# Newsletter

NOVEMBER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 4th & 5th- Arena Conferences
- Nov. 10th- Veterans day assembly
- Nov. 11th- No School

Thanksgiving break- 26th-30th

### School & Office Hours

School Hours:

🕒 Monday–Tuesday & Thursday–Friday: 7:45 AM – 2:30 PM

🕒 Wednesday (Early Release): 7:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Office Hours:

🕒 7:45 AM – 3:15 PM



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*2026* *November Edition*

# THE HUSKY HUDDLE

## The Principals Perspective



Dear Husky Families,
As we wrap up the month of October, I want to thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Middle school is an exciting, fast-paced time of growth—both academically and socially—and seeing our students settle into their routines this autumn has been wonderful.




A quick look at a few highlights and reminders as we transition into November:

- Grades & Progress: Please take a moment to check Skyward with your student to review their current progress. If you need help with your own login information, please contact the office
- Weather & Dress Code: As the morning air gets colder, please remind your student to layer up for outdoor morning arrival and recess.

Thank you for trusting us with your middle schooler every day. If you have any questions or concerns as we head into the next month, please let us know.
Warmly,
Lauri Landerholm
Principal, HMS

# Office Staff



Lauri Landerholm
Principal




Chris Wiseman
Assist. Principal




Nicholas Crowe
Dean of Students

## Secretaries

**Holly Fraser**
Administrative Secretary

**Amanda Passmore**
Registrar

**Janelle Beck**
Attendance Clerk

## Counselors

**Christina Zepeda**
Last Names A-L

**Rebecca Viscuso**
Last Names M-Z

## Health Specialist

**Alysha Vossen**

# PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date:

November 4th& 5th

Time:

**NOV. 4TH 1:15-3:00PM**

**NOV. 5TH 5:00-7:00PM**




Location:

Huntington Middle School

<u>Arena-Style Conferences</u>

Teachers will be in their classrooms during conferences. To allow all families an opportunity to meet with teachers, parents will have no more than 5 minutes with each teacher.

If you need additional time to discuss your student, please schedule a separate meeting with the teacher.

Thank you for helping us make conferences productive and efficient for everyone!

# HMS Health Room NEWS




# 7TH GRADE HEARING & VISION SCREENINGS

## Monday, NOV. 16TH

Please make sure your student has their glasses and/or hearing aids.

If you would like to opt your 7th grader out of hearing and vision screenings, please contact our *Healthcare Specialist* at

alysha.vossen@kelsosd.org
360-501-1388.

## GO HUSKIES!

# BUS INFO

- Bus routes
- Pick up / Drop Off times
- Shuttle info to and from KHS ⟷ HMS
- Please call transportation with any questions 360-501-1352



Click link below to find all bussing information

Transportation Webpage



# HONORING OUR VETERANS



**Hello parents, our leadership class is excited to announce our annual candy drive for veterans! Students are encouraged to bring candy bars or bags to PAWS class with them November 2nd - 6th. Students will also be making Thank-You cards during PAWS. The candy bars along with the Thank-You cards will be shipped out to active military members by Mr. Wiltfong.**





Huntington will celebrate Veterans Day with a formal assembly on November 10 from 8:00-8:30 AM.

Please use the link below to send in a picture of your veteran that will be used in a slideshow during out assembly.

Students are also permitted and encouraged to invite Veteran family members to our assembly on November 10. Each student can invite up to two Veterans, but they must request a seat for their Veteran using the same Google Form where they can upload their Veteran's photo.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyCPQHXIL1Wiv0dQELPaVqxJ21XZLcloyb1Nh0b8DA_8OJeg/viewform?usp=header

# Husky Health Tips

🐾 Husky Health Tip: Stay Healthy, Huskies!
**Cold & flu season is here!** 🤧 Help keep yourself—and your fellow Huskies—healthy by practicing these simple habits:

🧼 **Wash your hands** often!
🥤 **Don't share drinks** or utensils.
🤧 **Cover coughs & sneezes** with your elbow.
💧 **Stay hydrated** and drink plenty of fluids!

👀 **Upcoming Event: Hearing & Vision Screenings**
Our 7th grade Hearing & Vision Screenings will take place on Monday, November 16th.

