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DAILY TIME SCHEDULES

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DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

Warning Bell 8:15

Homeroom 8:25 - 8:30

Period 1 8:33 - 9:15

Period 2 9:18 - 10:00

Period 3 10:03 - 10:45

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Lunch 10:48 - 11:15	Period 4/5 10:48 - 11:30	Period 4/5 10:48 - 11:30
Period 5/6 11:18 - 12:00	Lunch 11:33 - 12:00	Period 6/7 11:33 - 12:15
Period 7/8 12:03 - 12:45	Period 7/8 12:03 - 12:45	Lunch 12:18 - 12:45

Period 9 12:48 - 1:30

Period 10 1:33 - 2:15

Period 11 2:18 - 3:00

AFTER SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES

3:05-4:00

Check posted Late Bus lists;
All parents must arrive by 4pm

2 HOUR DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE

JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Warning Bell 10:15

Homeroom 10:25-10:30

PASS 10:30-10:33

PERIOD 1 10:33-11:00

PASS 11:00-11:03

PERIOD 2 11:03-11:30

PASS 11:30-11:33

PERIOD 3 11:33-12:00

PASS 12:00-12:03

PERIOD 4/5 or 6th Grade Lunch 12:03-12:29

PASS 12:29-12:32

PERIOD 5/6, 6/7 or 7th Grade Lunch 12:32-12:59

PASS 12:59-1:02

PERIOD 7/8 or 8th Grade Lunch 1:02-1:29

PASS 1:29-1:32

PERIOD 9 1:32-1:59

PASS 1:59-2:02

PERIOD 10 2:02-2:29

PASS 2:29-2:32

PERIOD 11 2:32-3:00

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 3:05-4:00

Check posted Late Bus lists
All parents must arrive by
4pm

JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SINGLE SESSION – NO LUNCH

Warning Bell	8:15
Homeroom	8:25-8:28
PASS	8:28-8:31
PERIOD 1	8:31-9:02
PASS	9:02-9:05
PERIOD 2	9:05-9:36
PASS	9:36-9:39
PERIOD 3	9:39-10:10
PASS	10:10-10:13
PERIOD 4/5 or 5/6	10:13-10:44
PASS	10:44-10:47
PERIOD 6/7 or 7/8	10:47-11:18
PASS	11:18-11:21
PERIOD 9	11:21-11:52
PASS	11:52-11:55
PERIOD 10	11:55-12:26
PASS	12:26-12:29
PERIOD 11	12:29-1:00

UNIVERSAL STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

JAMS Student Expectations

Respect

- ★ I understand that I must speak to **everyone** within the school community with kindness and respect their possessions and personal space.
- ★ I understand that I will listen attentively when others are talking during instruction, discussion, or presentations.
- ★ I will follow expectations and safety guidelines both in the classroom and when in other parts of the building.
- ★ I will clean up after myself and keep the school as clean as possible.
- ★ I understand that people are different, and that no matter the situation, they are deserving of my respect.

Responsibility

- ★ I will demonstrate responsibility by being accountable for my words and actions.
- ★ I understand that I must arrive to class on time, prepared with all necessary supplies, and ready to learn and contribute to the class discussions/activities for the day.
- ★ I understand that my Chromebook must be brought to school fully charged every day.
- ★ I understand that my cell phone must remain off and away in my locker along with my airpods, backpack, and jacket.
- ★ I understand that I should dress in a way which shows my respect towards school guidelines, and toward myself and others in the community.
- ★ I understand that I will practice good digital citizenship and internet etiquette at all times. I will use my Chromebook responsibly; I will only open relevant and appropriate school materials.

Excellence

- ★ I understand that all are welcome in the JAMS community and it is my job to help promote equality and inclusivity.
- ★ I will demonstrate excellence by striving to exceed the expectations others have set for me. I will set high standards for my classwork and my contributions to our school community.
- ★ I will work hard to build positive relationships with my teachers, peers, and the JAMS school community.
- ★ I understand that I must be an advocate for myself by keeping up with my work, asking questions, and seeking assistance from others when I need help.
- ★ I understand that I must give my best effort every day and learn from my mistakes.
- ★ I understand that I am empowered to be a problem finder and solver.
- ★ I will make the best use of my time at JAMS. I will work hard to make a positive impact on the school community.

