Hemet High School

Student Handbook

2026-27

A California Distinguished School

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Hemet High School Welcome Letter

The Hemet High School Staff welcomes you to the new school year. We hope that you, as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, will find the next nine months to be relevant, productive, and enjoyable.

The staff is here to assist you as you engage in academic studies, school activities, and athletic pursuits. Through your school participation, you will undoubtedly encounter obstacles from time to time that seem to interfere with your progress. During these times, staff, as well as students, will be here to support, listen, and encourage you. When you have a question or a problem, be sure to ask a staff member for help.

In any large organization, like Hemet High, we have established certain "ways of doing things" to help people accomplish their work, and meet goals in a safe and welcoming environment. This year, we will have more than 2,400 students on campus. Certain routines are in place so that students, parents/caregivers, and staff will know in advance how needs and events will be handled. This predictability of such matters will free us all to work enthusiastically in our various areas of learning.

Be sure to read this handbook as it will familiarize you with your responsibilities as a Hemet High student.

HUSD Basics

HUSD's Mission

Every Student, Every Day; Embrace, Educate, Empower.

Vision Statement

To design a system that leads to equitable educational outcomes for all students, including and especially those who have been kept furthest from opportunity, we EMBRACE, and EDUCATE students in deeper learning competencies that EMPOWER each student for college, career, and life.

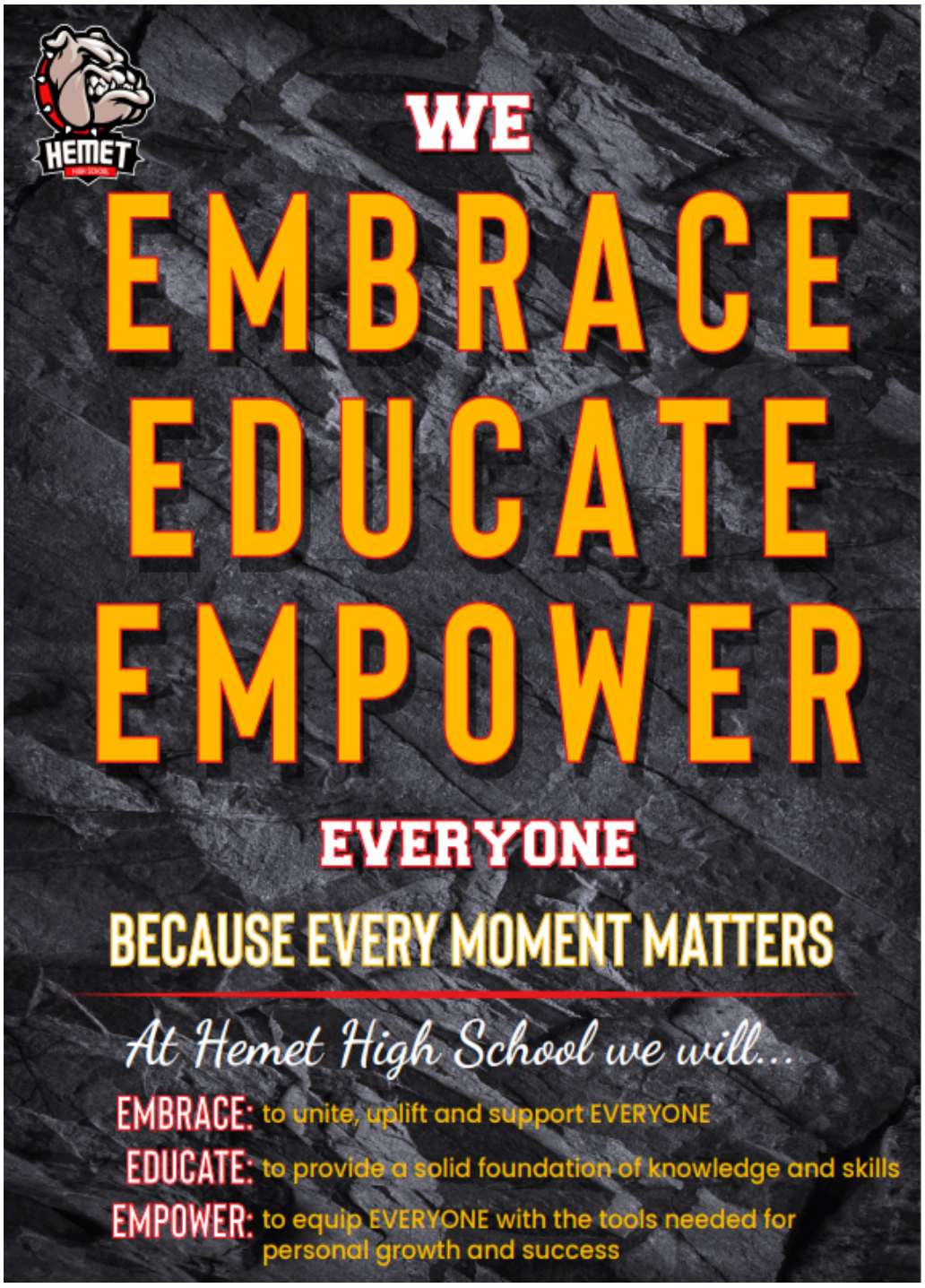
Core Values

1. **Collaboration**: We engage everyone in an innovative and collaborative environment focused on promoting improvement of academic, social, and emotional outcomes.
2. **Communication.** We mutually communicate in a timely manner throughout the organization to foster trust, collaboration, growth, and consistency while staying true to our collective vision.
3. **Pristine.** We share responsibility to provide clean, updated, and well-maintained workplaces.
4. **Professionalism.** We will demonstrate professionalism that values equity and fosters the social, emotional, and physical safety of all team members.
5. **Respect.** We will interact positively and respectfully to ensure everyone feels acknowledged and valued.

HUSD's Goals

1. **Teaching and Learning.** Provide high quality teaching and learning for all students.
2. **Systems of Support.** Develop an Integrated System Framework for academic, behavioral, and social emotional success for all students.
3. **Culture and Climate.** Fully engage stakeholders to create a culture and climate to support all students.

HHS Mission and Vision



Hemet Unified School District
2026-2027 Traditional School Year Calendar

District Superintendent: Dr. Christi Barrett Board Approved 07/16/2024 District Phone Number: 951-765-5100

JULY 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	HOL
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

School Days 0
CE Days 0

AUGUST 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4NTO	5TWD	6TWD	7TWD
10TWD	11	12s	13	14
17	18	19s	20	21
24	25	26s	27	28
31				

School Days 15
CE Days 19

SEPTEMBER 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2s	3	4
HOL	8	9s	10	11
14	15	16s	17	18
21	22	23s	24	25
28	29	30s		

School Days 21
CE Days 21

OCTOBER 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7s	8	9
12	13	14s	15	16
19	20	21(s)	22M	23ENS
26	27	28s	29	30

School Days: 20/21
CE Days 21

NOVEMBER 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4s	5	6
9	10	HOL	12	13
16	17	18s	19	20
23	24	25	HOL	HOL
30				

School Days 15
CE Days 15

DECEMBER 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2s	3	4
7	8	9s	10	11
14	15	16s,H	17H	18SNS
21	22	23	HOL	HOL
28	29	30	HOL	

School Days 13/14
CE Days 14

JANUARY 2027				
M	T	W	T	F
				HOL
4NS	5	6s	7	8
11	12	13s	14	15
HOL	19	20s	21	22
25	26	27(s)	28	29

School Days 18
CE Days 19

FEBRUARY 2027				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3s	4	5
8	9	10s	11	12
HOL	16	17	18	HOL
22	23	24s	25	26

School Days 15
CE Days 15

MARCH 2027				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3s	4	5
8	9	10s	11	12
15	16	17s	18	19
22	23	24s	25	26
29	30	31		

School Days 20
CE Days 20

APRIL 2027				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7s	8	9
12	13	14s	15	16
19	20	21s	22	23
26	27	28s	29	30

School Days 20
CE Days 20

MAY 2027				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5s	6	7
10	11	12s	13	14
17	18	19s*	20	21
24	25	26s*	27	28CM
HOL				

School Days 20
CE Days 20

JUNE 2027				
M	T	W	T	F
	1CM,H		3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	HOL
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

School Days 2
CE Days 2

GRADING PERIODS							
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
SEC	Period Ends: # of Weeks/Days	9/18/2026 6/28	10/30/2026 6/29	12/17/2026 6/28	2/26/2027 7/33	4/16/2027 6/30	6/2/2027 7/32
	Semester Ends # of Days	12/17/2026 85	06/02/2027 95				
ELEM	Quarter Ends/ Report to Parents	10/09/2026 9 weeks	12/19/2026 9 weeks	3/19/2027 10 weeks	6/2/2027 10 weeks		

LEGEND			
New Teacher Orientation	NTO	Shortened Days, All Schools Teacher Collaboration	s
Teacher Work Day	TWD	Secondary Shortened Day – Teacher Collaboration	(s)
First Day of School		Minimum Days, Comprehensive Middle Schools (6-8 only)	CM
Elementary Parent Teacher Conference/Elementary Minimum Day		Minimum Days, High School/Hamilton (6-12)	H
TK-12 - Non-Student Day	NS	Minimum Days, Middle School Students	M
Recess		Last Day of School/All Sites Minimum Day	
Holiday	HOL	Elementary/K-8 – Non-Student Day/Parent Teacher Conference Day	ENS
Non-Work Day – Non Student Day		Secondary – Non-Student Day (Excludes K-8)	SNS
		Shortened Days – All Schools, Teacher Collaboration. High Schools choose 1 optional senior check out (Reverse Release)	s*

TWD – 1 meeting day, 2 days of professional development and 1 day of teacher preparation

SCHOOL RECESSES

Thanksgiving: November 23-27, 2026	Winter: December 21, 2026 – January 1, 2027
President's Days: February 15-19, 2027	Spring: March 29, 2027 – April 2, 2027

HOLIDAYS

Independence Day (obs.) – July 3, 2026
Labor Day – September 07, 2026
Veterans Day – November 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Day – November 26, 2026
Local Holiday – November 27, 2026
Local (Floating) Holiday – December 24, 2026
Christmas Holiday – December 25, 2026
Local Holiday – December 31, 2026
New Year's Day – January 01, 2027
MLK's Birthday – January 18, 2027
Washington's Birthday – February 15, 2027
Lincoln's Birthday (obs.) – February 19, 2027
Memorial Day – May 31, 2027
Juneteenth (obs.) – June 18, 2027

Calendar Reflects:
Total Number of Student Days – 180
Total Number of Certificated Work Day – 186

Revised 7/10/2024

Hemet High School
Bell Schedule
2026-2027

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

* Buildings: 100, 200, 300, 400, PE, Office		
0	7:27	8:23
1	8:30	9:26
2	9:33	10:29
3	10:36	11:42
Lunch 1	11:42	12:17
4*	12:24	1:20
5	1:27	2:23
6	2:30	3:26

* Buildings: 500, 600, 700, 800, 900		
0	7:27	8:23
1	8:30	9:26
2	9:33	10:29
3	10:36	11:42
4*	11:49	12:45
Lunch 2	12:45	1:20
5	1:27	2:23
6	2:30	3:26

Wednesday - Late Start

*Buildings: 100, 200, 300, 400, PE, Office		
0	7:30	8:14
1	9:50	10:34
2	10:41	11:25
3	11:32	12:18
Lunch 1	12:18	12:53
4*	1:00	1:44
5	1:51	2:35
6	2:42	3:26

*Buildings: 500, 600, 700, 800, 900		
0	7:30	8:14
1	9:50	10:34
2	10:41	11:25
3	11:32	12:18
4*	12:25	1:09
Lunch 2	1:09	1:44
5	1:51	2:35
6	2:42	3:26

Hemet High School
Bell Schedule
2026-2027

Finals		
Period	Start	End
0	7:27	8:23
1/4	8:30	9:49
2/5	9:56	11:15
3/6	11:22	12:41
Lunch Optional	12:41	1:11

Dates: 12/16/26; 12/17/26; 6/1/27; 6/2/27

Minimum Day		
0	7:45	8:21
1	8:30	9:06
2	9:13	9:49
3	9:56	10:32
4	10:39	11:15
5	11:22	11:58
6	12:06	12:41
Lunch Optional	12:41	1:11

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HHS Website and Aeries

Our web address is www.hemethigh.com. On our website, one can find general school information such as news, the Daily Bulletin, a calendar of upcoming events, and sports schedules.