If you would like to opt your student out of these screenings, please email Mrs. Vossen at alysha.vossen@kelsosd.org.

# Huntington Middle School Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Policy

## KEY POINTS OF THE POLICY

- **T**HIS POLICY REVISION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR.
- THE PHONE POLICY WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE TIME STUDENTS ENTER THE SCHOOL AND CROSS THE DOOR'S THRESHOLD AT 7:35 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY UNTIL THEY EXIT THE SCHOOL AND CROSS THE THRESHOLD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DAY.
- PHONES, EAR PODS, APPLE/SMART WATCHES, AND OTHER ELECTRONICS MUST BE SILENCED AND STORED IN BACKPACKS. PHONES, EAR PODS, AND OTHER ELECTRONICS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN POCKETS.
- IF A PHONE IS SEEN OR USED DURING THE DAY, IT WILL BE CONFISCATED AND RETURNED TO THE STUDENT OR PARENT ACCORDING TO SCHOOL POLICY.
- IN AN EMERGENCY, STUDENTS MAY USE THE PHONE IN THE MAIN OFFICE, AND PARENTS CAN ALWAYS CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY.

### OFFENSE PROCEDURES:

**1ST OFFENSE:** TAKEN TO THE OFFICE, THE STUDENT PICKS UP AT THE END OF THE DAY. PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT MADE.

**2ND OFFENSE:** TAKEN TO THE OFFICE, THE STUDENT PICKS UP AT THE END OF THE DAY. PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT MADE.

**3RD OFFENSE:** TAKEN TO THE OFFICE, PARENT/GUARDIAN PICKS UP AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.

**4TH OFFENSE:** TAKEN TO THE OFFICE, PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING TO DEVELOP A PLAN.

Click links below for additional information!

Informational PowerPoint

Parent Letter



# BELL SCHEDULE

## HUNTINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL 2026-2027 BELL SCHEDULE

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

| 6th Grade | | 7th Grade | | 8th Grade | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PAWS | 7:45-8:30 | PAWS | 7:45-8:30 | PAWS | 7:45-8:30 |
| 1st | 8:33-9:25 | 1st | 8:33-9:25 | 1st | 8:33-9:25 |
| 2nd | 9:28-10:20 | 2nd | 9:28-10:20 | 2nd | 9:28-10:20 |
| Lunch | 10:20-10:50 | 3rd | 10:23-11:15 | 3rd | 10:23-11:15 |
| 3rd | 10:53-11:45 | Lunch | 11:15-11:45 | 4th | 11:18-12:10 |
| 4th | 11:48-12:40 | 4th | 11:48-12:40 | Lunch | 12:10-12:40 |
| 5th | 12:43-1:35 | 5th | 12:43-1:35 | 5th | 12:43-1:35 |
| 6th | 1:38-2:30 | 6th | 1:38-2:30 | 6th | 1:38-2:30 |

**Wednesday**

| 6th grade | | 7th Grade | | 8th Grade | |
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| PAWS | 7:45-8:30 | PAWS | 7:45-8:30 | PAWS | 7:45-8:30 |
| 1st | 8:33-9:10 | 1st | 8:33-9:10 | 1st | 8:33-9:10 |
| 2nd | 9:13-9:50 | 2nd | 9:13-9:50 | 2nd | 9:13-9:50 |
| Lunch | 9:50-10:20 | 3rd | 9:53-10:30 | 3rd | 9:53-10:30 |
| 3rd | 10:23-11:00 | Lunch | 10:30-11:00 | 4th | 10:33-11:10 |
| 4th | 11:03-11:40 | 4th | 11:03-11:40 | Lunch | 11:10-11:40 |
| 5th | 11:43-12:20 | 5th | 11:43-12:20 | 5th | 11:43-12:20 |
| 6th | 12:23-1:00 | 6th | 12:23-1:00 | 6th | 12:23-1:00 |

# KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 458

## 2026-2027

## STUDENT CALENDAR

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**STUDENT FIRST AND LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL**

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| August 26 | First Day |
| June 11 | Last Day |