District Mission Statement

The Public Schools of Edison Township will create a safe, supportive, learning environment that empowers every student to actively contribute to a dynamic, interconnected global society. Our commitment is to ensure that all students achieve at their highest level of academic, social and emotional success.

John Adams Middle School Mission Statement

John Adams Middle School is committed to inspire and empower students to reach their full potential and become respectful, responsible, productive citizens and future leaders in a global society.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Students should arrive at school after 8:15 a.m. Students are expected to use the designated entrance for their respective grade. 6th grade students will enter near room 137 (Door #19), 7th grade students will enter near room 107 (door #22) and 8th grade students will enter through the main entrance (Door #1).

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to have regular attendance and to be on time for school. Missing classes due to lateness or absence is not consistent with a successful school experience. In order to be eligible for co-curricular activities including sports, a student must be present for at least four hours of school.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

To report an absence, parents must email: jamsattendance@edison.k12.nj.us. *PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER OR PRINCIPAL.* A doctor's note is required for the absence to be excused.

TARDY ARRIVALS

Students who are not present in the Homeroom at 8:25am, will be marked as Tardy. Tardy arrivals must report to the main office to be checked in to Genesis.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Students who need to be dismissed before the end of the day must submit their notes to the **main office** prior to the start of school. In the event of an unexpected early dismissal, adults must go to the main entrance, press the call box, and an office staff member will be able to assist you. Parents must bring photo identification to sign out all students who are to be dismissed early.

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

According to NJ State Law (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.6) "if a student's absentee rate is equal to or greater than 10 percent, the student shall be identified as chronically absent." Students identified as chronically absent will be placed on an attendance action plan. Please make every effort to attend school everyday. Chronically absent students will be placed on an Attendance Action Plan.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

Regular attendance in school is of utmost importance. While we realize that situations may arise where an extended absence is required, we encourage our families to schedule vacations at times when school is not in session. Students who will be absent for 8 consecutive days or more should contact the JAMS Counseling Office to discuss enrollment procedures as it will be necessary to re-enroll at the conclusion of the extended absence.

HOMEROOM

Homeroom begins at 8:25 a.m. Morning exercises will be conducted via the intercom and will include the flag salute. Morning announcements are also made during homeroom – it is important students remain seated and listen to announcements during homeroom.

LOCKERS & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

LOCKERS & BACKPACKS/BAGS

Hallway lockers will be assigned by your homeroom teacher. School lockers remain the property of the school and students should respect using lockers accordingly. Lockers are subject to administrative search at any time in the interest of school safety, sanitation, discipline, and enforcement of school regulations.

Students are responsible for their lockers at all times. Students may not share lockers or combinations under any circumstances.

PHONES/HEADPHONES ****CHANGES FOR 2026-2027****

New Jersey State law that requires boards of education to adopt policies restricting student use of internet-enabled devices, including cell phones, during the school day and other specified times. These bans take effect during the 2026-27 school year. In accordance with this law, Edison School District Policy states that students are expected to have personal electronic devices turned off and stored away from the time they enter the school building until they have exited the building at the end of the school day. Devices should be powered off prior to entering the building and may not be turned on again until students have physically left the school building.

Devices must remain out of sight and inaccessible during instructional time, transitions, lunch, recess, study halls, and all other school-sponsored activities unless specifically authorized by a staff member for instructional purposes.

CAFETERIA & LUNCH PROCEDURES

BREAKFAST

Grab and go breakfast will be available on carts at the entrances near each holding area. Students may pick up their breakfast and eat it during homeroom. Breakfast is FREE for all students this year.

LUNCH INFORMATION

Students who purchase school lunch must enter their Student ID number on the pin pad at checkout. Parents can prepay for lunches and pay balances due using a check, cash or online. Checks must be paid to the “Edison Board of Education--Lunch Account.” Payment online is available by registering for an account at MySchoolBucks.com. Parents must complete free/reduced lunch forms each year to determine if you are eligible for free or reduced lunch. A full price lunch is \$3.75.

