

Frequently Asked Questions

Cell Phone Use

Cell phones must be turned off when students come in to school and are only permitted to be used by students after school or with special permission from Mrs. Pettis. Students are not permitted to have their cell phones out unless they have received permission to call. Cell phones should be kept in the student's locker, purse or backpack. Unless it is an emergency, students will only be permitted to call home during break and lunch times. If a student has his/her phone out without permission or if the phone rings during class, the phone will be taken away until the end of the day. If the phone is taken away a second time, a parent will have to pick it up from Dr. Smock.

Since students are required to have their cell phones off during school hours, please do not call or text your student during the school day. Also, please do not allow your student to text or call you without permission during school hours as this undermines the school policy. Students are permitted to call parents with permission from Mrs. Pettis or the school nurse Mrs. Friggle if they are not feeling well or have forgotten something at home, so please remind your student that there is no need to text or call from the restroom without permission.

Dress Code

Please check dress code guidelines [here](#), before shopping for back to school clothes. Students are encouraged to dress neatly and modestly. Students are not permitted to wear band t-shirts, low cut or sheer shirts, tight fitting skinny jeans, jeans with rips or holes, sweatpants, shorts or skirts shorter than the top of the knee or shorts with sweatpant material. Students are checked daily for dress code. If students are found in violation of the dress code, a notice will be sent to the parents for the first offense as a warning (unless the violation is a modesty concern, at which time the student will be required to change immediately). If a second dress code violation occurs, a meeting will be held with the student and an administrative staff member to review the entire dress code. If a third violation occurs within the school year, the student may be (at the discretion of the Administrator) sent home for the day or be given a detention.

Excused and Unexcused Tardy

Students who come to school late due to illness, car trouble, or a scheduled appointment will be excused with a note, email or call from parents. Arriving at school after 8:00 AM due to sleeping in, traffic, stopping for gas, missing the bus, etc. will be considered an unexcused tardy. Three unexcused tardies to school will equal one unexcused absence. Three unexcused absences will result in a detention.

Students are also expected to be on time to classes during the school day. If a student is late to class three times in one week he/she will receive a detention.

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Excused and Unexcused Absence

Students who are home sick, have a scheduled appointment, or have been approved for educational travel, are excused from school. Please remember to call or email Mrs. Pettis by 8:30 AM if your student will be late or absent due to illness or an appointment.

Sick Days

Please keep your student home from school if they have vomited, have a fever of 100 or higher, have a bad cough or nasal congestion or are unwell to the point that they cannot concentrate at school. Students who have run a fever should not return to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours without medication.

If a student is out sick for three or more days, they will need to bring a doctor's note when they return to school.

Medication at school

Please avoid sending in medication to school. Advil and Tums are available from Mrs. Pettis or Mrs. Friggle to students for headaches and stomach aches. If you must send medication into school, please be sure it is in the original packaging and includes instructions and a doctor's note.

Please contact our nurse Mrs. Friggle with any questions or if your student has any allergies requiring special instructions or medications.

Educational Travel

The school excuses students for educational travel. Any trips out of state or that are educational in nature are approved. Please complete and turn in a Request for Educational Travel form (available on the website) at least one week prior to your trip. Students are also allowed three unexcused absences per year for "fun only" trips such as family outings/gatherings, hunting/fishing, sports events, youth group ski trips, etc., that are not considered educational.

Detention

Detention is served on Mondays after school, 3:00 to 3:45 PM and Thursdays before school, 7:15 to 8:00 AM. Please see the Parent Student Handbook for more information on disciplinary issues.