**GRADUATION**

June 5

**STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DAYS**

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| September 7 | Labor Day |
| October 8 | In-Service Day |
| October 9 | In-Service Day |
| November 11 | Veterans Day |
| November 23 - 25 | Elementary School Conferences (No School for Elementary Students Only) |
| November 26 & 27 | Thanksgiving Break |
| November 30 | Trimester Break |
| Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 | Winter Break |
| January 18 | MLK Day |
| January 25 | Semester Break |
| February 15 | Presidents Day |
| March 12 | In-Service Day |
| March 15 | Trimester Break |
| April 5 - 9 | Spring Break |
| May 31 | Memorial Day |

**EARLY DISMISSAL DATES**

*Elementary 1:55 pm, Secondary 1:00 pm*

December 18

April 2

*Elementary 11:10 am, Secondary 10:05 am*

Last Day of School

**TERM-END DATES**

*Trimesters (Elementary and High School)*

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| November 25 | Trimester 1 |
| March 11 | Trimester 2 |
| Last Day of School | Trimester 3 |

*Semesters (Middle School)*

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| January 22 | Semester 1 |
| Last Day of School | Semester 2 |

**MAKE-UP DAYS**

November 30

January 25

March 15

End of School Year

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**SCHOOL HOURS**

| | Elementary | Secondary |
|---|---|---|
| Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri | 8:45 a - 3:25 p | 7:50 a - 2:30 p |
| Wednesday | 8:45 a - 1:55 p | 7:50 a - 1:00 p |

# Counselor CORNER



**Christina Zepeda**
**Last names A-L**
**Phone: 360-501-1717**
**Email: christina.zepeda@kelsosd.org**

## What can we help with?

Academic, College/Career, and Social/Emotional Development

## Coming up!

- College Bound Scholarship- See flyer!
- High school & beyond plan lesson



**Rebecca Viscuso**
**Last names M-Z**
**Phone: 360-501-1716**
**Email: rebecca.viscuso@kelsosd.org**

# College Bound

# Interested in Free College?

You could be CollegeBound!

OVER 65 COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

## How to Qualify:

1) STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL
2) COMPLETE A FREE/REDUCED LUNCH FORM TO APPLY
3)MEET INCOME GUIDELINES
*STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE IN 7TH GRADE OR AFTER AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY

**Covers Tuition, Fees, & Books!**

*For more information:* collegebound.wa.gov



Complete Application Form Here

Complete el formulario de solicitud aquí (español)

# College Bound

## ¿Qué es Compromiso universitario (College Bound)?

collegebound.wa.gov
collegebound@wsac.wa.gov
888.535.0747 (opción 1)

**Estudiantes de escuela secundaria:** ¿Quieres ayudar a las personas como un profesional de la salud? ¿Construir cosas geniales? ¿Crear videojuegos? ¿Comenzar tu propia negocio? No importa cuál sea tu sueño, ¡Compromiso universitario (College Bound) puede ayudarte a conseguirlo! Compromiso universitario (College Bound) es un compromiso temprano de ayuda financiera estatal, como la Beca universitaria del estado de Washington (Washington College Grant), para los estudiantes elegibles por ingresos. ¡Ayuda a pagar la colegiatura promedio (a las tasas de las universidades públicas), las cuotas y una pequeña cantidad para libros en más de 60 colegios, universidades y escuelas técnicas de Washington! ¿Deseas obtener Compromiso universitario (College Bound)?

## ¿Quién puede participar?

**Quedarás automáticamenteinscritosi:**

- Asistes a una escuela pública, eres elegible por ingresos (consulta la siguiente tabla) y estás inscrito en el programa FRPL (Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, almuerzo gratis o a precio reducido), en 7.º, 8.º o recientemente elegible en 9.º grado **O bien**
- Estás en cuidado de crianza estatal o eres un dependiente del estado entre el 7.º grado y la graduación de la preparatoria.

Si cumples con los requisitos para el FRPL, inscríbete en tu escuela. Quedarás automáticamente inscrito en Compromiso universitario (College Bound). ¡Pregunta a tu consejero hoy!