If students forget lunch, they may use the phone in the main office to call home or utilize the grab and go lunch service provided. Parents can drop any forgotten lunch items using the drop-off cart in the front of the school building.

LUNCH PROCEDURES

There are three lunch periods, (one for each grade level) that are 27 minutes in duration. All students must eat in the cafeteria. Students must report to and remain in the cafeteria during the entire lunch period. Students will be dismissed at the end of the lunch period by section as directed by the teacher in charge. Outside food/drink (i.e McDonald's, Dunkin, etc.) and hot beverages may not be brought into the building. While student birthdays are an important celebration, food and beverages may not be brought in or distributed.

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

Regardless of eligibility, all students must submit a completed application for free or reduced lunch each year. Please complete the form and return it to the homeroom teacher. These forms are available on the Genesis Parent Portal.

RECESS

Weather permitting, students from one lunch table section per day may be permitted to go outside for a brief recess. Students who do not wish to go outside, may stay at their assigned table in the cafeteria.

PARENT INFORMATION

REPORTING AND ABSENCE

To report an absence, parents must email: jamsattendance@edison.k12.nj.us. *PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER OR PRINCIPAL.* A doctor's note is required for the absence to be excused. For all inquiries related to extended absences, please contact the JAMS Counseling Office.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Students may participate in a voluntary student insurance plan provided by an independent company. Information regarding the student insurance plan will be distributed to students in homeroom on the first day of school. The application should be returned regardless of whether or not you wish to participate.

PARENT TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

Parents who transport students to school by car are asked to drop off and pick up students at the side entrance leading to the faculty parking lot. Parents may use the front driveway after 8:15 and 3:15 once all buses have arrived/departed. Parents may not park on New Dover Road at dismissal time.

ITEM DROP OFF

JAMS utilizes an outside drop-off station for miscellaneous items that parents frequently drop-off throughout the school day: lunch, musical instruments, sports uniforms, etc. The purpose of the outside drop-off station is to ensure the safety and security of all students and staff by decreasing excess entry to the building.

The procedures for the drop-off of miscellaneous items are listed below:

- There will be a cart on wheels located directly outside of the main entrance doors. The cart will be supplied with pens and post-it notes.
- If/when a parent would like to drop off a “forgotten” item, the parent will leave the item on the cart and the item will then be brought into school by the JAMS security guard.
- Before leaving the item, the parent should write the student’s name and homeroom section.
- The cart will be placed outside the entry doors from 9AM-2PM daily.
- Students will not be called to the main office to retrieve items, rather, student names will be announced during lunch periods to pick-up any items left at the drop-off station. Parents can also orchestrate pick-up of the item through emailing the specific student. Parents/students should not utilize personal phone calls or text messages to communicate this type of information.

VISITATION

Appointments are required for visits to the school building unless arranged by school personnel. All parents visiting the building will continue to follow the procedure of ringing the front bell, stating the purpose of the visit, and awaiting entry to the building with security personnel. All visitors must provide identification, and enter through the main entrance.

GENESIS

Teaching staff will report student progress, grades, attendance, and comments through Genesis to keep students and parents apprised of on-going student progress and other pertinent information. Parents may access Genesis through the link on the school website:

<https://parents.edison.k12.nj.us/genesis/parents?gohome=true>

TRANSPORTATION

BUS STUDENTS

Students who are eligible for transportation will receive bus passes over the summer. All students must have their bus pass on them at all times. Bus students should report to their morning stop 45 minutes before the start of school.

Students who receive school bus transportation are to conduct themselves properly at all times, while at the bus stop and while on the bus. Any student who causes a disturbance, or who in any way jeopardizes the safe operation of the school bus, is subject to disciplinary action and loss of bus privileges (TITLE 18A:25-2).