Administration and Faculty email addresses can be found on the website by logging in to your Aeries Parent Portal.

Hemet High School uses Aeries Parent Portal as its web hosting portal. The website is https://portals.hemetusd.org. Here you can find password-secure, student-specific information such as missing assignments, daily grades, test scores, and attendance.

GENERAL RULES & POLICIES

Accidents

If you injure yourself while at school or while engaged in school activities, please report immediately to the teacher in charge regardless of how minor the injury.

Associated Student Body (ASB)

The Associated Student Body (ASB) is the student organization at Hemet High. Monies raised by ASB help to support the speech club, drama and music activities, as well as our sports programs. Dances, homecoming events, assemblies, and various contests are also made possible by the ASB.

ASB handles activities for and provides services to students during the school year. It sells ASB cards, shop cards, and tickets to school dances, sports, and the prom. The ASB office receives and distributes forms to order school rings, and almost any other item or service involving student activities. The office is open to students before school, during both lunches, and after school.

A strong ASB means more activities and better funding for existing activities.

ASB membership costs $25.00 if purchased during registration in July; the cost increases to $40.00 thereafter. Your ASB card allows you to attend all the home athletic events free (with the exception of CIF games). You're also entitled to discounts when you attend dances, performances, contests, and the prom. You can easily save more than $100.00 with your ASB card. There is a $5.00 replacement charge for lost ASB cards, and a $5.00 replacement charge for lost ID cards without ASB membership.

ASB benefits all the students of the school. Be a part of ASB and take advantage of the opportunities it provides. ASB cards can be purchased throughout the school year in the ASB office.

Eligibility for ASB Events:

- A student must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, and be passing a minimum of four classes (triad grades) to be eligible to participate in school sponsored activities (i.e. any ASB event/dance), clubs and athletics.
    - If we are in a current triad, eligibility will be determined based off of the last triad grade reporting.

Bicycles and Skateboards

Bicycles and skateboards should be parked and locked in the racks located outside the glass doors at the West entrance to the main building. Please supply your own lock.

Students should not ride bikes or skateboards anywhere on the school campus. This includes outside the front door area by the entrance. Skateboards will be confiscated if a violation occurs.

Bus Transportation

Students living more than 4.5 miles from school are eligible for transportation. All eligible students are automatically assigned. Please go to www.hemetusd.org, click on the Parents tab, and then click Bus Stops to find the assigned bus stop. There are no fees for eligible students receiving transportation services. Bus passes are no longer required for eligible Hemet Unified School District students

Students attending a school other than their home school, as determined by their residential address by means of an approved intra-district transfer, are not eligible for transportation services.

The California Vehicle Code and the California Education Code place responsibility for the safety and behavior of the student rider upon the bus driver. Students are subject to the authority of the bus driver. School laws regarding behavior, including profanity, obscenity, illegal substance possession and use, damaging property, and fighting are in effect on the school bus at all times. Refusal to obey these rules and requests of the drivers will result in the loss of riding privileges and disciplinary action from the school officials.

Cafeteria

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria at 7:50 am and on late Wednesday's 9:20 am each morning. School lunches, as well as a la carte items, are available from the cafeteria and the lunch carts during the 35-minute lunch break. All students receive free breakfast and lunch. If you have any questions, please call the Nutrition Center at 951-765-5100 Ext. 5306.

Calling Students from Class

Call slips [summons] are used by office personnel and teachers to call a student out of class when he/she is needed elsewhere. The student should report at the time and to the person or place indicated on the request. When the person making the request releases the student, he/she should return immediately to class.

Career Center

The Career Center is an important part of the counseling program, as it offers a wealth of information and services related to career paths, educational opportunities, and financial aid. Students can take advantage of interest and aptitude testing, vocational school and college catalogs, and www.californiacolleges.edu, a computerized career information system. The Career Center also houses our college and career counselor who is dedicated to helping students with multiple pathways after graduation, including but not limited to: University, Community College, Trade School, Military, and Job Force.

Speakers from various career areas, colleges, trade and technical schools, and all branches of the military are scheduled throughout the year, and are available to all students. Field trips to career and college fairs and college campuses are made available to students whenever possible.

Clean Campus

Students respect and appreciate a clean school. Each student has the responsibility to help keep the campus clean. Students who are caught leaving trash will be required to perform any trash pick-up duty. Throwing food or items in the Commons/Plaza may result in a disciplinary action.

Closed Campus

Hemet High is a closed campus. This means that students may not leave campus at any time (including lunch) during the regular school day. All visitors to the school must report to the school office.

Clubs, Organizations, and Activities

Our goal is for all students to excel in the classroom and for all students to be involved in a co-curricular activity. Educational research shows that students who are involved in some type of school activity achieve at a higher level academically than those students not involved in co-curricular activities. There are many different avenues for you to become involved in the "Bulldog Family".

Activities Eligibility

- A student must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, and be passing four classes (triad grades) to be eligible to participate in school sponsored activities (i.e. any ASB event/dance), clubs and athletics.
- A student must attend a minimum of four classes the day of an event or have administrative approval for missing more than two classes (a student will be ineligible for the next event if information regarding absences comes in late).
- All school rules regarding discipline apply. If a student is suspended, that student may not participate in any form in a contest or practice, during the length of the suspension. In addition, a student may be placed on the "No-Go" List and will not be allowed to attend any school events.
- A student under 2.0 may practice but cannot participate in or travel to any contest.
- Any grade changes must be made within 10 days of the end of the triad and turned into the principal.
- All incoming 9th grade students are eligible until first triad grades are posted, at which time they must maintain a 2.0.
- A student who owes money for fines or equipment will not be allowed to participate in a practice, travel to a contest, or participate in any form in a contest or practice until the fine is paid, or the equipment is returned or paid for.

Counseling Services

Counseling appointments can be made by filling out an online request via the HHS website. However, in case of an immediate need or emergency, students should feel free to walk in and ask the Counseling Secretary for the attention of a counselor or therapist.

The Counseling Office and Career Center offer educational and career planning services. Counselors provide course selection guidance in the Fall and meet with students individually in the Spring to plan academic schedules for the following year. Courses are selected with the student's post high school goals in mind. Tutoring information is also available in the counseling office and on the Hemet High WebPage.

Deliveries

The front office staff cannot accept valuable items for safekeeping. If there is an emergency situation requiring a valuable item to be dropped off, please do so before school starts or during the student's lunch period. Leaving valuable items will only be permitted with administrative approval.

Food deliveries to campus from third-party services like DoorDash, Uber Eats, or friends are strictly prohibited. The school will refuse all food deliveries without exception.

Students are not allowed to coordinate any deliveries by having items brought through school gates, fences, or the front office. Violating this policy may result in disciplinary consequences.

Display of Affection

Appropriate behavior is holding hands. Kissing, hugging, or caressing are inappropriate at school and can result in parent contact or disciplinary action.

Daily Bulletin

Announcements important to students and staff are provided in the daily bulletin.

Drills - Fire & DIsaster

Students are responsible to their teachers in the event of a fire or disaster drill. Listen carefully to the directions given by your teacher and obey them quickly and quietly.

A. FIRE DRILLS: Repeated short soundings on the chime system are the signal for fire drills.
B. EARTHQUAKES: Students will stay indoors and away from exits, windows, and movable objects. Students should remain under tables away from falling debris. If the movement has been severe, the building will be cleared. Follow teachers' instructions.
C. SHELTER in PLACE & LOCKDOWNS: Announcement, stay inside classroom. Once inside a classroom/library/gym, etc., remain until further notice, then follow directions given by a staff member or law enforcement.

Fines and Charges

Fines and charges that have been allowed to accumulate create a heavy burden during the senior year, which is an expensive year. We urge you to pay debts as they arise. **All debts must be cleared during your senior year at senior check-out, or prior to transfer to another school. Check with the ASB office.**

Gambling

Gambling games, such as matching or pitching coins, and games involving cards or dice are not allowed at school.

Health Office

The health office is located in the administration building, near the counseling office. If you feel ill or have a medical emergency, please obtain a pass from your teacher and report to the health office.

Students are not to leave the campus due to illness without first reporting to the Health Office. Any violation of this rule is considered truancy.

Identification [School I.D. Cards]

All students at Hemet High School will be issued a free I.D. card. Students must have an ID card or a digital ID at all times. **Students will be required to show their I.D. upon entrance onto campus and are required to carry this I.D. during school hours and when attending any school event. Students must show ID when asked by a staff member. Students not carrying I.D. or refusing to present I.D. to staff will be subject to discipline**. Lost I.D. cards must be replaced and the charge for replacement is $5.00.

HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL SAFER

Carry your school I.D. at all times. School I.D. is required for entry to all school activities. For safety reasons, Hemet High School does not allow students to bring non-students on campus during the school day. **No visitors on campus during the school day – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Illness

Should you become ill while at school, obtain a pass from your teacher to go to the *health office*. If between classes, go to your next period class for a pass. If it is necessary for you to leave campus due to illness, the Health Tech will contact your parent or guardian. You will not be released to go home due to illness unless you first report to the Health Office.

Insurance Protection

Accident insurance to cover 9th through 12th grade pupils in attendance at school or traveling to or from school is made available to the parents on a voluntary basis. Pupils in the 9th through 12th grade who participate in interscholastic athletics must be insured.

Lost and Found

Lost and found articles are to be turned in to the Attendance Office. Students who lose articles are urged to check on them immediately. Anything not claimed at the end of the month will be given to charity.

Lost electronic devices will be held at the Admin Desk for safekeeping.

Lost or stolen items

Hemet High School is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property of students.

Lunch Off-Limit Areas

- Athletic fields, beyond the softball fields.
- Blacktop
- Farm and service road area
- Faculty parking lot
- Student Parking lot (loitering)
- Front entrance to school
- Hallways, staircases, corridors
- Rooms (exceptions for scheduled club meetings)

Students who remain on campus at lunch are expected to stay in authorized supervised areas.

Lunch - Senior Passes

All students must remain on campus for lunch, except for seniors who demonstrate college and career preparedness as identified by the CA Department of Education Qualifications and behavior expectations. Senior Lunch Pass applications are distributed in the registration packet and in the counseling office. Seniors must reapply each semester.