## Pautas de ingreso d20256--20267

| Tamañode la familia | Ingreso anual [1] | Ingreso mensual | Ingreso semanal |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | $3490,,013248 | $3,,233671 | $75703 |
| 3 | $4590,,534023 | $4,,121029 | $94729 |
| 4 | $5691,,045708 | $45,,908587 | $$1,,17454 |
| 5 | $6791,56583 | $5,896045 | $$1,37470 |
| 6 | $7892,086268 | $6,683593 | $$1,57396 |
| Miembros adicionales[2] | Agrega $10,510785 | Agrega $87468 | Agrega $129036 |

[1] Los ingresosfamiliaresdeben ser menores oiguales aestemonto.
[2] Por cada miembro adicional del hogar, se agrega la cantidad de dólares.

## Otras formas de participar:

Comunícate con nuestra oficina parapresentar tu solicitud si:

- Asistes a una escuela privada o programa de educación en casa en Washington y cumples los límites de ingresos. **O bien**
- Estás en otro tipo de cuidado de crianza y eres elegible por ingresos parael FRPL.

## Cómo mantener la elegibilidad:

**Requisitosdel programa:**

- Graduarte de una preparatoria de Washington o de un programa de educación en casa o haber obtenido un GED (General Education Diploma, Diploma de Educación General) en Washington.
- Obtener al menos un GPA (Grade Point Average, promedio general) de 2.0 si asistirás a un colegio de cuatro años inmediatamente después de la preparatoria (no hay ningún requisito de GPA si planeas asistir a un colegio comunitario o una escuela técnica).
- No tener ninguna condena por delitos graves.
- Inscribirte en un colegio o escuela profesional elegible en Washington (¡hay más de 60!) durante el primer año después de la graduación de preparatoria, y mantener un buen expediente escolar.

**Nota:** Compromiso universitario (College Bound) puede usarse hasta por seis años después de la inscripción al colegio o hasta que obtengas tu grado de licenciatura, lo que ocurra primero.

## ¿Cómo sé si soy un estudiante de Compromiso universitario (College Bound)?

Recibirás noticiaspor correo postal oen el correo electrónico. Si cambias tu número de teléfono o tu dirección postal, comunícate con nuestra oficina para que no te pierdas ninguna noticia.

## ¿Cómo recibiré los fondos?

- Presenta una solicitud de ayudafinanciera en tu último año de escuela preparatoria (y cada año de colegio).
- Debes cumplir con los requisitos de ingresos y residencia estatales.
- Inscríbete en un colegio o escuela profesional elegible en Washington y mantén un buen expediente escolar. ¡Hay alrededor de 60 instituciones participantes!

**Compromiso universitario (College Bound) es un programa dirigido por el Consejo para el Logro Estudiantil del Estado de Washington (Washington Student Achievement Council).**

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# College Bound

## What is College Bound?

collegebound.wa.gov
collegebound@wsac.wa.gov
888.535.0747 (option 1)

**Middle school students:** Want to help people as a health professional? Build cool things? Create video games? Start your own business? No matter your dream, College Bound can help you get there! College Bound is an early commitment of state financial aid, like the Washington College Grant, for income-eligible students. It helps pay for average tuition (at public college rates), fees, and a small amount for books at more than 60 colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington! Are you College Bound?

## Who is eligible?

**Youare automatically signed up if:**

• You attend a public school, are income-eligible (see table below), and signed up for free and reduced-price lunch (FRPL) in 7th or 8th grade, or newly eligible in 9th, **or**

• You are in state foster care, or a dependent of the state, between 7th grade and high school graduation.

If you qualify for FRPL, sign up at your school. You'll be automatically enrolled in College Bound. Ask your counselor today!

## 2026-27 income guidelines

| Household Size | Annual Income[1] | Monthly income | Weekly Income |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | $40,034 | $3,337 | $770 |
| 3 | $50,542 | $4,212 | $972 |
| 4 | $61,050 | $5,088 | $1,175 |
| 5 | $71,558 | $5,964 | $1,377 |
| 6 | $82,066 | $6,839 | $1,579 |
| Additional members[2] | Add $10,508 | Add $876 | Add $203 |

[1] Householdincome mustbeless thanor equal tothisamount.
[2] For each additional household member, add dollar amount.

