected to attain.

Parents/guardians of English Learners will be: (1) given an opportunity to provide input to the program, and (2) provided notification regarding their child's placement in, and information about, the District's English Learners programs.

For questions related to this program or to express input in the school's English Learners program, contact David Powell at 532-2942.

Inclusion in Splash/Field Day Festivities

Splash is an incentive field trip for 8th graders to the Taylorville YMCA. 6th and 7th grade students will participate in "Field Day" activities. To be invited students must meet the following yearly criteria...

1. No More than 2 referrals to the office for any infraction.
2. No Internal Supervision or External Suspension for the school year.
3. No more than 3 unexcused absences in the school year.
4. All school fees paid. This includes registration, library, athletic, and any other fees incurred through HJHS.

Inclusion in the 8th Grade Dance

HJHS holds an 8th grade dance at the conclusion of the school year. For an 8th grade student to receive an invitation, they must meet the following criteria...

1. No more than 2 referrals in the second semester of the school year.
2. No Internal Supervision or External Supervision for the second semester of the school year.
3. No more than 3 unexcused absences for the entire school year.
4. All School fees paid. This includes registration, library, athletic, and any other fees incurred through HJHS.