Each senior requesting a lunch pass must meet **one** of the following measures for demonstrating **A-G preparedness** before a pass will be issued:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments: Score of Level 3 "Standard Met" or higher on both English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics.
- Advance Placement (AP) Exams: Score of 3 or higher on two (2) AP exams. Completion of Dual Enrollment: Two semesters or three quarters of college coursework with a grade of C- or better in academic/CTE subjects where college credit is awarded.
- University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) A-G requirements: Complete A-G course requirements with a grade of C- or better **plus one of the Additional Criteria from the box below.**
- Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway: Pathway completion with a grade of C or better in the capstone course **plus one of the Additional Criteria from the box below.**

Additional Criteria

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment Scores:
  - Level 3 or higher on ELA and at least a Level 2 "Standard Nearly Met" in mathematics, or
  - Level 3 or higher on mathematics and at least a Level 2 in ELA
- One semester/two quarters of Dual Enrollment with a grade of C- or better in academic/CTE subjects, score of 3 on one AP exam or 4 on one IB Exam (for A-G requirement only)
- Completion of CTE Pathway (for A-G requirement only)

In addition to demonstrating A-G preparedness, each senior requesting a lunch pass must also **meet the following standards** before a pass will be issued:

- **No suspensions or assigned Saturday School** for disciplinary reasons.
- **No unexcused** absences or tardies in any class.
- Written parental consent on file.
- No textbook, library charges.
- Cars must be parked in the student lot.
- No unsafe, reckless driving.
- Must show a lunch pass to supervisors.
- Must exit through monitored gates; scanned out with school ID.

The ability to leave at lunch is a privilege, not a right. Students who do not follow the policy are subject to having the pass revoked.

Library

The Hemet High Library is generally open daily from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. The library is open during alternate lunch periods as class use permits. Students must have a valid pass to study in the library during class time. Students who are disruptive or come in without a pass during class time will be sent back to class.

NO FOOD OR DRINKS are allowed in the library at any time! Anything brought in will be confiscated.

Books

Students are responsible for all library books, textbooks, and calculators checked out to them. **Students must show their school ID card to check out all items.** Fines will be assessed for lost books and calculators, and damage beyond normal wear. Lost or stolen items should be reported immediately.

Textbooks and novels are checked out in the library and must be returned on time so that we can accommodate the needs of all students each semester. The use of cloth or paper books covers is encouraged; adhesive book covers are not allowed.

Regular library books are checked out for two weeks, reserve books for one week, and reference books overnight only. All books must be returned on time. One renewal is allowed at the due date.

Overdue Books and Fines

Students will be notified in their English class of overdue books and fines at the end of each grading period. Textbook overdue fees and fines will be sent to student's email accounts. Students are responsible for checking their email accounts periodically for library updates.

At the end of the school year, seniors must clear all books, calculators, and fines to complete their final check-out process. In August, returning students with overdue materials or fines may be delayed at registration. No off-campus lunch pass will be issued until all items from the previous school years are cleared. This includes items from other Hemet USD schools.

Make-Up Work

Students are required to make up all work missed while absent except work missed due to truancy. Work missed because of truancy is made up at the discretion of the teacher. Whenever a student misses an assignment or assessment due to either an excused or unexcused absence, he/she may turn in the assignment without penalty for being late within a reasonable amount of time. Students who miss work because of a school suspension will be provided work to complete. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher regarding make-up work. Make-up work may be requested by the parent for students who will miss more than three days due to illness or out-of-town trips by calling the Attendance Office. Allow a minimum of one full school day to receive make-up assignments. Students/parents are

responsible to pick up work in the Attendance Office. Some teachers/classes may require students to do make-up work upon return to their class.

Medical Devices [Crutches; Wheelchair; Scooter]
A doctor's note must be provided to the health office if a medical device is to be used on campus.

Non-Discrimination/Harassment
District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination, including harassment, with respect to a student's actual or perceived sex, gender, ethnic group identification, race, national origin, religion, color, physical or mental disability, age or sexual orientation. (BP 5145.3)

The Governing Board shall ensure equal opportunities for all students in admission and access to the educational program, guidance and counseling programs, athletic programs, testing procedures, and other activities. School staff and volunteers shall carefully guard against segregation, bias, and stereotyping in instruction, guidance and supervision.

Parking Lots
Parking for Hemet High school students is located north of the campus in the stadium parking lot only.
Hemet High School will be using and enforcing the following guidelines regarding student parking.
Students must follow posted signs, no speeding, or unsafe driving.
In order to ensure the continual safety on our campus, students will not be allowed to return to their car during the school day.

Parking on the Street
We do not recommend parking on the streets around Hemet High School. Most streets are posted "No Parking," and your cars are susceptible to ticketing, towing, and vandalism.

Faculty & Visitors' Parking Lots
The faculty and visitors' parking lots on Dartmouth Street are not for student parking, student drop-off, or student pick-up. Please do not enter these lots.

The school does not provide security guards to protect cars or bicycles. Do not leave valuables in cars. The school cannot reimburse for stolen items.

P.E. Uniforms
P.E. uniforms are **MANDATORY.** Uniforms may consist of red shorts and a white t-shirt; exact specifications can be reviewed in the registration packet. Uniforms may be purchased at the ASB windows.
The uniforms are required for **ALL** physical education classes including Dance and Weight Training. The uniforms must have the student's name written in the space provided, and no alterations may be made.

Posters

All posters must be pre-approved by ASB before they are displayed at school. Unauthorized posters will be removed, with possible disciplinary action.

Search and Seizure

School administration retains control over lockers, buildings, parking lots, and grounds, and has the right to search them without warrant. All persons entering a school site or district facility may be subject to a metal detector scan and/or personal search to ensure that weapons, drugs, or other dangerous items are not brought to campus. Violators are subject to suspension, expulsion, or arrest. **Since many of the rules relating to student conduct involve violations of civil law, school officials may be required to report these violations to the local law enforcement agency.** Students are monitored by video surveillance while inside/outside of any Hemet High School buildings and/or common areas on campus.

K-9 Services

Using canines to discourage contraband on school campuses is becoming a popular component of a school safety program, and Hemet Unified periodically uses these services. The canines are trained to detect illegal drugs, drinking alcohol, and pyrotechnic odors by sniffing the air around personal property, lockers, and vehicles. Hemet High School wants to provide its students with a safe school environment. Canines on campus have successfully deterred students from bringing prohibited items on school campuses.

Selective Service Registration

Per request of our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the following is a notification to male students who are 18 years of age that it is their responsibility to register with the Selective Service System (Military Selective Service Act).

The Registration Process- A young man can go to any convenient U.S. Post Office and fill out a form by providing his name, address, date of birth, telephone number, and Social Security number. At this time, his only duty under the Military Selective Service Act is to register when required and subsequently to notify Selective Service of any changes in the information provided on his registration form through age 25. By Executive Order, young men are required to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday; however, if they fail to do so, their registration form will be accepted until their 26th birthday.

Penalties- Failure to register or otherwise comply with the Military Selective Service Act is, upon conviction, punishable by a fine of up to $250,000., imprisonment for up to five years, or both. A person who knowingly counsels, aids, or abets another to fail to comply with the Act is subject to the same penalties. Registration information is available in the Hemet High School Career Center.

Senior Activities

The principal shall make the students and parents or guardians aware of the school policies, rules, regulations and expected behavior to participate in the graduation ceremony and other related graduation activities by conducting a mandatory meeting with all 12th grade students and distributing the High School Senior Activities booklet.

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony and other related graduation activities, each graduating senior and his or her parent/guardian must sign the High School Senior Contract agreeing to abide by the specified school policies, rules and regulations. If the student is eighteen years of age or older, the parent or guardian may elect to sign a Notice of Acknowledgement of the specified school policies, rules and regulations of the High School Senior Contract.

The principal may deny a student the privilege of participating in graduation ceremonies and other related graduation activities for failure to follow the school rules, policies, and regulations. Students may participate in Senior activities, as long as they adhere to all rules posted and signed in the senior contract. If the privilege to participate in the graduation ceremony and other related graduation activities is denied, the principal shall make the student and parents or guardians aware of the grounds for denial and will provide an opportunity for the student and parents or guardians to respond to the denial. The final dispensation of the denial will be provided to the student and parents or guardians in writing. The written notification will include the procedures for the filing of an appeal. Appeals to the intent of this Administrative Regulation will be processed through the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services with the ultimate authority to offer exemption, exception or waiver residing only with the Superintendent.

Visitors to Campus

ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN at the front reception desk and receive a visitor's pass. A valid, government-issued identification card is <u>required</u>.

> **Interruptions to the classrooms will not be permitted (no exceptions).** Parents/Guardians who want to attend class with their student must give the administration 24 hours' notice. Students may not bring guests with them to school. Guests will be sent home.

Withholding Student Grades, Diploma, and Transcripts, HUSD Regulation 5125.2R

1. The governing board authorizes that the grades, diplomas, or transcripts, or any combination thereof, may be withheld from any pupil or former pupil properly charged with possessing library books, textbooks, or other school property when such books or materials are not returned when due. School personnel are authorized to demand the return of such loaned school property when it is due or before the end of the school year. This policy does not authorize withholding grades, diplomas, and transcripts for non-payment of meal tickets or library overdue fines.
2. Before withholding of grades, diplomas, or transcripts, the parent or guardian of the pupil shall be notified in writing of the pupil's alleged misconduct. If reparation is not made, the school shall afford the student his/her due process rights in conformance with education Code expulsion procedures and may withhold the student's grades, diploma, and transcripts.
3. Grades, diplomas, and transcripts shall be released from the prescribed restrictions when:
   a. The student/parent/guardian returns the loaned book or material in a usable condition, or
   b. The student/parent/guardian pays the reasonable charges for the replacement of the book or materials if they are not lost or unusable, or
   c. The student performs voluntary work, as designated by the principal or designee, in lieu of payment of the charges for replacement.
4. Upon request of another school district or educational institution to transfer a pupil's records to that district (Education Code 49086), the principal shall honor that request and notify the school

or district to which the pupil has transferred of their authority to likewise withhold the grades, diploma, or transcripts of the pupil until such time as it receives notice from the principal that the decision has been rescinded. Principals shall also withhold grades, diplomas, or transcripts at the request of another school district to the extent that the request is pursuant to education Codes 48904, 48904.3, and 49068.

5. Each school principal shall establish an accountability system that clearly delineates the procedures and responsibility for the distribution and collection of books, textbooks, and materials to students.

Work Permits

Students may obtain work permits from the Counseling Office secretary, the school lobby, or print out the blank Work Permit Application here. All employed students under the age of 18 MUST have a current work permit on file. Students must have and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and a 90% attendance (period attendance) rate to qualify for a work permit. Work permits expire and must be renewed at the end of each semester.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Academic Organizations

California Scholastic Federation - California Scholastic Federation is a statewide academic honor society that recognizes the achievement of high school students. Membership is based on grades earned in a specific academic and college preparatory coursework. An application process must be followed each semester along with the payment of dues. Students are eligible beginning the first semester of their sophomore year. Additional information can be obtained in the counseling office

Advanced Placement Course Grades

Grades in AP courses may not be changed as a result of AP placement test scores. The grade received in the class reflects the course requirements. The AP test score speaks for itself and awards college credit.