## Other ways to qualify:

Contact our office toapply if you:

• Attend a private school or homeschool program in WA and meet the income limits, **or**
• Are in another type of foster care and income-eligible for FRPL.

## How to stay eligible:

**Program requirements:**

• Graduate from a WA high school, homeschool, or earn a GED in WA.
• Earn at least a 2.0 GPA if going to a four-year college directly after high school (no GPA requirement if attending a community or technical college).
• Have no felony convictions.
• Enroll in an eligible WA college or career school (there are more than 60!) within one year of high school graduation, and stay in good standing.

**Note:** College Bound can be used for up to six years after college enrollment or until you earn a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

## How do I know if I am a College Bound student?

You'll get updates in themail orin an email. If you change your phone number or mailing address, contact our office so you don't miss any updates.

## How will I receive funds?

• File a financial aid applicationin your senior year (and each year in college).
• Meet income and state residency requirements.
• Enroll in an eligible WA college or career school and stay in good standing. There are about 60 participating institutions!

**College Bound is a program run by the Washington Student Achievement Council.**

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# SPORT SCHEDULES!

**For the latest up-to-date sports schedule, please visit the [Huntington Website] under News- Athletic schedules!**

# 26-27 Sport Seasons

**Please sign up in FinalForms to receive information for the Winter 1 sports info!**

**Winter 1**

Boys Basketball - Try outs October 19th

Wrestling-October 19th

**Winter 2**

Girls Basketball- January

Bowling- January

**Spring**

Track- April

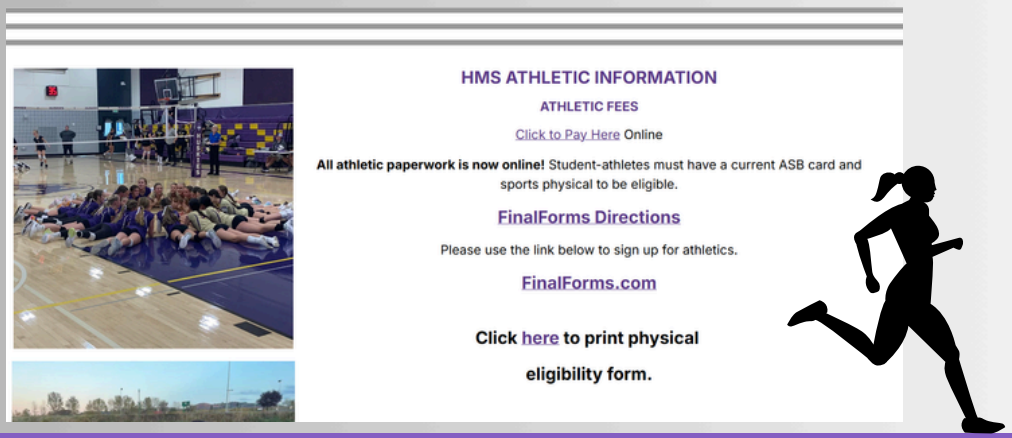
# How to sign up!

## Visit the Huntington website and

## Sign up in FinalForms!

**All sports require a sports physical and an ASB card. If your student does not have a current physical and plans to participate in an upcoming sport, please get one as soon as possible. Call the office with any questions.**

Click Here!



# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

## November 17th

## 5:30 - 7:00 PM

### Join us for our Multicultural Family Night!

Enjoy a free night with: -Pizza
-Small Bites
-Bingo
-Prizes
-Community & Student Entertainment
-Take home a book - Family photos with Bell Studios
-Family Craft - Community Resources

Register for the event online using the QR code

### Kopwe fiti kich non ach ei Pwinin Famini mi Sokono!

Pwapwaiti ew pwinin free ren:
-Pizza
-Ekkewe kukkun Biit
-Bingo
-Ekkewe niwin
-Komuniti & Chon sukun mi apwapwa
-Kopwe uwei ngeni imwom ew puk.
-Fij sasingin famini ren Bell Studios
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### ¡Únete a nosotros en nuestra Noche Familiar Multicultural!

