

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW IS MY SCHOOL DAY STRUCTURED?

- The typical school day starts at 7:40am and ends at 2:35pm. You should report to your first block class after 7:25 am and prior to 7:40am. Lunchtime is 30 minutes long. Students not with a teacher, coach, or sponsor of an activity are expected to leave the building by 3pm on regular days; and by 1:15pm on early dismissal days.

WHAT ABOUT LUNCHTIME?

- Lunch is 30 minutes long. 9th and 10th graders have a closed lunch and are expected to eat lunch at school and to stay on campus. The 11th and 12th graders have an open lunch, but are encouraged to eat school lunch and to stay on campus.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT IS EXPECT OF ME?

- Learning targets are posted in all classrooms
- Teachers will communicate CONTENT STANDARDS through a syllabus.
- Learning fundamentals are the same across the building:
 - **Demonstrate your best effort daily...**
 - Attend class daily and be on time to class and school
 - Engage in your learning. Think about your learning.
 - Complete work outside of class as assigned and/or as necessary to become proficient.
 - Be organized. Keep track of assignments, projects, and grades
 - Study – Review – Repeat
 - Be respectful to all. Your learning practices can impact others around you.

WHO DOES MY STUDENT SEE ABOUT A SCHEDULE OR CREDIT QUESTION?

- There are a number of options:
 - Husky Time Teacher
 - Counseling and Career Center staff
 - Assigned administrator – assigned by student last name
(Griffin A - D, Badger E - L, Panek M - R, Nugent S - Z)

CAN I CHANGE MY SCHEDULE?

- Schedule changes do not happen very often, especially for 9th and 10th graders. Required credits, student interests, and class availability all impact decisions related to student schedules. The first step for a student considering a schedule change is to talk with a classroom teacher. Requests are made through the counseling and career center.

CAN I DROP A CLASS?

- Dropping a class does not happen due to a student's request very often because of the associated challenges.
 - You will not be able to add another class after the first week of the semester
 - Fewer classes means that fewer graduation credits are being earned
 - A grade of "F" is recorded for a course dropped after the first six weeks of the semester. The "F" will be on the official transcript and will lower the student's grade point average.
 - Students involved in athletics and/or extra-curricular activities must be enrolled in 4 classes for the entire semester to remain eligible.

CAN THE SCHOOL DROP A STUDENT FROM A CLASS?

- Yes – Students can be administratively dropped from a class. If you are dropped from a class, you may receive an "F" for the semester. Some of the reasons a student may be dropped from a class are:
 - Poor daily attendance (Absences and Tardies)
 - Documented incident(s) of a behavior violation(s)
 - Required schedule change due to a course sequence issue

WHEN ARE GRADE REPORTS HANDED OUT?

- Grade reports are available at the end of each nine week term. DMPS utilizes a **Standards Referenced Grading system (SRG)**. Grade reports reflect proficiency levels achieved on content standards and there is an employability skill aspect of grade reports. Parents/Guardians can access grade (student performance) information through the parent portal in Infinite Campus.

HOW IS MY GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) FIGURED?

- A GPA is figured using final grades which are determined at the end of each semester (after term 2 and term 4). Each grade has a point value:

<u>LETTER GRADE</u>	<u>GRADE POINT</u>
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1
F	0

The GPA is used to determine honor rolls, athletic eligibility, academic letter and class rank.(see page 10). Letter grades earned by special education students in self-contained classes and international exchange students will not be included in the class ranking.

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF CLASSES I CAN TAKE?

- Students should plan to enroll in as many classes as possible. Freshman and sophomores have less flexibility in their schedules than juniors and seniors. Release time for seniors can only be granted under certain circumstances.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO GRADUATE EARLY?

- If you have met all of the graduation requirements, have a good reason, and parent permission, you may graduate early. You will need to work closely with staff in the Counseling and Career Center to determine if you have met the requirements and to fill out appropriate paperwork.

CAN A COURSE BE RETAKEN FOR A BETTER GRADE?

- You may retake a course for the purpose of earning a higher grade (this does not include courses taken in summer school and/or the Flex Academy [ASL]). The better of the two grades earned will be calculated into your GPA. Both courses, but only the retake grade, will appear on your transcript. Courses must be taken during the regular school year and you will only receive credit once for a course only once.

HOW MANY CREDITS DO I NEED TO HAVE AT THE START OF EACH YEAR TO BE “ON TRACK” FOR GRADUATION?

- Going into Sophomore/10th grade year – 6 credits
- Going into Junior/11th grade year – 12 credits
- Going into Senior/12th grade year – 18 credits

WHY DO I HAVE TO HAVE MY SCHOOL ISSUED ID?

- A few uses for ID’s include:** Gaining entrance to the building, exiting the building, getting into class, tracking breakfast and lunch, checking out books, and getting into extra-curricular activities. If the ID is not visible it can be requested by any Hoover staff member at any time.
- As students enter the building, the school ID should be worn on a lanyard or clipped on in a visible location. (Same is true for exiting the building). If the ID has been lost or left at home, you will need a temporary ID – these are made at the attendance center.
- Temporary ID’s cost \$1 and replacement ID’s cost \$5.
- All students provided a permanent ID at the start of the school year at no cost to the student.