Because of the more rigorous nature of Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Courses, students receiving a grade of A, B, or C in those courses shall receive extra grade weighing as follows:

A – Outstanding Achievement, 5.0 grade points
B – Above Average Achievement, 4.0 grade points
C – Average Achievement, 3.0 grade points

College Entrance and Financial Aid Workshops:

Students who plan to pursue further education and training after high school graduation should plan to attend various workshops during school and make full use of the information and services available through the Career Center.

Throughout the year, printed information and workshops are provided to assist students with educational/college planning, college admissions testing, college applications, and financial aid/scholarship search applications. Parents are also invited to attend a college night and financial aid workshops. All upcoming events, workshops, and deadlines are always advertised in the daily bulletin, and it is the **student's responsibility** to keep up on this important information.

College Entrance Examinations:

Many colleges no longer require the SAT/ACT for college admission. Some schools and scholarships still however do. See your counselor for more information in September regarding the November test.

PSAT/NMSQT [Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Qualifying Test]

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors and their counselors can use these tests to determine future academic routes. It can also be useful in predicting future placement on the SAT. For Juniors, the results of the test are also used to select outstanding students in the nation for scholarship awards. About 1200 California students receive scholarship awards annually. See the Counseling Office for information and test dates.

College Entrance Information

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A high school diploma or Certificate of Proficiency or 18 years of age is required for entrance.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE

Entrance Requirements:

Admission requirements to both UC and Cal State systems are based on grade point average in grades 10-12. Some majors have additional criteria for selection to specific colleges or universities.

Students must meet the minimum A -G entrance requirements for most other colleges and universities in the United States.

OUT-OF-STATE AND PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Students considering application to private and out-of-state colleges should contact those colleges for specific entrance requirements

Mt. San Jacinto Dual Enrollment Program:

Allows qualified high school students to earn both college and high school credit for classes that meet high school graduation requirements. Dual enrollment courses are offered on the Hemet High School campus. Fast-paced rigorous courses; a one semester dual enrollment course is equivalent to a year-long high school class. An additional option to Advanced Placement (AP) classes; grades in dual enrollment classes are weighted and receive honors points (up to eight semesters) for UC/CSU admission. No tuition costs for California residents. No AP test fees/guaranteed college credit for dual enrollment courses completed with a C or better. For program requirements and/or more information, please contact your counselor or visit the Career Center.

Enrollment and Withdrawals

Student enrollment for all grades will be processed through the Hemet Unified School District Centralized Student Services Center, 2085 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet, CA 92545, (951)765-5100. A parent or legal guardian must provide verification of parent/legal guardian identity, student birth date verification, evidence of residency, and verification of immunizations. A list of acceptable forms of verification and additional enrollment information can be found at the district website, www.hemetusd.org.

For students enrolling at Hemet High from another school, it is strongly recommended that you provide a transcript from the last school attended. This will enable us to place you in proper classes to fulfill graduation requirements.

General Withdrawal Requirements

1. Legal parents/guardians must visit the registrar's office with a picture ID to complete and sign a withdrawal form.
2. Students must pick up a withdrawal form from the registrar to be signed by the library, attendance, ASB, and registrar.
3. If transferring to Alessandro High School, a referral must have been completed by a Hemet High counselor and accepted by Alessandro prior to withdrawal. If transferring to the Academy of Innovation, you must have been accepted by an Academy of Innovation counselor prior to withdrawal. Withdrawal may be completed **ONLY ONE DAY** (1 DAY) prior to enrollment to those schools.
4. Withdrawal form **MUST** be turned in to the registrar upon completion.
5. Students withdrawing to attend another school, especially out of the Hemet Unified School District, **MUST HAVE ALL BOOKS AND FEES CLEARED** in order to receive official records.
6. Please see our registrar for your checkout needs and for further instructions and information.

Grading Information

Grading Periods:

Fall Semester

First Triad Ends	September 18, 2026
Second Triad Ends	October 30, 2026
First Semester Ends	December 17, 2026

Spring Semester

Fourth Triad Ends	February 26, 2027
Fifth Triad Ends	April 16, 2027
Second Semester Ends	June 2, 2027

Grade Changes

Teachers may submit a grade change form to the registrar to correct a grade. All grade changes must be submitted within the first 2-week grading period of the subsequent triad and must be approved by the principal.

Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement Education Code BP & AR 5121

Academic marks shall be based on the competency level of each student and subject area as it relates to standards. Students shall achieve the level of meeting content-area standards by the end of the grading terms when a final grade mark is recorded. Per California State Education Code, attendance shall not be factored into the academic grade.

Academic Mark

A - Exceeding Content Area Standards
B - Meeting Content Area Standards
C - Approaching Content Area Standards
D - Beginning Progress Towards Content Area Standards
F - No Evidence of Progress Towards Standards

Graduation Requirements

Specific courses required by the State of California must be taken. Local requirements may be waived for students transferring from other schools and in certain exceptional cases when approved by the Counseling Committee.

Credits Required for Graduation

The district requires a student to successfully complete 220 credits in grades 9-12 for graduation.

Classes Taken Off-Campus

College, online classes, etc. must be pre-approved by Hemet High School's Administration and Counseling Office staff.

Incomplete

An Incomplete shall be given only when a student's work is not finished because of illness or other excused absence. If not made up within six weeks, the Incomplete shall become an F.

Pass/Fail Grading

Pass/Fail is for Student Aides only.

Progress Reports

Progress reports are issued to explain the status of the pupil's work. Tardies and absences may also be reported on progress reports. They may indicate satisfactory or unsatisfactory performance and also serve as a warning when a student is not working up to his/her capacity. Progress reports are issued the 7th and 13th week of each semester, but may be sent any time during the year as needed.

Progress toward Graduation

The Counseling Office provides students with "grad checks" each year and upon request. The form lists requirements, course credits earned, and remaining requirements. Parents will be able to check the progress toward graduation by using the grad check printout.

Repeated Classes

With the approval of the principal or designee, a student may repeat designated courses in order to improve the student's mastery of the subject matter. Both grades will be recorded in the student's record. Credits will only be given once.

Student Schedule Changes

During the first two weeks of each semester, a student may request a change of schedule by informing their counselor of the request. During this time we will consider these requests, on a case by case basis, except for instances of changing lunch or teacher. Beginning the third week of each semester, no requests regarding course changes will be considered.

Throughout the semester, a student or parent may request a parent/teacher/counselor meeting to monitor progress or discuss concerns relating to a course. This policy applies to all programs, both regular education and Special Education. A student may also request a change in level of placement. This will require a parent/student/teacher/counselor meeting to discuss and approve on a space available and case by case basis.

It is always appropriate for a student or parent to bring concerns regarding conflict within a course to the attention of the student's teacher, counselor or an administrator. Concerns regarding any course that results in a request or determination to change a student's schedule should be precluded by a parent/teacher/counselor conference. Administration is available for assistance during these conferences as needed. Please note that changes to a student's schedule occurring after the start of instruction in each semester may result in the student receiving partial credits in the original and transfer course.

NOTE: Career Technical Education (CTE) provides students with opportunities that can shape their future. Some of these courses provide students with early college credit, industry certifications, internships, and pre-apprenticeship opportunities. If you are enrolled in a CTE course, the expectation is that you finish that CTE pathway, which consists of (2) year long courses.

If you have any questions about CTE pathways, please reach out to your child's counselor.

Student Aides/Student Tutors

Maximum of one aide and one tutor per teacher with administrative exception on a case by case basis with a teacher's need for a student to assist with service, supervision, or safety.

> **Student Aides** have various duties which are generally clerical, such as typing, filing, and record keeping. No more than two semesters of the Student Aide course may count toward graduation requirements. Students must be a 12th grader. **Student Aides receive a Pass/Fail grade.** Board Policy prevents any grading or recording of grades by students, and students are not to use copy machines or equipment in the teachers' lounge.
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> **Student Tutor** is available only with administrator, counselor, and instructor approval. Student Tutor is a course that offers students a chance to help other students at lower grade levels. This course is especially appropriate for students considering a career in education. Students must be a 12th grader and have passed the course with an A or B grade prior to being a student tutor. **Students earn a letter grade.**

Temporary Excuse from P.E.

Students who need to be excused from participating in physical education class due to health reasons must provide a note from home explaining the situation. The P.E. Department will review notes requesting temporary exemptions from participation.

If a student needs to be excused from P.E. for more than 5 consecutive days, they must submit a doctor's note to both their P.E. teacher and the school health office. The doctor's note should specify the reason and duration for which the student cannot participate.

Transcripts

Courses taken at a community college or any outside source must be pre-approved by the Hemet High School's Administration and Counseling Department.
Transcripts must be submitted to the registrar before the end of the next semester after completion of the college course. All grades on transcripts will be posted.
All courses posted to a transcript are final and cannot be removed at a later date.
Education Code 49066: When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a school district, the grade given to each pupil shall be the grade determined by the teacher of the course and the determination of the pupil's grade by the teacher, in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency, shall be final.

Unscheduled Period(s)

Unscheduled periods can only be during 1st or 6th period. Exceptions can only be granted by administration:

- Only special cases qualify for 5th and 6th unscheduled periods.
- Students must meet specific criteria in order to qualify for an unscheduled period. Please see your student's counselor for more details.

WHAT IS A-G?

And why is it so important?

The A-G requirements are a list of high school courses that students **must** complete *(with a grade of C or better)* to be eligible for admission to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU). However, these courses represent the basic level of academic preparation high school students should achieve to find success at **ANY** university.

Hemet High School Graduation Requirements:

220 total credits earned in the following areas:

- English- 4 years
- Social Studies - 3 years
- Math- 3 years
(including 1 year of Algebra I & 1 year of Geometry)
- Physical Science- 1 year
- Life Science- 1 year
- Physical Eduation- 2 years
- Fine Art or Foreign Language or CTE- 1 year
- Electives (70 credits)



A-G REQUIREMENTS

A - 2 years of History/Social Studies
1 year of World History and 1 year of US History or 1 semester of US History and 1 semester of American Government

B - 4 years of English

C - 3 years of Math (4 years recommended)

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II

D - 2 years of Lab Science (3 years recommended)
Biology, and either Chemistry or Physics

E- 2 years of Foreign Language (3 recommended)

F - 1 year of Visual/Performing Art

G - 1 year of a College Prep Elective

Contact the Hemet High Counseling Team For More Information!

ATHLETICS

The Hemet High Bulldog Athletic tradition is one of which we can all be proud. Bulldog Athletics emphasizes a keen, competitive edge within the parameters of fair play and good sportsmanship. Participants in athletics gain the satisfaction of contributing to a group, by oftentimes sacrificing individual gain for the achievement of the team.

Athletics at Hemet High School develops individual and team skills. Just as important as physical skill development is the character building processes that athletes progress through. Athletes must be good citizens and conscience students to become and remain members of Bulldog interscholastic teams.

Bulldog athletes are expected to demonstrate humility in victory and grace in defeat. Above all, they will consistently uphold standards of conduct and behavior that reflect positively on Hemet High School.

ALL student athletes are subject to Hemet High School discipline policies at all athletic events.