Disfruta de una velada gratuita con:
-Pizza
-Aperitivos
-Bingo
-Premios
-Entretenimiento a cargo de la comunidad y los estudiantes
-Un libro para llevar a casa
-Fotos familiares con Bell Studios
-Manualidades en familia
-Recursos comunitarios

Regístrate en el evento en línea utilizando el código QR.

# Fit CHECK

On Wednesday we wear Purple and Gold!

On Thursday we wear College wear!

On Friday we wear Blue and Gold!

# Student Service Support

**November: A Month for Gratitude**

**Dear Families,**

**November is a wonderful time to slow down and notice the people, experiences, and opportunities we are grateful for. According to the American Brain Foundation, gratitude not only helps us feel more connected to others, but it also activates the brain's reward system, which can improve our ability to manage stress and develop a more positive outlook on life.**

**One of my focuses this month will be celebrating gratitude throughout the school, so students may see a thankfulness tree, gratitude posters, opportunities to spread kindness, and more. These projects encourage students to recognize the good in their lives and strengthen connections with others.**

**How you can get involved at home and in the classroom:**

**· Share one thing you are grateful for each day.**

**· Write a thank-you note to someone who has made a difference.**

**· Create a family gratitude jar and add notes throughout the month.**

**· Encourage students to notice and acknowledge acts of kindness.**

**· Reflect on one positive thing at the end of each day.**

**A few moments of gratitude can make a big difference. Together, let's make November a month of appreciation, connection, and wellbeing!**

**Sincerely,**
**Heather Pullings**
**Student Assistance Professional**
**Huntington Middle School**
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# GOOD TO KNOW

## Bus Routes

Information can be found HERE for bus routes.

## Bell Schedule

Information can be found HERE for the bell schedule.

## Lunch Menu

Information can be found HERE for the monthly menu.

## Lost and Found

Lost and Found is disposed of monthly- please have your student check this area frequently.

## Bus Pass/Early Release

If your student will be released early or riding a different bus home please call the office before 2pm to ensure there is adequate time to notify students.

**For more information:**

**360-501-1700**

# Attendance matters

## Attendance! Attendance! Attendance!

**At Huntington, we know how important it is for students to be in school every day. The link between attendance and academic success is clear—students who come to school regularly are far more likely to stay on track with reading, writing, and math, and they are better prepared for the transition to high school.**

### Ways families can help support strong attendance:

- Set consistent bedtimes and morning routines.
- Encourage your student to get organized the night before (clothes, backpack, assignments ready).
- Ensure your student comes to school unless they are truly sick.
- Avoid vacations and non-urgent appointments during school days.
- Reach out to teachers, counselors, or administrators if your student is feeling anxious about school.

We care deeply about your student's success. Please let us know how we can support your family with attendance—or with anything else. The best way to help your child thrive is for us to work together.

**We have set a high attendance standard for all of our students: Students should attend at least 171 days of school, missing no more than 9 days for the entire school year (95% attendance). This works out to an average of 0–1 absences per month.**

