

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

HOMER HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027



KPBSD STUDENT HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT

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HHS VISION:

Enriching lives through education.

HHS MISSION:

Homer High is a vibrant learning community developing inspired, capable, and responsible individuals to build a promising future for us all.

All of the rules can be summarized with three expectations:

PROMPT – arrive at school on time; arrive at class on time; turn work in on time.

PREPARED – be prepared to learn with the necessary supplies and assignments completed.

POLITE – demonstrate a caring, positive attitude.

BUILDING HOURS

HHS is open Monday-Friday at **7:30 am** and closes at **4:15 pm**. A member of the faculty must supervise any student or group of students remaining in the building after 4:15 pm. Students not under the direct supervision of a coach, teacher, or advisor will not be allowed to remain in the building after hours and will be directed to leave. Students using the gym or weight room before, during, and after school must have a supervisor present.

GRADING SCALE

A – 4.0 (90-100)

B – 3.0 (80-89)

C – 2.0 (70-79)

D - 1.0 (60-69)

F - No credit (<60)

Academic support beyond the regular school day is provided by:

- 1) Teachers are here before and after school. Students should arrange an appointment to ensure availability.
- 2) Study Hall 3 days per week during Anchor Time.

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

HHS Valedictorian(s) will be the student(s) with the highest cumulative grade point average based on HHS and KPBSD coursework. The grade bump for Advanced Placement coursework from outside of KPBSD will be factored in for class rank, but not for the purpose of determining the valedictorian(s). The valedictorian(s) will have the opportunity to speak at graduation.

During years in which there is one valedictorian, the student(s) with the second highest cumulative grade point average based on HHS and KPBSD coursework will be named salutatorian(s), and will have the opportunity to speak at graduation. During years in which there is more than one valedictorian, no salutatorian will be named.

UA SCHOLARS

UA Scholars are the top 10 percent of a class based on cumulative grade point average at the end of 11th grade. Tie breakers will be:

1. Number of credits earned at HHS
2. Strength of schedule as determined by administrators and counselors.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in student success. Students who miss school or arrive late often fall behind and have a harder time keeping up with their classes. Families play an important role by making sure students arrive at school on time and ready to learn.

Under Alaska law, parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring their children attend school regularly.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If your student will be absent, email the Homer High School Attendance Office at emathis@kpbsd.org and jgauthier@kpbsd.org or call (907) 235-4600 as soon as possible.

According to [School Board Policy 5113](#), absences may be verified by:

- A written note from a parent, guardian, or authorized representative.
- A phone call or in-person conversation with a parent, guardian, or authorized representative.
- A home visit by a school employee.
- A student who is 18 years of age or older and living independently.
- Approval from the principal for a student under 18 who is living independently.
- Any other reasonable method approved by the school.

Unless otherwise noted below, **all absences count toward a student's total number of absences.**

The following absences **DO NOT** count towards the attendance limit:

- School-sponsored activity/athletic travel
- Religious holidays
- Other absences pre-approved by school administration

Students observing a religious holiday will be given the opportunity to make up missed work, including tests, and will not lose eligibility for awards or recognition because of their absence.

TARDIES

Students are considered tardy if they are not in class when the second bell rings. Students who arrive more than 10 minutes late will be marked absent for that class.

Tardies will not be counted for:

- A late school bus (verified by the office)
- Illness or a medical appointment with parent or medical documentation
- School-sponsored activities
- Legal appointments or official documents i.e. driver's test, court appearances, passport appointments, etc.
- Other circumstances approved by the principal

Consequences for Excessive Tardies

- 6–10 cumulative tardies: 30-minute detention.
- More than 10 cumulative tardies: Additional consequences may include:
 - o Detention
 - o In-school suspension
 - o Community service
 - o Parent meeting

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

A student who accumulates more than 15 absences in a semester in any class, (excluding school-sponsored activities/athletic traveled and religious holidays), must complete one hour of make-up time, assigned by administration for each absence beyond 15.

Attendance may also affect how grades are reported:

- 18-19 absences in a class: Students earning 60% or higher will receive a Pass instead of a letter grade.
- 20 or more absences in a class: Students earning 60% or higher will receive NG (No Grade) instead of a letter grade.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

If a student is absent 3 to 10 consecutive school days because of unavoidable family circumstances, parents should contact the principal in advance so teachers can provide assignments and learning expectations.

Students absent for more than 10 consecutive school days may be withdrawn from their classes.