FALL SPORTS
Cross Country - Girls
Cross Country - Boys
Football
Golf - Girls
Tennis - Girls
Volleyball - Girls
Water polo - Boys

WINTER SPORTS
Basketball - Boys
Basketball - Girls
Competitive Cheer
Soccer - Boys
Soccer - Girls
Water polo - Girls
Wrestling - Boys
Wrestling - Girls

SPRING SPORTS
Baseball
Golf - Boys
Beach Volleyball
Lacrosse - Girls
Golf - Girls
Swimming - Boys
Swimming - Girls
Softball
Stunt Cheer
Track - Boys
Track - Girls
Tennis - Boys
Volleyball - Boys

Athletic Eligibility

Athletic eligibility is regulated by the California Interscholastic Federation and the Hemet Unified School District Board of Education in addition to Hemet High standards.

1. An athlete must be currently enrolled in at least 20 semester units of work at Hemet High School.
2. An athlete must have passed in at least 20 semester units of work at the completion of the regular grading period with at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
3. All incoming 9th grade students are eligible until 1st triad grades are posted, at which time they must maintain a 2.0.
4. An athlete whose 19th birthday is prior to June 15 is ineligible.
5. CIF has more specific rules concerning residency and foreign exchange students. Transfer students need to fill out a residency card to determine eligibility and submit appropriate CIF forms.

Daily Attendance Requirement

To be eligible to participate in any athletic contest, practice, performance, or after-school activity, students must attend a minimum of four class periods during the school day.

Students who leave school due to illness may not participate in any after-school athletic or extracurricular activity on that same day.

Exceptions may be considered for verified medical appointments, school-sponsored activities, or other administrator-approved absences.

Attendance Probation Policy

Initial Attendance Probation

Any student-athlete who accumulates:

- More than three (3) unexcused absences, and/or
- More than seven (7) tardies

during a single grading period will be placed on **Attendance Probation** for the following grading period.

While on Attendance Probation, the student-athlete is expected to demonstrate improved attendance and punctuality.

Continued Violations During Probation

If a student-athlete on Attendance Probation accumulates:

- Two (2) additional unexcused absences, and/or
- Five (5) additional tardies

during the probationary grading period, the student-athlete will be declared **athletically ineligible** for the following grading period.

The student-athlete will remain ineligible until all unexcused absences have been appropriately made up through school-approved attendance recovery opportunities or administrative clearance.

Expectations During Ineligibility

Students declared ineligible may:

- Continue attending school and academic support programs.
- Be required to attend tutoring, attendance recovery, or intervention meetings as assigned.

Students declared ineligible may not:

- Participate in games, contests, performances, or competitions.
- Dress out or travel with teams unless approved by administration and coaching staff.

Participation in practices during periods of ineligibility will be determined by school administration and athletic department guidelines.

Athletic Code of Conduct

All school rules, regulations, and discipline procedures apply during the school year and the season of practice, play, or rehearsal.

Athletic Credit for P.E.

Any athlete in grades 9-12 participating in a sport at Hemet High School may receive 5 credits of physical education credit towards graduation upon the successful completion of that sport's season. The most credits an athlete can earn during a school year is 10, regardless of the number of sports he or she participates in. The PE or elective credits will be for a Pass/Fail. Athletes have the option to opt-out if credit is not desired.

Athletic/Activity Substance Use Code

The Athletic Substance Use Code is a training policy that is meant to be in effect at all times during a season (weekends included). By comparison, administrative action, including Governing Board policy, is in effect while student athletes are going to school, during school, leaving school, and at all school related activities. Any administrative actions may supersede athletic penalties.

Forms

Every athlete must have an electronic Athletic Eligibility form on file along with a physical form and proper insurance on file. Visit AthleticClearance.com to create an account. If you do not have insurance, Myers/Stevens/Toohey insurance can be purchased in the office at Hemet High School. **All athletes should turn in their physical and insurance to the athletic office in May or June prior to the upcoming school year.**

Injuries

If an athlete is injured, he or she should tell the coach immediately. Coaches will attempt to contact parents as soon as possible in cases of serious injury. It is the intent of Hemet High to provide emergency evaluation and emergency care to injuries incurred during school sponsored sports events.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Education Code 48200
Parents are responsible for the punctual and regular attendance of their children. Illness, death or funeral in the immediate family, medical or dental appointments, and required court appearances are the only excused reason for absence. It is recommended that medical and dental appointments be scheduled after school hours, except for emergencies. Because of the need to interpret California school attendance laws, the school determines whether the absence was excused or not.

Absent
Your parent or guardian should call 951-765-5150, ext. 2027 or 2028, between 7:15 am and 3:30 pm daily or leave a message after hours. Be prepared with your name, the student's first and last name or student ID, grade, and reason for absence. All absences should be cleared by a parent or guardian on the first day of absence. If that is not possible, please clear all absences within 5 days from the date of absence.

Attendance Laws
According to state laws, students must attend school until age 18 unless they graduate sooner or pass the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE). Parents are held responsible for the regular and punctual attendance of their children. Illness, medical or dental appointments, school activities, and required court appearances are the only legally acceptable reasons for absence.

It is the intent of this policy to target students who have developed the habit of poor school attendance and to encourage them to place a higher priority on their current educational opportunity. The faculty, staff, and administration at Hemet High believe this procedure will be a strong step forward in ensuring a more purposeful, productive school environment. Help us to help your student.

Attendance Policy
Hemet High believes that excessive unexcused absences (above ten 10) are considered excessive. Attendance is recorded on a period by period basis.

Attendance Marks
According to the State of California Education Code, student absences will be marked to one of the following categories:

> **Excused** absences include religious holidays, sickness, medical, optical, or dental appointments, death in the immediate family, or jury duty.
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> **Unexcused** absences are those which are not authorized by the school, even though the parent is aware. Such absences include work, shopping, errands, out of town, vacations, car repair/trouble, hair, nail or personal appointments, babysitting, airport, oversleeping, etc.

Education Code 48260: Truancy - An absence not cleared by a parent or guardian.
Any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without valid excuse more than three (3) days or tardy in excess of 30 minutes on each of more than three (3) days in one school year is a truant and shall be reported to the attendance supervisor or to the superintendent of the school district. Truancy citations can and will be issued by the School Resource Officer and/or the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

Attendance Procedures

1. Any student who was absent for one or more periods (not school related) the previous day must bring a note from the parent or guardian or call the school within 24 hours of returning to school.
2. Students tardy to first period within the first ten minutes of the bell ringing on the current day should report directly to their classroom if they have a note from their parent.
3. If a student arrives at school after the first ten minutes with a note or prior phone call, they must report to the attendance office.
4. Students arriving late to school without a note or prior phone call must report to the attendance office.
5. If a student has chronic tardiness and absences, they may be placed on the no-go list. This will result in a student not being able to attend extracurricular activities, such as: sporting events, field trips, dances, etc..

Change of Address

Parents/Guardians are requested to promptly notify the Centralized Student Services Center, located at 2085 West Acacia Avenue in Hemet, of any changes to home address, telephone numbers, or parent/guardian work telephone numbers. Providing accurate and up-to-date contact information is essential for effective communication. Non-resident students found to have provided false information or addresses will be subject to removal from the class rolls at Hemet High School. The district takes matters of residency verification seriously to ensure proper enrollment and allocation of resources.

Student Check-Out Procedures

1. When a parent or emergency contact needs to check a student out they must:
    a. Report to the front office, present a government-issued identification document, and sign in using the LobbyGuard system.
    b. Proceed to the attendance window, provide identification to the attendance clerk, and sign out the student.
    c. The attendance clerk will summon the student to report to the attendance window.
    d. Please DO NOT call or text your student to meet you at attendance, they must be called for and released by campus personnel.
2. Upon returning to campus, the student must check back in through the attendance office.
3. Leaving campus without obtaining an off-campus pass is considered an unexcused absence, regardless of the reason, be it medical or otherwise.

4. Parent/Guardian phone calls will NOT release students from campus. A written note must be provided for the release of any student under 18 years of age.
5. Individuals under the age of 18, not listed on the student's emergency card, or unable to provide valid photo identification will not be granted access to any student.
6. Picking up a student during their Physical Education class or lunch period may result in delays if the aforementioned procedures are not followed. Please consult the bell schedule for passing periods and lunch times. Individual student announcements will not be made over the school's public address system.
7. It is imperative and the responsibility of the parent/guardian to update the Aeries Parent Portal with the latest contact information and authorized persons for student pick-up. Changes to the emergency card must be made in person (valid photo identification required) OR via Aeries Parent Portal. Only the parent/guardian of record can authorize such changes.

Tardy Policy 2026-27

Tardy Count	Interventions
Tardy #1	• Classroom intervention • Automatic ParentSquare notification
Tardy #2	• Positive parent contact by teacher • Automatic ParentSquare notification
Tardy #3	• Positive parent contact • Lunch Intervention • Automatic ParentSquare notification
Tardy #4	• Positive parent contact • Lunch Intervention • Automatic ParentSquare notification
Tardy #5	• Lunch Intervention • Attendance/Tardy Contract ATS* • Parent contact by ATS • Automatic ParentSquare notification
Tardy #6 +	• Administrative referral • Attendance intervention/support • Possible additional consequences/interventions

Tardies Over 10 Minutes

- Campus Security Officers will sweep the campus and ensure students are entering classes up to 10 minutes after each bell.
- Students found wandering the campus after 10 minutes (without a pass or out of bounds) will be escorted to the lunch intervention/ATS room.

- Teachers will contact the discipline office to have a student escorted to administration if a student tries to enter the classroom after 10 minutes.
- Administration will work in collaboration with the ATS (MTSS) Teacher to provide appropriate intervention/consequence.

Random Tardy Sweeps

- Random Tardy Sweeps will be conducted periods 2 - 6. If a student is found not in class during a tardy sweep, they will be assigned a lunch detention.

10/10 Rule

The 10/10 rule requires all students to be in class the first 10 minutes of every class and the concluding 10 minutes of class (barring medical emergency). This ensures the safety and security of the campus as well as promotes maximum use of instructional time for students. Students are given ample time between classes to use the bathroom facilities. Students who have special circumstances will be permitted to handle their duties through the health office.

AWARDS

Grades 9-11

All students are eligible for numerous awards and honors and are recognized during the Fall and Spring awards ceremonies.

- **Department Awards (Spring Ceremony):** Every teacher has the opportunity to recognize several students deserving an award.
- **Daisy Chain (Spring Ceremony):** The juniors with the highest ranking grade point average (approximately 24 students) receive recognition and lead the seniors at graduation.
- **Academic Excellence (Fall Ceremony):** Diploma-bound students enrolled in four or more College Preparatory courses (excluding online credit recovery platforms e.g. Edgenuity/APEX) with straight A's, a weighted grade point average of 4.0 or higher, or as designated by the Hemet High Administrative team. Students who maintain a 4.0 or higher weighted GPA for both the fall and spring semesters will receive an academic letter (first award) or lamp of knowledge (subsequent awards) at the beginning of the next school year.

State Seal of Civic Engagement (SSCE)

The SSCE is an award adopted by the State Board of Education for students who demonstrate excellence in civics education and participation. Students who earn a seal will have it affixed to their transcripts, diplomas, or certificates of completion.