### Why attendance is so important:

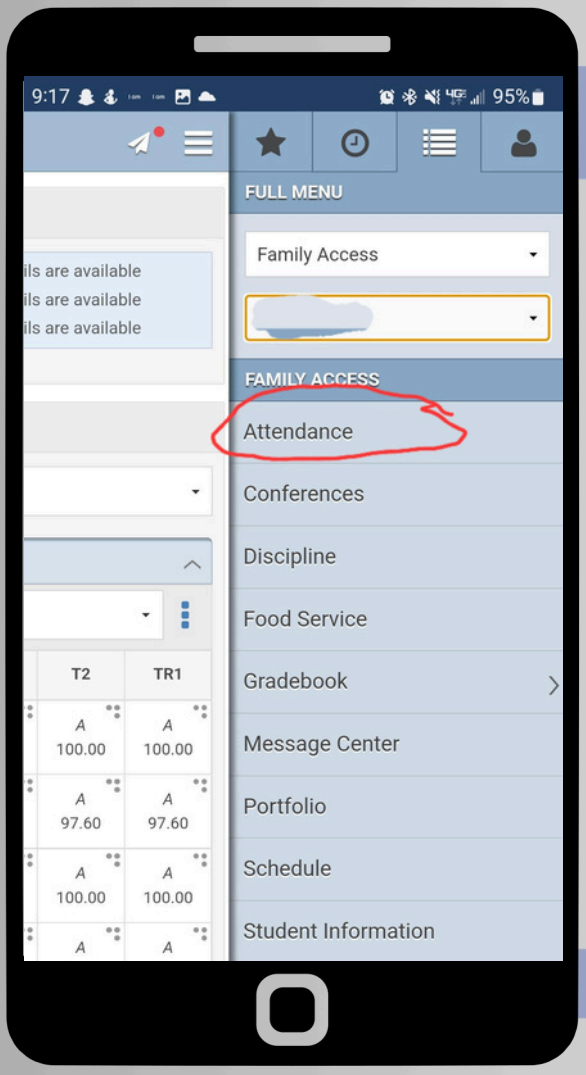
- Students who are chronically absent in middle school are more likely to fall behind academically.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of school later on.
- Missing more than 9 days a year increases the chances of struggling in reading, writing, and math, which impacts high school readiness.

# FAMILY MOBILE APP

All the benefits of Family Access on your phone

**Entering your student's attendance**

DOWNLOAD TODAY, AND STAY UP-TO-DATE ON THE GO




## How - To

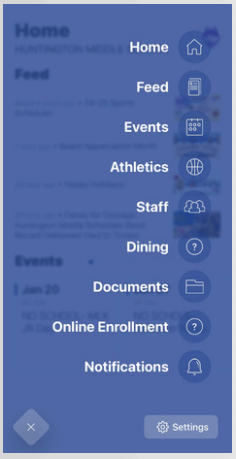
- Log onto your Skyward account on the App
- Using the drop-down menu, choose your student
- Choose the date (date range if multiple days)
- If the absence will not be a full day, click off the toggle switch and fill in the time
- Using the drop-down menu, choose an absence reason
- Hit 'submit' when you are finished
- This can be done from a computer as well!

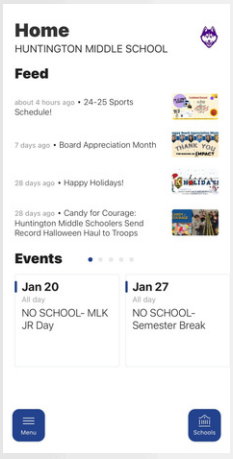
Click here for more information!

**EXPLORE the KSD APP! Have information at your finger tips!**



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# KSD SAFE SCHOOLS EMERGENCY INFORMATION



## HOLD

**ISOLATED EVENT/MEDICAL ISSUE**

**STUDENTS**
- **CLEAR** hallways, stay in room
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"

**ADULTS**
- **CLOSE/LOCK** the door
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



## SECURE & TEACH

**POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM**

**STUDENTS**
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"

**ADULTS**
- **BRING** everyone indoors
- **LOCK** outside doors
- **INCREASE** awareness
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



## LOCKDOWN

**DEFINITE THREAT OF VIOLENCE OR HARM**

**STUDENTS**
- **MOVE** out of sight
- **MAINTAIN** silence
- **DO NOT** open door
- **PREPARE** to evade/ defend

**ADULTS**
- **RECOVER** students from hall if possible
- **LOCK** room doors
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **TURN OFF** lights
- **MOVE** out of sight
- **MAINTAIN** silence
- **DO NOT** open door
- **PREPARE** to evade/defend



## SHELTER IN PLACE

**HAZARDOUS OUTDOOR ATMOSPHERE**

**STUDENTS**
- **USE** appropriate strategy

**HAZARD STRATEGY**
Tornado.....Get to shelter
Hazmat.....Seal the room
Earthquake...Drop, cover, hold
Tsunami.....Get to high ground

**ADULTS**
- **LEAD** safety strategy
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **NOTIFY** if missing, extra, or injured people



## EVACUATE

**FIRE / INTERNAL THREAT**

**STUDENTS**
- **LEAVE** items behind if needed
- **BRING** phone if possible
- **FOLLOW** instructions

**ADULTS**
- **LEAD** students to location
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **NOTIFY** if missing, extra, or injured people

