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HOBBS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- School Hours: School hours are 8:15 AM – 2:29 PM.

- School Handbook and Code of Conduct: The school handbook and the district code of conduct will be made available electronically. We will also review this information with students at the beginning of each semester. Both of these should be read carefully by students and parents as the student will be tested on the contents.

- Backpacks: Book bags and backpacks are permitted on campus. Each student will receive textbooks to use at home. Students will have textbooks while at school, too. If the textbook is consumable, the student will have one copy, pages will be torn out and taken back and forth from school to home.

- Physical Education: Most 6th grade students take P.E. Gym lockers are available for students taking P. E. to rent for $1.00. They are to be used for storing P. E. clothes during the week. Students must supply their own combination lock for these lockers. Dress code for P.E. is a solid white top and solid black shorts/pants.

- Medication: Any medication, either prescription or nonprescription, to be administered to a student on school premises or at school functions (including field trips), must be brought to the school by the parent/ guardian/ authorized adult representative for retention and administering. No student will be allowed to have medication, prescription or nonprescription, with the exception of an EpiPen, medication to relieve headache or an asthma inhaler, in his/her possession on school premises, on school transportation, or at a school function. EpiPens, insulin pens, or asthma inhalers will be permitted to be carried with parental permission and physician's signature on the "Dispersion of Medication Form."

  Medication brought to the school must be in the original prescription container, properly labeled with the child's name, doctor's name, name of medication, route, dosage, directions and expiration date. A "Dispersion of Medication Form" must be completed for each prescription, and a method of disposal of any unused or expired medication designated. The medication must be counted jointly by the parent/guardian and a school staff member. The parent/guardian and school staff member must both sign the "Registry of Medication Form" both for the initial prescription and each time additional medication for the same prescription is brought to the school. Nonprescription medication should also be in the original container and the procedures previously described for dispersion and registering of medication apply.

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- Cafeteria Info: Breakfast and lunch are served daily. A la carte items are also available. Meals may be paid for daily or pre-paid for a period of time. If lunches are not pre-paid then students must be prepared to pay daily. Students may also bring lunch from home. Drinks from home must be in a sealed can or carton. Information about free and reduced lunches will be sent home at the beginning of the year.

- Bus Schedules: Bus schedules are published by the District Department of Transportation. A student may obtain bus numbers for the morning and the afternoon routes from that list. The phone number for the Santa Rosa County Department of Transportation is 850-983-5150. ***As well, bus schedules will be available during schedule pick-up.***

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Regular attendance and punctuality are essential to good achievement. Any student who arrives late to school must report to the office before going to class. Any student who has been absent from school must bring a signed note from home stating the reason for the absence. Notes must be turned in within 3 days of returning from an absence. Parents may excuse 9 days of absence per school year without a doctor's note. Any further absences will require a doctor's excuse note. **Failure to turn in an acceptable absence excuse note within three school days will result in an automatic unexcused absence.** If a student accumulates 5 unexcused absences, the parent/guardian will be required to attend a school conference and complete a truancy plan.

- **Excused Absences:** Absences granted for personal illness, illness or death of a member of the immediate family, medical or dental appointments, and special emergencies or pre-arranged absences approved by the principal or designee.

- **Unexcused Absences:** Absences for shopping trips, vacations, pleasure trips, truancy, suspension or dismissal from school, or other avoidable absences which have not been pre-arranged and approved by the principal or designee.

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ATTENDANCE POLICY (CONT'D)

- **Hobbs Middle School Truancy Procedures**

1. Tier I: Initial Truancy Meeting: Triggered at 5 unexcused absences in 30 days for the second time or 10 unexcused absences in 90 days for the first time.
2. Tier II: Attendance Improvement Discussion: Triggered at 5 unexcused absences in 30 days for the third time or 10 unexcused absences in 90 days for the second time.
3. Tier III: Referred to School Services and Administration: Triggered at 5 unexcused absences in 30 days for the fourth time or 10 unexcused absences in 90 days for the third time.
4. Tier IV: Truancy Petition Filed: Triggered at 5 unexcused absences in 30 days for the fifth time or 10 unexcused absences in 90 days for the fourth time.

- **Truancy Plans:** Active truancy plans resume the following school year. If your student is currently being monitored through a TMP, the conditions of that TMP remain.

DRESS CODE

- A dress code teaches students standards and about following rules. Both are important in creating an academic environment in which students can learn safely and successfully.
- Students may not wear clothes or tattoos that show obscene or offensive language, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or advertisements for such products.
- All shirts, tops, and dresses **MUST COMPLETELY COVER THE SHOULDER (3" index card width)**. Spaghetti straps, halter-tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, undershirts or sheer tops as outer-garments **ARE NOT ALLOWED**. **No low-cut** or tight shirts or blouses are allowed. Tops must not reveal cleavage, lower back, abdomen, or midriff, including when arms are raised, sitting, or when leaning forward. **Student clothing is to cover undergarments completely.**
- All shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be no shorter than **fingertip length (arms relaxed, hanging down by the side).**
- No spandex shorts (e.g. Nike Pros) or other form fitting shorts are allowed to be worn alone. When wearing spandex shorts or other form fitting shorts, a long shirt or dress must be worn over them and must adhere to the fingertip length.

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- When wearing leggings, jeggings, compression pants, yoga pants, or other spandex-type pants, a shirt must be worn that fully covers the lower back and midriff, including when arms are raised, sitting, or when leaning forward.
- Students **are not** allowed to wear clothing that is excessively torn or ripped (this includes jeans). Jeans with rips that excessively expose skin or undergarments are not allowed.
- Pants are to be worn at the waist. **No sagging pants**- No undergarments showing above pants.
- Pajama pants are for sleeping and not school. They are not allowed to be worn at school.
- Armbands, wristbands, belts, or other items with heavy metal projections and chains, including wallet chains, are prohibited.
- Students are not allowed to wear hats or hoods inside the building.
- Students may not wear sunglasses inside the building.
- Shoes must be worn at all times (unless medical reasons indicate otherwise). Bedroom shoes or slippers are not permitted.
- The Principal or the Principal's designee has the final authority for interpreting whether a student's apparel/appearance conforms to the dress code. We will be reasonable, but we will also enforce the rules.