To qualify for the State Seal of Civic Engagement, a student must:

- Be engaged in academic work in a productive way
- Demonstrate a competent understanding of US and California constitutions; functions and governance of local governments, tribal government structures, and organizations; the role of the citizen in a constitutional democracy; and democratic principles, concepts, and processes.
- Participate in one or more informed civic engagement project(s) that address real-world problems and require students to identify and inquire into civic needs or problems, consider varied responses, take action, and reflect on efforts.
- Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions through self-reflection
- Exhibit character traits that reflect civic-mindedness and a commitment to positively impact the classroom, school, community, and society.

The deadline to submit for Seniors is March 31

Senior Awards

A separate senior awards night is held during the last week of school to recognize graduating seniors with various honors and/or scholarships, including Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Highest Honor Grads, Honor Grads, Outstanding Senior Female, Outstanding Senior Male, and Principal's Awards.

Numerous departments and organizations also recognize graduating seniors. Seniors are eligible to receive many local and national scholarships.

- **President's Award for Educational Excellence and Achievement (Spring Ceremony):** Graduating seniors who score an 1170 or higher on the PSAT/NMQST **and** have a minimum overall GPA of 4.0 will receive the President's Award for Academic Excellence **(Gold Seal Certificate)** and a minimum GPA of 3.5 to receive the President's Award for Academic Achievement **(Silver Seal Certificate)**.

Valedictorian/ Salutatorian Selection

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian selection procedure is necessary to make a fair determination.

To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian consideration, a student must have been enrolled at the high school issuing the diploma during the final, four full semesters in which he/she earned credits, enrolled in at least six classes all four years each semester, have earned only A's, B's, and C's throughout high school, and must have met both graduation and UC/CSU (A-G) Requirements.

The student with the highest academic ranking is awarded Valedictorian based on the student's best 28-semester grades taken during the first seven (7) semesters of high school.

- All weighted courses (AP, Dual Enrollment) will be counted as one grade per class per semester. Only grades of A, B, C are weighted.
- Weighted courses are calculated on a 5-point scale. Other courses will be based on a 4-point scale.
- Dual Enrollment and all other college courses are counted as one weighted semester. Only college courses taken on their high school campus will be counted.

The second highest academic rank is awarded the title of Salutatorian.

In case of a tie, the student with the highest SAT score will be awarded Valedictorian. To determine the student's total Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and Math scores will be used, with a maximum score of 1600. When a student has more than one EBRW and Math score (multiple sittings), the highest score in each area will be used for the super score SAT score. SAT results must be received no later than the beginning of the second semester.

EXPECTATIONS

Students should consider each other's rights and accept responsibility for school property, upkeep, and other people's belongings. No student will be permitted to be a member of a team or to take part in any activity in which he/she represents the school before the public unless his/her citizenship record is in accord with the standards that the school upholds.

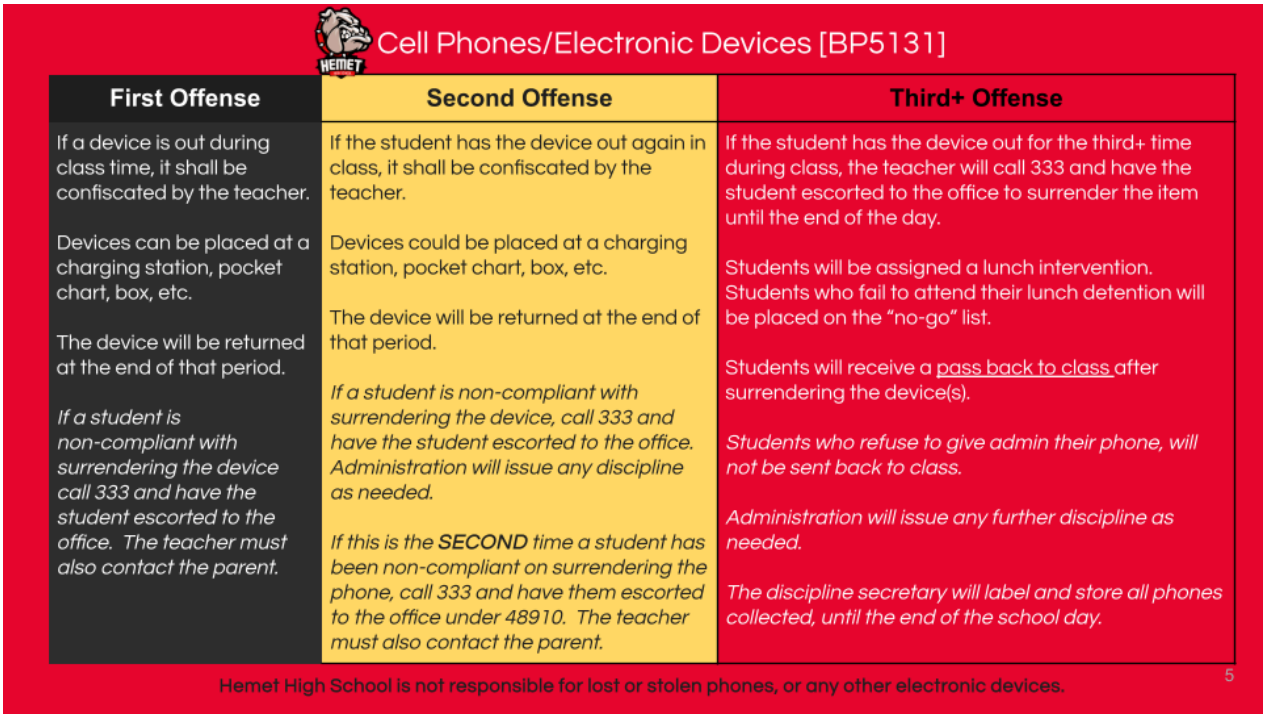
Academic Honesty

Honesty is valued at Hemet High School. Our school has a fundamental obligation to promote, model, and otherwise educate students about the importance of this basic character value.

Administrators, faculty, staff, and students should practice and emphasize integrity and ethical conduct in all relationships and situations. Cheating of any kind while completing course requirements (e.g., taking examinations, completing term papers/projects/assignments) is a personal violation of the high standard of behavior we strive to maintain. The intent of this policy is to support the school's efforts to encourage honesty and ethical conduct throughout the campus. Possible consequences may include an F grade on an assignment or test, parent contact, and/or disciplinary action.

NOTE: Students who provide information shall be considered as culpable as students who benefit from it.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices [BP 5131]



Bullying vs. Conflict

Conflict is a struggle between two or more people who perceive they have incompatible goals or desires. Conflict occurs naturally as we interact with one another. It is a normal part of life that we will not always agree with other people about the things we want, what we think, or what we want to do. Most conflicts between students arise when
students see the same situation from two different points of view. Think of some of the ways we describe people in conflict: "They were butting heads"; "They were going back
and forth at each other"; "It was 'he said/she said.'" In these cases, both people are equally "telling their side of the story."

In a conflict people may get frustrated and angry. Chances are the amount of emotion each person feels will be relatively equal because both are vying for what they want. In the heat of the moment, one or both people's emotions can escalate a conflict. All of us have known of conflicts in which people have said things to hurt one another which they later regret. People engaged in a conflict want the issue to be resolved. The "back and forth" that occurs is each person trying to make the case for what s/he wants. When one or both people have the skills to resolve the dispute so that both sets of needs are met, the same conflict between the same two people most likely will not be repeated.

Cyber-bullying

Cyber-bullying includes the posting of harassing messages, direct threats, social cruelty, or other harmful text or images on the Internet, social networking sites, or other digital technologies, as well as breaking into another person's account and assuming that person's identity in order to do damage that person's reputation or friendships. Students committing acts of cyber-bullying may be suspended or expelled.

Dress Code

Students Must Wear:

- Shirt/Top/Dress (must have at least one visible strap to secure over the shoulder or neck during school)
- Pants/Sweatpants/Shorts/Skirt/Dress (that cover undergarments; straps on undergarments and visible waistbands are acceptable)
- Shoes: Activity-specific shoes are required for physical education (PE), outdoor, and co-curricular activities
- Attire for activities as part of a specific curriculum (for example, job/career readiness, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps [JROTC])
- Students shall be allowed to wear sun-protective clothing, including school-appropriate hats and sunglasses for outdoor use during the school day, without a physician's note or prescription. School sites are authorized to establish a policy regarding the use of sunscreen. (EC 35183.5)

Students cannot wear:

- Clothing or accessories with images or language that:
    - Is violent
    - Depicts drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity) or their use
    - Includes hate speech, profanity, or pornography (including symbols)
    - It is likely to create a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class

- Undergarments, sheer materials, and swimwear of similar design are worn as outerwear.
- Headwear or clothing that obscures the face (except as a religious observance or health/safety-related guidelines, including health and safety facial coverings).
- In consultation with law enforcement or other gang experts, the school administration may limit clothing or apparel where there is a reasonable basis for identifying affiliated clothing or apparel. Limitations and prohibitions will be applied equally to all students. In no instance will a student's clothing or apparel be identified as gang-related based on the student's race, national origin, or ancestry.

Progressive Intervention:

Students and parents have the primary responsibility for dress and grooming. The school district and individual schools are responsible for ensuring that a student's dress and grooming do not interfere with the health or safety of any student and do not contribute to a hostile or intimidating environment.

No student's academic grade shall be adversely affected based on non-compliance with the dress code, except in Physical Education, when failure to wear appropriate apparel arises from circumstances within the student's control.

Dress code violations will be resolved quickly to reduce loss of instructional time and addressed privately with individual students. School sites will implement progressive interventions for dress code violations:

- Warning and self-correct due to dress code violation
- Offer students a change of nondescript and/or school-specific clothing
- Offer the parent/guardian the opportunity to bring a change of clothes.
- Repeated violations may result in a parent-school conference and/or other means of correction

Gang Activities

Gang activities on school campus are a threat to campus safety and to an individual's feelings of security. Such activities disrupt the learning environment of the school. Any student or group of students who engage in any activity that is determined to be gang related by the school administration will be dealt with through conferences, suspension, expulsion, or transfer to alternative study programs. Objectionable activities include:

- Fighting
- Threats to students or school personnel
- Wearing of gang clothing (hats, shirts, jackets) or insignias of gangs
- Wearing or displaying headbands or bandanas
- Apparel with emblems, printing, etc., that creates animosity between groups and/or individuals
- Making gang hand signs
- Encouraging others to fight
- Possession of weapons or explosives
- Boot with steel toes (black with color laces)

- Any other activity or dress that indicates support or belonging to a gang
- Bandanas, towels, or other clothing items hanging from pocket
- Gang members (non-students) coming onto campus looking for one of our students to fight
- The wearing of hats, shirts, jackets, or any other clothing with gang names or an individual student's name or nickname is not acceptable. However, the uniforms and auxiliary clothing of school sponsored groups and teams are acceptable campus dress.

All students have the right to feel safe and secure and to walk the campus without feeling threatened. This feeling of safety allows students to concentrate on their studies.

Hate Violence

No person shall, by force or threat of force, willfully injure, intimidate or interfere with another person's race, color, religious ancestry, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation. To do so constitutes a hate violence crime resulting in suspension with a high probability of expulsion.

Hazing

A student who commits any act that injures, degrades, disgraces, or tends to injure, degrade, or disgrace any fellow student is guilty of hazing. "Trash canning" is an example of hazing. Students committing acts of hazing may be suspended or expelled.

Offenses

The following is a brief list of potential offenses occurring before, during, or after school, going to or from school, or while involved in school activities that may result in disciplinary action being taken.