UNREPORTED ABSENCES

If a student misses class without reporting absence and does not complete missed assignments, tests, or other required work, **the teacher may assign a zero (0) for the missed work.** Teachers will explain their grading expectations at the beginning of each semester.

DANCES

Students must be in attendance for the full school day on the day of the dance in order to attend the dance. Exceptions will be made for documented religious, court, or medical appointments. A parent must notify the school of the reason for the absence to determine if a student may participate and documentation must be provided in advance of the activity.

Students must have at least an 80% attendance rate from the first day of school to the day of the event. If a student has 80% attendance or lower, they will be required to meet with administration in advance of the activity to determine if they are allowed to attend.

- o Parents will be notified if this applies to their child via email prior to the events.
- o If notified, the parents must set up an in-person meeting with administration and the student to determine if the student will be allowed to attend based on the reasons for the absences, the number of absences, and progress towards set attendance goals.

VISITORS TO HHS DANCES

1. Part-time students who take one or two classes at Homer High School may attend dances and do not need to sign up as a guest. Any non-HHS Student needs to be signed up as a guest.
2. HHS Students can bring one guest each, and they and their guest must arrive and leave together.
3. Guests are not allowed to invite other guests
4. If a guest engages in inappropriate behavior, such as (but not limited to): sneaking in other students, swearing at students/staff, running away from staff when questioned, etc., they may be prohibited from attending future dances at Homer High School.
5. All guests must be enrolled in a KPBSD High School and cannot exceed 19 years of age.
6. Guests from other KPBSD Schools must get prior approval from HHS administration and must accompany a Homer High School student as a guest. To receive approval to attend a dance, the HHS student must sign up the prospective guest at the high school office no later than noon on the Wednesday before the dance.

*Guest policies for Prom may shift due to venue capacity.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students who are not in attendance during the full prior school day will not be allowed to participate in evening/weekend school events, practices, or activities.

Documented exceptions may be made for school field trips, academic requirements, religious holidays, mandated court appointments, or doctor appointments. An official note must be provided and the exception must be approved by an administrator in advance.

Also, students may not be more than 10 minutes late for class (this is categorized as an absence) to participate in school activities.

PARTIAL WEEK SCHEDULES

During the school year, there are several occasions when in-services or holidays cause a partial school week. Schedules for these shortened weeks will vary and will be posted on the school's web page.

MAKE-UP WORK PROCEDURES

Students will have two (2) school days to make up each day missed, but only up to a maximum of five (5) make-up days. This places the responsibility upon students to make up work immediately upon returning to school. We encourage students to take advantage of study halls offered during Anchor Time.

There are two exceptions to this rule:

- There are certain assignments that have absolute due dates announced well in advance. Even if a student is absent, these major, long-term assignments are due **on the assigned date.**
- If a student misses the day of a test, or the day a project is due, the test must be made up or the project turned in **on the day the student returns to school.**

For clarity, each class does not meet on one day each week. This does not diminish the students' responsibility to contact all their teachers on the day they return to school. When a student misses class due to attendance at a co-curricular activity, the student must complete the missed work on a schedule determined by the teacher.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Within each teacher's syllabus, the purpose of homework should be made clear.

Staff agrees to assign no more than three (3) hours of homework per class per week. Throughout the instructional day, students will have an average of one (1) hour of content outside the classroom. This may fluctuate week to week, but remains the responsibility of the student.

All extra-curricular activities will hold academic study hall whenever their team or group participates in an overnight event.

ZERO/LATE WORK PROTOCOL

It is the responsibility of the student to complete all assignments. When work is missing, teachers will follow the following steps.

Step 1: Record a zero (0) and missing in the gradebook on the due date or first opportunity.

Step 2: Teacher communicates to students that they are missing an assignment and that they need to make it up within the time frame allotted by the HHS policy.

Step 3: Suggest that the student attend Anchor Time, or another study slot available to make up work.

Step 4: Teacher assigns Anchor Time for students to complete assignment.

Step 5: Teacher calls home to explain steps implemented, solicit parental support and inform of next step.

Step 6: Teacher will inform Administration, acknowledging steps 1-5.

This protocol seeks to ensure success, however, it does not mandate that a student will do an assignment, or that the student will pass. Ultimately, if these steps do not work, the student will not earn credit for the assignment and may potentially not pass the class.

PRE-ARRANGING AN ABSENCE

If your student will be absent, please complete the [Homer High School Pre-Arranged Absence Form](#) at least one week before the absence.