SAFETY

SAFETY DRILLS

Practice safety drills are necessary for the safety of students and faculty. Everyone should know the specific directions for reaching a point of safety from any location in the building. Students must follow the directives of their teachers and must evacuate the building in an orderly fashion. Any student who fails to do so is subject to disciplinary action. Fire, Lockdown, Evacuation, and Shelter in Place drills will be conducted on a regular basis. Students must follow the school directives during all drills. Notification of safety drills will be sent out to parents at the end of the day on days when a drill is conducted.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Students are required to have their identification cards with them during the school day. ID cards and lanyards are provided by the school, but if a student loses their card, there is a \$5 charge to replace the card. ID cards are needed to attend such events as athletic contests and dances and are used as swipe cards in the cafeteria, as well as a means for staff to identify students. Students who show up at school activities without identification cards will not be permitted into the event.

ITEMS PROHIBITED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The following items are prohibited in school and on school grounds at all times: animals, radios/wireless speakers, skate boards, roller blades, hover boards, scooters, water pistols, vape/cigarettes/smokeless tobacco, and any other items judged by the administration to be inappropriate for school.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, & BULLYING

Students and staff members are respected as individuals at all times. We are committed to fostering and maintaining respect and will not tolerate any form of bias or discrimination, whether it be cultural, racial, or sexual. Any bias incident should be promptly reported to a teacher, counselor, or administrator for appropriate action. There is a difference between bullying and conflict. Before a report is made, the reporting student should consider all of the events, details and his/her own actions/words as they pertain to the incident. Students, staff, and parents are provided annual HIB training.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

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Whenever it becomes necessary to close schools or delay the opening of school due to inclement weather or other emergency, the information will be disseminated as follows:

- District site: www.edison.k12.nj.us
- Parent Square

DELAYED OPENING PROCEDURES

A delayed opening will result in school beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m.

Students are to report directly to homeroom upon arrival. A special bell schedule will allow ALL classes to meet for approximately 35 minutes. Lunch will be served.

Students, who are transported to school via school buses, are to be at their regular pick-up locations 90 minutes later than their usual time. On a day of a delayed opening, students should not arrive before 10am.

HEALTH OFFICE

HEALTH SERVICES

If a student becomes ill in school, they should report to the nurse, who will decide upon the appropriate course of action. Students must not leave the building because of illness without authorization. If the nurse is not in, students are to report to the main office.

Students entering the clinic MUST have a pass from their subject teacher.

Parents or guardians of students who self-administer asthma inhalers must complete the permission slip available from the school nurse.

MEDICATION

Before any medication may be administered to or by any pupil, the school nurse must be informed and create a health plan. Students are not permitted to take medication at school in the absence of approval from school personnel. (Source: Board of Education Policy 5141.21 – Administering Medication). Over the counter medications are included in this policy. Medical information may be shared with the principal, assistant principal, guidance counselors, teachers and support services staff on a need-to-know basis.

COUNSELING OFFICE

COUNSELING SERVICES

Our Counseling Department provides many valuable services to our students. Foremost among them are personal, educational, and vocational counseling (both individual and group). Each student is assigned to a guidance counselor to whom he/she turns for any kind of assistance. However, students are free to seek the help of any counselor on staff. Counselors are generally assigned according to grade levels as noted below:

6th grade: erin.bennett@edison.k12.nj.us

7th grade: c.ashnault-hutchison@edison.k12.nj.us

8th grade: michelle.witte@edison.k12.nj.us

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

In order to assist students who manifest the special need for services not readily provided by our regular staff, the following personnel are also available:

Child Study Team (732) 452-2920

- Psychologist
- Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
- Social Worker
- Speech Therapist

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Attendance during after school/Saturday activities is a privilege that students must earn. Students must be in good standing academically and behaviorally in order to maintain club status. Students must be present in school in order to participate in after school activities or athletics. Early morning clubs begin at 7:45. Students wishing to enter early must have a pass from a teacher. A sampling of JAMS clubs:

STUDENT COUNCIL: The Student Council provides opportunities for service and leadership in the school and community. Members of the Student Council are responsible for sharing important information with their homerooms. Members of the council also provide valuable input in the development and implementation of policies directly affecting the student body, such as the Student Dress Code and the Discipline Code.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS: The JAMS Student Ambassadors are leaders within the school. The ambassador program is designed to provide assistance and demonstrate the individual and collaborative leadership skills of the JAMS student population.

MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS: Students who demonstrate talent and interest in belonging to one of the music organizations (band, orchestra, choir) at JAMS have a variety of choices available to them. These activities may be taken as electives during the school day in addition to morning or after school practices. Students are required to perform at concerts given throughout the school year as well as at regional and state-wide competitions.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND: Odyssey of the Mind is a program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students. Team members apply their ingenuity and creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They can then bring their solutions to competition on the regional, state, and World level.

DRAMA: The Drama club gives students an opportunity to participate in supervised creative dramatic activities which include performances in front of an audience. Members will be exposed to different aspects of theater including acting, choreography, singing, and stage production. The club will work on creative thinking skills, encourage teamwork, and provide students with enriched learning experiences in the area of performing arts.

YEARBOOK: The Yearbook is an annual publication created by the students to help preserve middle school memories. Students have the opportunity to work on photography, writing, and design skills throughout the year.

SPORTS/FITNESS ACTIVITY PROGRAM

EARLY MORNING FITNESS ACTIVITY: These supervised activities are available to all students, and are held every morning until 8:30 a.m. Students form teams and play each other on a rotation basis. Fall and Winter programs are offered after school, with such offerings as basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, and badminton. Parent permission slips are required for student participation in Intramurals, along with health history/ physical forms.

ATHLETICS

JAMS offers interscholastic sports in the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons. In order to be eligible to try out for teams, students must have a complete sport physical turned in to the Nurse's office before the deadline for each season. Students must be present in school in order to participate in after school activities or athletics. Announcements regarding practices and games are made during homeroom and lunch periods, students should listen to announcements to be aware of changes.

FALL SPORTS: Soccer, Cross Country, Girls Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS: Basketball, Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS: Softball, Baseball, Track, Boys Volleyball

John Adams Middle School Athletics Coordinator, Mr. Peach, can be reached at john.peach@edison.k12.nj.us should you have questions.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

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Students are responsible for the care of all school items they use. This includes textbooks, Chromebooks, classroom novels, science and physical education equipment, life skills materials, and art and technology supplies. In order to prolong the life of textbooks and Chromebooks, proper care must be taken. All obligations for lost or damaged property must be paid before the end of the school year. Students with outstanding fines will not be permitted to attend school events, such as dances or trips.

CHROMEBOOKS(Grades 6 &7) /MACBOOK NEO (Grade 8)

Please be advised by signing the technology use agreement, students and parents accept full responsibility for their assigned device. Students are expected to have their device in school, fully charged, each day. Parents and students are encouraged to review the district's Technology Use Policies - 2360,2361,7523,7523.

Students are required to comply with all technology policies while using school issued devices both in school and beyond the school campus. Students must come to school daily with charged chromebooks.

Device insurance is available for purchase and covers the device for one school year. Click this link to purchase insurance: [DEVICE INSURANCE](#) . In order to complete the insurance form you will need the device BOE Tag and Serial Number, which can be found on the back of the device.

To complete a repair ticket, students may visit: <https://edisonk12.incidentiq.com/> and sign in with their school email and password.

Fines assessed for damages to student Chromebooks are the responsibility of the student and parent, and must be paid in a timely manner. Students with outstanding fines may be prohibited from participation in school, extra curricular, and athletic activities.