- **Assault/Battery:** One-sided physical attack on someone else
- **Bullying:** Repeated negative or "malicious" behavior by one or more students/persons that is aimed at another student/person which creates an intimidating environment or causes fear.
- **Bus Ticket:** The result of inappropriate or unsafe behavior on the bus
- **Cheating:** Tests, Quizzes, Homework, and Other Assignments
- **Class or School Disruption:** Talking, visiting or leaving assigned seat without permission, bothering other students in class, etc.
- **Dangerous Behavior:** running, chasing, pushing, wrestling, horseplay, etc.
- **Defiance of Authority:** Refusal to comply with the request of school personnel
- **Destruction/Defacement of Property:** Attempting to cause/causing damage
- **Dress Code Violation**
- **Drugs:** Sales, Possession, Use, or under influence of controlled substances.
- **Electronic Devices**: Using electronic devices (cell phones, earbuds/headphones, etc. without permission.
- **Explosive Devices:** Poppers/firecrackers/stink bombs, etc. The possession or discharge of fireworks of any kind (this includes poppers) is prohibited by county ordinance. California law, effective January 1, 2002 requires the school board to expel a student for possession of illegal explosive devices.
- **Fighting/Inciting**
- **Graffiti:** Writing on school/private property; or acting as a look-out for someone
- **Instigation:** Contributing to and/or escalating a conflict. Encourages a student to fight or records a fight
- **No-Shows:** Not serving interventions or detentions

- **Obscene Act:** Indecent act *pantsing, mooning, etc. An obscene act can be considered sexual harassment.
- **Prohibited Items:** Darts, blowguns (California Penal Code §12580 Blow Gun, § Blow Gun Ammunition), water guns; Lighters/Matches; Markers/Sharpies; Pepper Spray
    - Laser Lights: Pen-like pointers which aim a red dot at their target and which are intended as long range pointers for presentations can be hazardous and disruptive to school operations. Penal Code 417.27 prohibits students from possessing laser pointers on school premises, unless the pointer is used for valid instructional or other school-related purposes, including employment. Penal Code 417.25 states that exhibiting a laser scope which projects a laser light on objects at a distance, whether or not attached to a firearm, may be a misdemeanor if intended to cause a person fear of bodily harm.

- **Profanity, Vulgarity, Slurs, Offensive Language**
- **Sales -** No personal businesses or items may be sold or exchanged on campus. All items sold must be part of a club or sport activity, approved by ASB.
- **Sexual Harassment**: The Hemet Unified School District is committed to a work and educational environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each student has the right to learn in a professional atmosphere that promotes equal educational opportunity and is free from discriminatory practices. Sexual harassment is a violation of Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and California Educational Code Sections 210 through 214, inclusive (H.U.S.D. Board Policy #5145.7). Therefore, the District strongly condemns, opposes and prohibits sexual harassment of individuals, whether verbal, physical or environmental, by anyone. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion.
- **Stolen Property/Theft:** Possession or furnishing
- **Tardies:** Not in class when the bell rings
- **Threats:** Statements/actions which threaten to cause injury to people or property
- **Truancy:** Cutting classes, skipping school, unauthorized absences
- **Violation of Boundaries/Out of Bounds**
- **Weapons/Dangerous Objects** No weapons or dangerous objects of any kind are allowed on any HUSD facility. (See Search and Seizure-Possession of guns, knives, lighters or other dangerous objects). Pen-like pointers which aim a red dot at their target and which are intended as long range pointers for presentations can be hazardous and disruptive to school operations. Penal Code 417.27 prohibits students from possessing laser pointers on school premises, unless the pointer is used for valid instructional or other school-related purposes, including employment. Penal Code 417.25 states that exhibiting a laser scope which projects a laser light on objects at a distance, whether or not attached to a firearm, may be a misdemeanor if intended to cause a person fear of bodily harm.

Tobacco / Vaping

The Hemet Unified School District is a tobacco-free district. The use of any tobacco/vaping products are prohibited at all times on district property and in district vehicles. Information on smoking/vaping cessation classes is available from the Office of Child Welfare and Attendance at 951-765-5100.

Students are not permitted to possess or use tobacco or vaping products from the time they leave home until the time they return to their house. Violations may result in suspension from school.

Possible consequences for drugs include Alternative to Suspension, parent shadowing, mandatory Tobacco Cessation Class, mandatory drug counseling, suspension, and or recommendation for expulsion. Each offense will increase the severity of the consequence.

School-Wide Expectations

The Bulldog Way:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Accountable

Bulldogs Are:	Hallways/ Stairway	Common Area	Bathrooms	*Social media/ social settings*
Respectful	• Appropriate behavior is keeping hands to self. • Interact positively with one another	• Please keep your area clean • Clean up after yourself • Speak kindly to those around you	• Be clean and keep it clean • Have good hygiene • Keep walls, stalls and floors clean • Cause no damage and report damage immediately	• Be respectful of others' posts, even if you don't agree with them. • Listen when others speak
Responsible	• Keep self to self • Allow everyone personal space • Use manners and show courtesy	• Use appropriate language and volume of voice • Use manners and show courtesy • Please keep your area clean	• Flush, then flush twice if needed to make it nice. • Wash hands • Leave facility in good working order	• Create good content • Be open minded • Balance your life - with school as a priority • Organize and prioritize
Accountable	• Keep area clear and clean • Use trash/recycling receptacles • Help other in need	• Leave surroundings better than you found them • Help others in need	• Be courteous to others • Respect others' property • Report vaping or other illegal activity	• You are what you post. • Act like you would in person • Report cyber bullying

Suspension/Expulsion

According to Education Code 48900, a student may be given interventions, or consequences including suspended or expelled for the following offenses:

A. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
B. Possessed, sold, or furnished any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object.
C. Possessed, used, sold, or furnished, or been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.
D. Offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered, or furnished another substance and represented it as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.
E. Committed or attempted robbery or extortion.
F. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property.
G. Stole or attempted to steal school or private property.
H. Possessed or used tobacco.
I. Committed an obscene act, engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
J. Possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia.
K. Disrupted school activities, or willfully defied the authority of school personnel.
L. Knowingly received stolen school or private property.
M. Possessed an imitation firearm.
N. Committed or attempted to commit sexual assault, or committed sexual battery.
O. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding.
P. Unlawfully ordered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
Q. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in hazing as defined in Section 32050.
R. Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act, as defined in subdivision (f) and (g) of Section 32261, directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel.
T. Aiding or abetting the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury on another person.
Note: This includes videotaping a fight per Jordan's Law.

EC 48900.2 Committed sexual harassment (Grades 4-12 only).

EC48900.3 Caused, attempted to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence (Grades 4-12 only).

EC 48900.4 Created an intimidating or hostile educational environment by intentionally engaging in harassment, threats or intimidation against a pupil or group of pupils (Grades 4-12 only).

EC 48900.7 Terrorists threats against school officials or school property, or both.

EC48900.8 Reporting: Per EC 48900(r), a pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts that are enumerated on this form and related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time.

Notice to Students, Parents, and Guardians

Possession of a firearm, brandishing a knife, sales of Drugs, or sexual assault and/or battery will result in automatic expulsion recommendations.

A student may be suspended by a teacher for the remainder of a period and for one additional period.

A student may be suspended by the Principal or Principal's designee no more than five (5) consecutive school days for one offense.

All rules and regulations regarding student discipline are available in the Principal's office. **The principal shall recommend a pupil's expulsion for any of the following acts,** as described in California education Code Section 48900, unless the principal finds, and so Reports in writing to the Governing Board, that expulsion is inappropriate, due to the particular circumstance, which shall be set out in the report of the incident:

California Education Code §48915:

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense. **Subsection (a).**
2. Possession of any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil at school or at a school activity off school grounds (this includes fireworks). **Subsection (b).**
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, as defined in Section 11053 of the Health and Safety Code, except for the sale of not more than one avoirdupois ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis. **Subsections (c) and (d).** (District policy is to suspend pending possible expulsion upon the first offense of sale of any controlled substance).
4. Robbery or extortion. **Subsection (e).**
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Section 240 and 242 of the Penal Code, upon any school employee.

The principal or superintendent of schools shall immediately suspend, pursuant to Section 48911, and shall recommend expulsion of a pupil that he or she determines has committed any of the following acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds (known as the Big 5):

California Education Code 48915(c):

1. Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm.
2. Brandishing a knife at another person.
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053), of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code.
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in subdivision (n) of Section48900 or committing a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900.
5. Possession of an explosive.

Since many of the rules relating to student conduct involve violations of civil or criminal law, school officials are required to report these violations to the local law enforcement agency.

HUSD NOTIFICATIONS

Parent/Caregiver Rights

The Board supports and acknowledges the right of a parent or guardian to direct the upbringing of his or her child. The Board also recognizes that parents or guardians should have the right to know whether any child of theirs will be asked to disclose or reveal, through the taking of any examination, survey, or questionnaire, certain matters of a personal nature about themselves, their parents, or guardians. The Board also recognizes that the parent or guardian of the child should have the choice whether or not the student will be allowed to participate in any such examination, survey, questionnaire, practice, sample, or official test without the prior written consent of the parent.

In order to ensure these rights, the District shall not administer to any student without prior written parental or guardian consent, any practice, sample, or official test, questionnaire, survey, or examination which contains any question or activities that relate to a student's or his or her parents' or guardians' beliefs and practices in sex, religion, personal or immediate family morals or values, or critical appraisals of individuals with whom the pupil has a close family relationship.

Secondly, no student shall be required, without prior written parental or guardian consent, as part of any research or experimentation program or project designed to explore or develop new or unproven teaching methods or techniques, to submit to psychiatric examination, testing, or treatment, or psychological examination, testing, or treatment in which the primary purpose is to reveal information concerning one or more of the following:

1. Political affiliation
2. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or his/her family.
3. Sex behavior and attitudes
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, and demeaning behavior
5. Critical appraisal of other individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship
6. Legally recognized privileged and analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians, and minsters
7. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program) without the prior consent of the student (if the student is an adult or emancipated minor), or in the case of emancipated minor, without prior written consent of the parent.

All instructional materials, including teacher manuals, films, tapes, or other supplemental material which will be used in connection with any research or experimentation program or project as defined by the paragraph immediately above, shall be made available for inspection by the parents or the guardians of children.

The purpose of this policy is not to prohibit any discussion in a classroom of such subjects as politics, religion, or sex; it is engaged in as part of a course of student curriculum adopted by the Board. Rather, this Policy is designed to protect against any direct or indirect attempt to ascertain information from a

student regarding him or herself and/or his/her family in the areas described herein unless the parent or guardian has first given his or her written permission. This policy shall not be construed to interfere or effect in any manner whatsoever the District's responsibility to report child abuse to California Penal Code 11165 and seq. as well as any other applicable reporting requirements under California laws.

Parent Shadow/Classroom Observation

Classroom observations or shadowing requires a 48-hour advance notice to ensure that personnel is available to accompany you as well as properly document your visit. Prior to entering campus, all visitors must show a current photo ID at the Reception Desk and receive a visitor badge. We highly guard students' learning time: therefore, it is important not to disturb teachers and students during instruction. If your desire is to meet with an administrator, please call ahead for an appointment, as drop-in requests are difficult to accommodate.