## KEY REMINDERS

- **NO PROPPED OPEN DOORS**
- **MAINTAIN ADULT VISIBILITY**
- **SEE or HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

**HearMeWA Tipline**
**CALL** 888-537-1634

**TEXT**
HearMeWA to 738477

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

**911**

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| **SUICIDE HOTLINE** | **988** |
| **COWLITZ CO. CRISIS LINE** | **360.425.6064** |
| **KELSO POLICE** | **360.423.1270** |
| **SHERIFF** | **360.577.3092** |
| **SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE** | **1.800.656.4673** |
| **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE** | **360.501.2600** |
| **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** | **1.800.799.7233 or text START to 88788** |
| **POISON CONTROL** | **1.800.222.1222** |
| **DRUG/ALCOHOL HOTLINE** | **1.800.662.4357** |

# Dress Code

**Dress**

**Students' appearance should be safe, meet the guidelines, and should not disrupt the educational process or environment. Students in Kelso Schools whose appearance does not meet these guidelines may be requested to change, removed from classes, sent home to remedy the concern, and/or disciplined. 23**

## Student dress should not:

1. Distract, disrupt, or interfere with the learning environment, activities or goals of the school.
2. Present a safety hazard or concern for oneself or others.
3. Make others feel harassed, intimidated, or bullied. Items that represent or promote racism (ex. confederate flags, swastikas) are not permitted.

A. Footwear: All students must wear some type of hard-soled shoes or sandals. Slippers do not meet this criteria.

B. Clothing and Attire: All students must wear clothing that is safe. Attire that endangers personal safety such as jewelry, apparel, pins, spikes, connecting chains, and items/ accessories or graphics that promote gangs, drugs, profanity, racism, slander, or intimidation are not permitted.

C. Inappropriate Logos, Graphics, and Advertisements: Visual content on all student items (i.e. clothing, accessories, notebooks, etc) should not conflict with statements listed above.

D. Shirts and Tops: Tops should cover midriffs and have straps to secure it in place. Straps on tops need to be a minimum of one inch wide. Bathing suits and see-through clothing are not permitted.

E. Shorts and Bottoms: Shorts and bottoms should be long enough to modestly, safely, and appropriately cover one's lower half. This includes shorts and bottoms not sagging, keeping underclothing showing, or creating the possibility of unsanitary situations.

F. Sleepwear and other coverings: Blankets, pillows, etc. are to be left at home. Pajamas are not permitted except for on designated school spirit days.

G. Hats and Hoods: Students are permitted to wear hats (including beanies, skull caps) on campus in common areas such as the cafeteria and hallways. Hats may not be permitted in some classrooms; students should comply with expectations and requests of staff in the classroom setting. Hoods are not permitted on campus due to the concerns they create in terms of identification of individuals for safety purposes and academic engagement.

## Dress Code Process and Final Determination

The final determination of approved attire in each building is the responsibility of the Administration. Offending students will be given an opportunity to change into approved attire (Huntington has approved clothing for loan), or have parents bring clothing from home. Students who refuse to comply with expectations or who are repeat offenders may be subject to discipline.

**All Kelso schools take the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) of students very seriously. According to the most recent Healthy Youth Survey, the majority of students in Kelso schools indicate that they feel safe at school. Any student, parent or other interested adult can report an incident of HIB using the Kelso Incident Report Form (which is available on the website and in the main office of all schools). Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB) is an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act that: • Physically harms a student or damages the student's property. • Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education. • Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment. • Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school. If you have any questions about this policy please contact the principal of your child's school, or the Director of Student Services, Gunnar Guttormsen, at the Kelso School District office.**

**Kelso School District #458 complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, the school district's Title VII Officer and ADA Coordinator. People of disability may request reasonable accommodation in the hiring process by contacting, Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 or (360) 501-1924.**
**Inquiries regarding compliance procedures regarding students may be directed to Don Iverson, Director of Student Services, the school district's Title IX Coordinator or Heather Ogden, Director of Special Programs, the school district's Section 504 Coordinator, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 (360) 501-1900.**
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