Estimated Fees for Device repair

MacBook Neo Full Device Replacement	600.00
MacBook Neo Screen Replacement	400.00
Macbook Neo Charger Replacement	50.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook AC Adapter (charger)	32.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Battery (Long cable version)	38.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Bezel	17.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Bottom Cover	19.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Camera Board	9.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Hinge Set	12.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Keyboard	23.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook LCD Back Cover	20.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Palmrest w/ Keyboard	42.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Power and USB Daughterboard	9.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Touchpad	10.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Touchpad Cable	5.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Replacement Screen	80.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Chromebook Missing/Damaged Case	25.00
Dell 11 3100 Non-touch Full Device Replacement	250.00

STUDENT CONDUCT

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS/PBSIS

All JAMS students are expected to demonstrate *Respect, Responsibility, and Excellence - all day, every day*. Every action made by a student should consider these attributes both inside and outside of the school day. Students are rewarded for constant demonstration of these attributes through the Positive Behavioral Supports in School program. Weekly drawings help recognize those students who have been identified by their teachers.

John Adams Middle School students and staff pride themselves on demonstrating our core attributes of Respect, Responsibility, and Excellence throughout the building and throughout the day. Our entire school embodies a sense of community and belonging that students, staff, and parents foster and enjoy. These pillars of character shine through student interactions daily; their knowledge of these pillars becomes obvious through their respect and understanding for one another. On the occasion that a student conducts themselves in a way that is inconsistent with the code of conduct, they may be subject to disciplinary consequences as outlined below. In cases of disciplinary action, administrative discretion will be used to determine the best possible outcome for the safety of the student and others, and for learning and student growth.

Examples of Disciplinary Action

The following actions represent potential interventions that may be employed to address behavior inconsistent with a strong, functioning learning environment:

- Classroom Interventions - warning, parent contact, teacher detention
- Behavioral Contracts
- Administrative Warning
- Parental Contact/Conference
- Conflict Resolution
- Referral to Guidance/Special Services
- Administrative Detention
- Saturday Detention
- Restitution/Restoration
- Suspension (ISS or OSS)
- Restriction from extra-curricular activities
- Restriction from grade-level activities
- Suspension of bus privileges
- Police Notification

STUDENT RIGHTS

- Be informed about expectations for their behavior
- Be treated with respect and dignity
- Attendance in safe and secure school environments
- Express their opinions and feelings appropriately
- Learn constructive means to settle disagreements or problems
- An education that supports students' development into productive citizens
- Due process and protections pursuant to law and code

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Exhibit self-control on school premises, on the school bus, and at school activities
- Remain within the area assigned for a specific activity
- Demonstrate respect for the authority of all school personnel
- Maintain and respect school and private property
- Speak to and treat adults and other students with respect
- Avoid placing themselves or others in danger of physical harm
- Help keep the school clean and attractive
- Use constructive means to settle disagreements or problem

DRESS CODE

The manner of dress must not create classroom disorder or distract others. The administration reserves the right to restrict or prohibit any manner of dress or apparel judged to be inappropriate, a distraction to the learning environment, or apparel that presents a safety hazard. The following guidelines are established to assist in maintaining the proper dress for school as per BOE POLICY 5511:

1. Students may not wear apparel that promotes or endorses illegal substances (i.e., drugs, alcohol or tobacco products). In addition, students may not wear clothing with messages deemed offensive, profane or inappropriate as judged by the administration.
2. Students may not wear strapless, see-through, one-shouldered, off-the-shoulder or halter tops. Additionally, bustiers, tops with cut outs, or shirts that allow the midriff to be exposed are not permitted (with arms raised the shirt must cover the midriff). Proper attire should include undergarments. No undergarments should be visible or worn as outerwear.
3. Tank tops, sleeveless tops and tops with thin straps may be worn, but the top must fall reasonably close to the neckline, as judged by the administration, and fall directly below the underarm to insure that the torso and undergarments are not exposed inappropriately. Bra straps must be covered. Tops that have lingerie or adjustable straps are not permitted. Clothing with thin straps should be worn with strapless undergarments.
4. No sunglasses may be worn during the school day (unless medically prescribed).
5. Students may not wear short skirts or short shorts. Shorts and skirts should have a reasonable distance from the knee but should not be shorter than mid-thigh. Ripped jeans should not be ripped in areas which could be considered as inappropriate as judged by the administration.
6. Students are not permitted to wear or carry hats or outerwear, such as winter coats, rain coats, heavy jackets, varsity jackets, during the school day. Windbreakers, lightweight jackets or lightweight jackets that are a part of a uniform or a warm-up suit are permitted during the school day.