E. C. 49091.10 A parent or guardian has the right to observe instruction and other school activities that involve his or her child in accordance with procedures determined by the governing board of the school district to ensure the safety of pupils and school personnel and to prevent undue interference with instruction or harassment of school personnel. Reasonable accommodation of parents and guardians shall be considered by the governing board of the school district. Upon written request by the parent or guardian, school officials shall arrange for the parental observation of the requested class or classes or activities by that parent or guardian in a reasonable timeframe and in accordance with procedures determined by the governing board of the school district.

Parental/Guardian Liability

Parental/Guardian liability for willful misconduct of a minor that results in injury or death to a pupil or school employee, or an injury to school property, is now increased to $10,000. The parent or guardian shall also be liable for the amount of any reward not exceeding $10,000.

E.C. 48904(a)(1) Notwithstanding Section 1714.1 of the Civil Code, the parent or guardian of any minor whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to any pupil or any person employed by, or performing volunteer services for, a school district or private school or who willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures in any school property, real or personal, belonging to a school district or private school, or any personal property of any school employee, shall be liable for all damages so caused by the minor. The liability of the parent or guardian shall not exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000). The parent or guardian shall also be liable for the amount of any reward not exceeding ten thousand dollars ($10,000) paid pursuant to Section 53069.5 of the Government Code. The parent or guardian of a minor shall be liable to a school district or private school for all property belonging to the school district or private school loaned to the minor and not returned upon demand of an employee of the district or private school authorized to make the demand.

(2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall compute an adjustment of the liability limits prescribed by his subdivision at a rate equivalent to the percentage change in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services for the United States Department of Commerce for the 12-month period ending in the third quarter of the prior fiscal year.

(b)(1) Any school district or private school whose real or personal property has been willfully cut, defaced, or otherwise injured, or whose property is loaned to a pupil and willfully not returned upon

demand of an employee of the district or private school authorized to make the demand may, after affording the pupil his or her due process rights, withhold the grades, diploma, and transcripts of the pupil responsible for the damage until the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian has pain for the damages thereto, as provided in subdivision (a).

(2) The school district or private school shall notify the parent or guardian of the pupil in writing of the pupil's alleged misconduct before withholding the pupil's grades, diploma, or transcripts pursuant to this subdivision. When the minor and parent are unable to pay for the damages, or to return the property, the school district or private school shall provide a program of voluntary work for the minor in lieu of the payment of monetary damages. Upon completion of the voluntary work, the grades, diploma, and transcripts of the pupil shall be released.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Bill of Responsibility

Freedom and responsibility are mutual and inseparable; we can ensure enjoyment of the one only by exercising the other. Freedom for all of us depends on responsibility by each of us. To secure and expand our liberties, therefore, we accept these responsibilities as individual members of free society:

- **To be fully responsible for our own actions and for the consequences of those actions.** Freedom to choose carries with it the responsibility for our choices.
- **To respect the rights and beliefs of others.** In a free society, diversity flourishes. Courtesy and consideration towards others are measures of a civilized society.
- **To give empathy, understanding, and help to others.** As we hope others will help us when we are in need, we should help others when they are in need.
- **To do our best to meet our own and our family's needs.** There is no personal freedom without economic freedom. By helping ourselves and those closest to us to become productive members of society, we contribute to the strength of the nation.
- **To respect and obey the laws.** Laws are mutually accepted rules by which, together, we maintain a free society. Liberty itself is built on a foundation of law. That foundation provides an orderly process for changing laws. It also depends on our obeying laws once they have been freely adopted.
- **To respect the property of others, both private and public.** No one has the right to what is not his/hers. The right to enjoy what is ours depends on our respecting the right of others to enjoy what is theirs.
- **To share with others our appreciation of the benefits and obligations of freedom.** Freedom shared is freedom strengthened.
- **To participate constructively in the nation's political life.** Democracy depends on an active citizenry. It depends equally on an informed citizenry.
- **To help freedom survive by personal responsibility for its defense.** Our nation cannot survive unless we defend it. Its security rests on individual determination of each of us to help preserve it.
- **To respect the right to meet the responsibilities on which our liberty rests and our democracy depends.** This is the essence of freedom. Maintaining it requires our common, concerted efforts.

Policy on Student Rights and Responsibilities

Section I: Statement of Intent – The purpose of this policy is to ensure the exercise of rights of freedom of speech and expression with due regard to the rights of others and the need for reasonable restriction in the operation of the public school system. The following policies are established, to be supplemented by administrative rules and regulations as reasonably required.

Section II: Students of the district have the right to exercise free expression including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions, and the wearing of buttons, badges or other insignia.

1. Circulation of Petitions, Circulars, Newspapers, and Other Printed Matter – Students shall be allowed to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, and other printed matter subject to the following specific limitations:
    a. Coercion is not used to induce students to accept the printed matter or to sign petitions.
    b. Funds or donations are not collected for the material distributed.
    c. A copy of any written, printed, or reproduced material to be distributed shall be submitted to the principal at least 24 hours prior to such distribution. The principal may limit the number of students who may distribute material in any one day.
    d. Materials are not left undistributed or stacked for pick up while unattended at any place in the school or on school grounds.

2. Bulletin Boards – Students shall be provided with bulletin boards for use in posting student material on campus locations convenient to student use. When feasible, location and numbers of such bulletin boards shall be by joint agreement of student government representatives and school administration.
    a. Identification shall be required on any posted notice of the student or student group issuing the same.
    b. Posted notices or other communications shall be officially dated before posting and shall be removed after a reasonable time to assure full access to the bulletin boards.

Section III: In the exercise of the student rights described above, no student shall distribute materials, wear buttons, or other displays nor post notices or other materials which:

1. Are obscene to minors according to current legal definitions and/or school authority.
2. Are libelous or slanderous according to current legal definitions.
3. Incite students so as to create a clear and present danger of imminent commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations or of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
4. Express or advocate racial, ethnic, or religious prejudices so as to create a clear and present danger of imminent commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations or of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.

5. Are distributed in violation of the time, place, and manner requirements.

Section IV: The principal shall review material and exercise administrative responsibilities as required by this policy. The decision shall be final in regard to the prohibitions names in Section III of this policy. However, any student may appeal a decision concerning this policy to the Superintendent who shall render a decision within a reasonable time or no later than one (1) school day after receipt of the appeal. The appeal shall be based solely on the standards established in Education Code Section 48916.

Section V: Knowing violation of this policy by any student is sufficient cause for suitable disciplinary action to be taken.

Section VI: The principal shall develop administrative rules and regulations to implement this policy, in conjunction with student government representatives.

Freedom of Expression (Education Code 48916)
"Students of the public schools have the right to exercise free expression including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions, and the wearing of buttons, badges, and other insignia, except that expression which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous according to current legal standards, or which so incites students to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of lawful school regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school, shall be prohibited. Each governing board of a school district and each county superintendent of schools shall adopt rules and regulations relating to the exercise of free expression by the students upon the premise of each school within their respective jurisdictions, which shall include reasonable provisions for the time, place, and manner of conducting such activities".

Non-Discrimination Notice
The Hemet Unified School District is committed to providing equal opportunities for both sexes and the handicapped in all education programs and activities which it conducts and for employees and applicants for employment as required by federal and state statutes.

Sexual Harassment Policy
Hemet High School is committed to a work and educational environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each student has the right to learn in a professional atmosphere that promotes equal educational opportunity and is free from discriminatory practices. Sexual Harassment is violation of the Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and California Education Code Sections 210 through 214, inclusive.

Therefore, the district strongly condemns, opposes, and prohibits sexual harassment of individuals, whether verbal, physical, or environmental, by anyone. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion.

Definition

As used in this policy and regulation, "sexual harassment" means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, made by someone from or in an educational setting, under any of the following conditions:

1. Submission to the conduct is explicitly made a term of a condition of an individual's academic status or progress.
2. Submission to or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis of academic decisions affecting the individual.
3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's academic performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.
4. Submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis of any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits and services, honor programs, or activities available at or through the educational institution.

Examples

Unlawful harassment includes, but is not limited to:

1. Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory comments, slurs or unwanted sexual advances, invitations or comments.
2. Visual conduct such as derogatory posters, photography, cartoons, drawings or gestures.
3. Physical conduct such as assault, unwanted touching, blocking normal movement or interfering with work directed at a student because of sex, race, or any other protected basis.

How to Report Harassment

Complaint forms are available in the Counseling Office. You can ask any adult on campus for help in solving a harassment problem. Complaints are handled by counselors and/or administrators.

Student Grievance Procedure
(By a student or adult on behalf of a student)

A grievance is defined as a complaint filed by a student or by a student's parent on his/her behalf alleging one or more of the following unfair practices: (1) that a school rule, procedure or policy has been implemented unfairly; (2) that a grade has been arrived at based on an unfair procedure; (3) that a school rule, procedure or policy discriminates against or between students including discrimination on the basis of sex as it relates to Title IX of the Education Amendments.

1. SCHOOL LEVEL (Step 1)
    a. Student will present a complaint orally and informally to the teacher or school employee directly involved within 10 school days of the incident.
    b. If a complaint is not resolved, the school counselor should be scheduled for an informal discussion of said grievance. The counselor must hold a conference within 10 school days' time of the date of request.
    c. If a complaint is not resolved, the student will then present the complaint to an assistant principal or principal for an informal conference and discussion of the grievance.

2. SCHOOL LEVEL (Step 2)
    a. If a complaint is not resolved within 5 school days, the student will then present a formal complaint in writing to the appropriate assistant principal for a conference and discussion of the grievance. The assistant principal must hold a conference with the student within 10 school days after receiving the complaint.
3. SCHOOL LEVEL (Step 3)
    a. If a student is not satisfied with the resolution at Step 2, the student may appeal in writing to the principal for a conference and discussion of the grievance within 5 school days. The principal will then investigate the complaint and render a decision within 10 school days after receiving the appeal.
4. DISTRICT LEVEL (Step 4)
    a. If the student believes it is necessary to appeal the complaint beyond the decision at Step 3, an appeal in writing with all supportive evidence may be filed with the Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, within 5 school days. The assistant superintendent will examine and investigate and render a decision within 15 school days after receiving the appeal.

NOTE: Grievant may appear with a representative, if desired, at any step after Step 1.

Abuse of School Employees or the Educational Environment

Education Code 44811. Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities; punishment; exemptions. Any parent, guardian, or other person whose conduct in a place where a school employee is required to be in the course of his or her duties materially disrupts classwork or extracurricular activities or involves substantial disorder is guilty of a misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars ($100), by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than 10 days, or both. This section does not apply to any otherwise lawful employee concerted activity, including, but not limited to, picketing and the distribution of handbills.

Education Code 44810. Every minor over 16 years of age or adult who is not a pupil of the school, including but not limited to, any such minor or adult who is the parent or guardian of a pupil of the school, who comes upon any school ground or into any schoolhouse and there willfully interferes with the discipline, good order, lawful conduct, or administration of any school class or activity of the school, with the intent to disrupt, obstruct, or to inflict damage to property or bodily injury upon any person, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars ($100) nor more than one thousand dollars ($1000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both.

All questions regarding the management of the school or classroom are expected to be asked and answered in a reasonable, solution-seeking style. Should hostility or emotion become overriding influences to problem solving and good judgment, the District and site written complaint procedure should be followed.


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