

# HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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## **“ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES”**

**To:** Learners, Parents, and Guardians  
**From:** Mr. Travis Lee, High School Principal  
**Re:** HAHS School Update  
**Date:** October 1, 2021

Good evening HAHS Learners, Parents, and Guardians,

There are many positive things happening at HAHS. We know that many of our students do the right thing most of the time, and should be praised for their actions. The administration and teaching staff have begun to see some recent trends and behaviors that are in need of improvement. I have reviewed some of these items and expectations with students via the morning announcements.

At HAHS we promote showing kindness to others, ask that students reflect upon the messages from Rachel's Challenge, and to embody our BEARCATS expectations - especially Caring About the Team. We will look to continue to reinforce our expectations for the items below in future grade level meetings, our Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions (PBIS) lessons and videos, and in-school communications.

We ask that you can have a constructive conversation with your child regarding the information presented below.

We will continue to update you regarding the positive activities and events at HAHS, such as our Spirit and Homecoming week in mid-October, in future messages. Let's all do our part to exhibit our BEARCAT PRIDE in a positive, meaningful way.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,  
HAHS Principal

### **Topics for Review**

#### **School Vandalism**

- Schools across the country have recently seen an increase in school vandalism, especially in bathrooms, as a result of a TikTok trend. In addition to vandalism, some of these trends have led to the promotion of thefts within schools
- Thus far, we have been fortunate at HAHS compared to other schools. However, we have experienced some vandalism in our restrooms and inappropriate drawings within the school
- Addressing these issues takes an extreme amount of monitoring time, supervision, and resources. When we identify the individual(s) responsible, they will not only face school disciplinary consequences, but also restitution and possible criminal charges
- ***We want everyone to be proud of our school. Let's keep our school a presentable place to be!***

### **Vaping Use**

- We've seen an increase in violations of vaping possession/use in school compared to the start of last school year
- We want our learners to be making healthy decisions for themselves personally, but we also want to create a healthy environment for everyone within our school
- Please ask your children to stay away from inappropriate activities in the restrooms, and report inappropriate activity or vaping immediately
- For students that are struggling with vaping, tobacco, or substance use, remember we have the Student Assistance Program (SAP) available for learners that need prevention and/or cessation support

### **Proper Mask Wearing**

- We appreciate the cooperation of our students with their mask compliance
- To help keep our school community safe, it must be emphasized that our students ***wear their masks properly*** at all times, unless given a mask break or during lunch
- Please choose a face covering that is the most comfortable for you individually which could include cloth masks, disposable masks, or face shields. If your student needs a face covering, options are available in the office
- Staff members will continue to give our learners reminders about proper mask wearing

### **Inappropriate Comments to Others**

- Inappropriate comments from students to other students will not be tolerated. We have seen an increase in this behavior, and it detracts from the positive school environment that we want for all
- Comments made include those of a demeaning nature, those to put others down, and even racial slurs and innuendos are not acceptable

### **School Procedure Follow-Through and Expectations**

- We expect staff to focus on positive actions and behaviors of students and praise students for doing what is expected
- We expect school staff to redirect students when not following school protocols or expectations, including in regards to the items previously mentioned in this memo. Staff will give reminders and redirect learners in accordance with our PBIS expectations and the learner handbook
- If redirection is not effective it will be necessary to issue discipline referrals/consequences and/or communicate with the student and parents regarding the behavior