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### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- School Hours: School hours are 8:20 AM – 2:34 PM.
- School Handbook and Code of Conduct: The school handbook and the district code of conduct will be made available electronically. We will also review this information with students at the beginning of each semester Both of these should be read carefully by students and parents as the student will be tested on the contents. Planners will be made available for students wishing to purchase one. The cost will be \$5.00.
- Backpacks: Book bags and backpacks are permitted on campus. Each student will receive textbooks to use at home. Students will have textbooks while at school, too.
- Physical Education: Most students take P.E. Gym lockers are available for students taking P. E. to rent for \$1.00. They are to be used for storing P. E. clothes during the week. Students must supply their own combination lock for these lockers. Dress code for P.E. is a solid white top and solid black shorts/pants.
- Medication: Any medication, either prescription or nonprescription, to be administered to a student on school grounds or at school functions must be brought to the school by the parent/guardian (not the student). No student is allowed to have any medication in his/her possession on school grounds, on a school bus, or at school functions. Medications must be in the original prescription container, properly labeled, and given to the school health technician (ext. 216).
- Cafeteria Info: Breakfast and lunch are served daily. A la carte items are also available. Meals may be paid for daily or pre-paid for a period of time. If lunches are not pre-paid then students must be prepared to pay daily. Students may also bring lunch from home. Drinks from home must be in a sealed can or carton. Information about free and reduced lunches will be sent home at the beginning of the year.
- Bus Schedules: Bus schedules are published by the District Department of Transportation. A student may obtain bus numbers for the morning and the afternoon routes from that list. The phone number for the Santa Rosa County Department of Transportation is 983-5100. **As well, bus schedules will be available during schedule pick-up.**

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### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

- Regular attendance and punctuality are essential to good achievement. Any student who arrives late to school must report to the office before going to class. Any student who has been absent from school must bring a signed note from home stating the reason for the absence. Notes must be turned in within 3 days of returning from an absence. Parents may excuse 9 days of absence per school year without a doctor's note. Any further absences will require a doctor's excuse note. **Failure to turn in an acceptable absence excuse note within three school days will result in an automatic unexcused absence.** If a student accumulates 5 unexcused absences, the parent/guardian will be required to attend a school conference and complete a truancy plan.
- **Excused Absences:** Absences granted for personal illness, illness or death of a member of the immediate family, medical or dental appointments, and special emergencies or pre-arranged absences approved by the principal or designee.
- **Unexcused Absences:** Absences for shopping trips, vacations, pleasure trips, truancy, suspension or dismissal from school, or other avoidable absences which have not been pre-arranged and approved by the principal or designee.
- Please refer to the Code of Student Conduct for the full attendance policy as it is not possible to fit the entire policy on this form. Any discrepancies are superseded by the Code of Student Conduct.

### **DRESS CODE**

- Students may not wear clothes or tattoos that show obscene or offensive language, drugs, tobacco, alcohol or advertisements for such products.
- Students may not wear any color, clothing, insignia, emblem, jewelry, or other object in such a manner as to indicate membership or association with any secret organization or gang.
- All shirts, tops, and dresses **MUST COMPLETELY COVER THE SHOULDER (3" index card width).** Spaghetti straps, halter-tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, undershirts or sheer tops as outer-garments or as undergarments **ARE NOT ALLOWED.** **No low-cut** or tight shirts or blouses are allowed. Tops must not reveal cleavage, lower back, abdomen, or midriff, including when arms are raised, sitting, or when leaning forward. Student clothing is to cover undergarments completely.

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### **DRESS CODE (CONT'D)**

- All shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be no shorter than **5 inches in length above the middle of the knee. All shirts must have sleeves that measure at least 3 inches in width across the shoulder.**
- Pants are to be worn at the waist. **No sagging pants**- No undergarments showing above pants.
- No spandex or other form fitting clothing is allowed to be worn alone. When wearing leggings or jeggings, a long shirt, dress, or tunic must be worn over them and must adhere to the required length (5-in rule).
- Students **are not** allowed to wear clothing that is excessively torn or ripped (this includes jeans). Jeans with rips that excessively expose skin or undergarments are not allowed.
- Armbands, wristbands, belts, or other items with heavy metal projections and chains, including wallet chains, are prohibited.
- Students are strongly encouraged not to bring hats or other head coverings to school. The wearing of hats or other head coverings on school campus shall be in accordance with Hobbs dress codes and shall not be disruptive to the orderly school environment.
- Students may not wear sunglasses inside the building without prior approval of the Principal or the Principal's designee.
- Clothing may not be extreme in length, size, or style of wear. This includes tops, bottoms, jackets, sweaters, coats, pullovers, and accessories.
- Shoes must be worn at all times (unless medical reasons indicate otherwise). Bedroom shoes or slippers are not permitted.
- Students may wear earbuds/headphones but may only use one earbud when in the hallway.
- The Principal or the Principal's designee has the final authority for interpreting whether a student's apparel/appearance conforms to the dress code.

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