NOTE: On special occasion days, such as School Spirit Day, the Principal is authorized to permit the wearing of hats or sports uniforms.

7. Ski masks are not permitted to be worn in school. Any similar type of hats or hoods that hide the face are not permitted and will be confiscated.
8. No sweatbands, headbands, scarves, bandanas, kerchiefs or large chains (jewelry) may be worn on any part of the body or visibly displayed in any other fashion while in school (unless approved by the administration for religious or medical reasons).

9. Students are not permitted to wear clothing that are clearly pajamas, slippers, or sleepwear.

NOTE: On special occasions, such as School Spirit Day, the Principal is authorized to permit the wearing of pajamas, slippers and sleepwear.

10. Students may not wear gloves of any kind (i.e. winter gloves, mittens, batter's gloves, etc.).
11. Students are not allowed to carry backpacks or other bags (inc. fanny packs) during the school day.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The academic integrity guidelines of Edison School District encourage high ethical standards for teaching and learning with respect to knowledge, honesty, and fairness. The district strives to promote a culture of academic honesty and good character. Students are expected to maintain high standards of academic integrity and scholarly practice. Our school community does not tolerate academic misconduct.

Students are expected to understand and follow the guidelines for academic integrity. They are expected to do one's own work. The Academic Integrity Guidelines will be published annually in the Student Handbook/Agenda.

Please know that academic misconduct will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Below are a few examples of possible infractions:

1. Allowing someone to copy your homework or copying homework from another student.
2. Gaining or giving an unfair advantage over others on any assessment by sharing information or receiving it from other students, in person or electronically without authorization from the teacher.
3. Using or sharing unauthorized information from electronic devices on any assessment.
4. Cheating, or attempting to cheat, on an assessment through various forms, such as looking at someone else's paper, talking during an assessment, having written aids or using unauthorized sources.
5. Copying or closely paraphrasing sentences or passages from print or electronic sources (including AI sites) without properly citing the source, which includes websites.
6. Submitting work as one's own when said work was created by another person whether that work was stolen, purchased, copied/pasted, or freely shared.

REMINDERS

1. If your child is going to be absent from school, email jamsattendance@edison.k12.nj.us with information about your child's absence and any supporting documentation; a doctor's note is required for the absence to be excused.
2. An emergency phone number where a parent or relative can be reached during the day is updated in the parent portal at the start of the school year. If there is any change during the school year, this information **must be updated**. NOTE: Students will not be released from school to an individual who is not listed as an emergency contact. For security reasons, individuals picking up students will be asked for identification.
3. After arriving at school, whether walking, being bused, or driven by car, all students are to remain on school grounds in their designated areas during school hours.
4. Students must report to homeroom by 8:25. It is their responsibility to get to their lockers and pick up school materials needed for the morning. Students who don't arrive to homeroom by 8:25 are considered late and must report to the main office/lobby.
5. Students who are legitimately excused early should have a note signed by a parent stating the time they are to be excused. This note can be emailed to jamsattendance@edison.k12.nj.us or can be brought to the office before homeroom begins so this information can be recorded on the attendance sheet.
6. Students are allowed out of the classroom only with a pass given to them by their teacher. Students are not permitted to wander around the building.
7. When transferring to another school, parents must inform the guidance office in writing as soon as possible.
8. If a student rides a bicycle to school it must be parked in the racks and must be secured with a lock.
9. If a student is absent from school during the regular school day, he/she may not participate in any after school or evening activities without prior permission from the principal or vice principal.
10. For security reasons, students who attend dances will not be released early without special permission from the principal or vice principal. Students who leave must be picked up by their parents.
11. All student fines (ex.Chromebook repairs) must be paid in order for students to participate in school events, trips, or after-school activities.
12. Lockers must be locked at all times. Students are not permitted to share lockers.
13. Student phones/headphones must be off and kept in lockers throughout the school day.
14. Resources for Parents: <https://www.edison.k12.nj.us/parents/resources-for-parents>

