

Handbook Updates

2015-2016

HONOR ROLL

At the end of each nine-week grading period, an Honor Roll is issued for all students who qualify. Honor Roll requirements are as follows:

- All subjects are included for a cumulative GPA to determine Honor Roll
- Students must have a GPA of 3.5 for High Honors and 3.0-3.49 for Honors in all subjects to qualify for the Honor Roll.

Those students who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement each marking period qualify for the Cumulative Honor Roll.

WHERE IS YOUR ASSIGNMENT BOOK?

You must have your assignment book with you at all times during the school day. This includes hallways, classrooms, holding areas, etc. This book also serves as your pass if you need to leave a room. If you lose your book, you will need to purchase another assignment book in the main office. Please do not destroy, remove pages, or alter your assignment book. If your book becomes destroyed and hinders you from using it as a pass, you will need to purchase a new one. Teachers and staff will not issue you a pass. **Students who do not have their assignment book may be referred to the office for disciplinary action.**

Hall Passes

Except for class change periods and emergencies, students must carry their signed planner at all times.

HALL LOCKERS

Students will be assigned a locker in the corridor close to their homeroom. Locks are permitted on these lockers; however, a spare key or combination must be given to the office. The Middle School will provide the use of a lock to students if requested. Locks remain the property of the District; loss or destruction of locks will be subject to replacement charges. Student are discouraged from bringing valuables to school. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen valuables. Students may not use any locker but the one assigned to them. Lockers are school property; using them is a privilege, not a right. Items are to be kept in the locker, not on the top of the locker. Anything located on top of the locker will be removed. The Huntingdon Area School District will not be responsible for theft when students fail to use a lock or share lockers. Students should not have an expectation of privacy for hall and gym lockers. These areas will be subject to search with reasonable cause.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- Electronic devices are permitted in the cafeteria during lunch periods.
- Electronic devices are permitted in classrooms at teacher discretion.
- Sound from any electronic device must be contained via headphones/earbuds.
- Electronic devices are not permitted in the hallways between 7:50 AM and 2:45 PM.
- The use of electronic devices for unauthorized picture taking or recording (video or audio) of any kind is strictly prohibited.

- The use of electronic devices for any illegal activity is strictly prohibited.

Any use of electronic devices that impede or distract from the educational environment will be disciplined.

Mechanical/Electronic Devices

The unauthorized possession and/or use of any type of electronic or mechanical device, which distracts or impedes the educational process is against policy. The following are examples of such but are not limited to: cell phones, iPods, cameras, hand held video game systems, tablets, and other Internet capable devices. If a device is out during class or in the hallways without permission, it will be confiscated. First offense the student may pick it up after school. Any offense following will require a parent/guardian to pick up the device regardless of the length of time it takes.

STUDENT MESSAGES/DELIVERIES

Any message called in to a student by parents or guardians will be held until the end of the day unless it is necessary for the student to receive the message earlier. The school reserves the right to contact the parent or guardian to verify any message before it is given to a student.

Parents may drop off items for students until 9:30 AM. Any materials brought to the student after 9:30 AM will be held until the end of the school day unless it is an emergency or a child's lunch.

Deliveries of any kind other than school-related materials for students are NOT to be sent to the school. This causes a disruption of the educational process and is a potential safety hazard.

TELEPHONES

A telephone, located in the main office, is provided for students' use. A student must first have permission from the teacher and a signed planner to come to the office to use the phones. The student will then gain permission from the office secretary. The student will then be required to fill out a phone log sheet located by the telephone.

Student phone calls should be limited to forgotten school work, lunch, or an item needed for class. Students will not be given permission to call regarding after school arrangements or other non-school related questions. Phone privileges may also be suspended if students are not forthcoming with their reason for the call. All student phone calls must be made by 8:15 AM unless it is an emergency.