1. Complete the form and return it to the attendance office.
2. The student will take the form to each teacher for approval.
3. A school administrator will review and approve the request.
4. Return the completed form to the attendance office.

Pre-arranged absences may be denied if they could negatively affect a student's learning or attendance.

Extenuating circumstances may be considered. If you have questions or believe special circumstances apply, please contact the attendance office or principal.

LEAVING DURING THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

For student safety, if a student arrives late, or must leave the school early during the school day, they must sign in and out at the front office. This includes students who leave during those periods in which they do not have a class. Students who leave campus without checking out or arrive without checking in through the office will be considered in violation of the school attendance policy.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedules are based on the prior year's course request process. Schedule change requests in the current year that reflect a change from what the student previously requested are often impractical or impossible, but reasonable requests will be considered and accommodated when possible.

Students may initiate a schedule change through the Counseling Office until the 2nd Friday of classes during the fall semester, and until the 1st Friday of classes during the spring semester.

Students may drop a class without penalty up to 15 school days into each semester. After 15 school days, students must remain in all classes, and will receive a quarter and semester grade in each. If - upon parent/guardian and administrative approval - a student is allowed to drop a class after that 15 day window, they will still receive an F for the quarter(s), and an F for the semester on their transcript.

Students will receive quarter and semester grades for any course in which they are enrolled past the 15th school day of the semester:

- Dropping a class after the 15th day requires administrative approval and will result in the receipt of an "F" for the course.
- Students who wish to change levels within a subject (e.g., AP Biology to Advanced Biology) after the 15th day must wait until the end of the quarter and will have their quarter grade transferred toward their semester grade in the new class.
- Students who wish to enroll in a course after the 15th day of a semester must complete the 1st quarter curriculum via a distance education course then transfer into the HHS class at the beginning of the 2nd quarter.

COMPUTER USE

Internet/computer use guidelines for the library and/or computer labs:

1. Academic pursuit only: computer use must be related to a school assignment.
2. Nonacademic games or inappropriate internet sites are not allowed.
3. Printing of non-school related material is not allowed
4. Audio recording is not allowed. This includes MP3's, CDs, tapes, or internet resources unless approved in advance by a teacher for a classroom assignment.

Consequences for violating school guidelines may result in restricted access or removal of access to the district computers and network for up to a full school year.

COURSE LOAD

9th and 10th graders are required to have a full schedule of classes periods 1-6.

11th graders must have at least 5 classes per semester or the equivalent.

12th graders must have at least 4 classes per semester or the equivalent.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in ALL classes in order to remain eligible. Students who do not maintain a 2.0 GPA (70 average) in ALL classes may regain eligibility during the current semester by achieving and maintaining a 2.0 GPA at the next grade check. The eligibility check dates are:

First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
(E1) September 14, 2026	(E2) November 9, 2026	(E3) February 1, 2027	(E4) April 19, 2027
(Q1) October 19, 2026	(S1) January 5, 2027	(Q3) March 22, 2027	(S2) May 24, 2027

Quarter/Semester Eligibility:

The final Quarter / Semester Grade will determine eligibility

- Incompletes are given to students if they cannot complete their work by the end of the quarter due to circumstances out of their control
- Incomplete classes must be completed within two weeks of the end of the quarter
- A student with an incomplete is ineligible to participate in sports until they have finished all work and have been issued a grade by their teacher (It may take the teacher a day or two to process and enter grades)

Mid Quarter Eligibility:

The E1, E2, etc. grade is the grade used for mid quarter eligibility

- There are no incompletes
- All work must be handed in by Friday at 4:00 pm prior to the eligibility check
- Work missed for sports or school activities the week prior will not be used toward eligibility
- Students will be notified if they are ineligible

If students are ineligible at an eligibility check, there will be a re-check the following Monday. If the student is failing any classes at the re-check, they are ineligible for the rest of the grade check period.

All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors must be properly registered and enrolled in at least five (5) semester classes or their equivalent, in an Alaska School Activities Association member school within the district. Seniors who are on track to graduate must take at least four (4) semester units of credit, or the equivalent, to be eligible. A senior is on track to graduate if they have earned 18 credits before the start of the 1st semester of senior year and 20 credits before the start of the 2nd semester of senior year. All other seniors must be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) semester units of credit or the equivalent to be eligible.

A student attending a KPBSD approved correspondence, alternative or charter program during the first semester of ninth grade and a student transferring from out-of-district who attends one of the above KPBSD approved programs after the first semester of the ninth grade must designate an Alaska School Activities Association member school within the district as the School of Eligibility. The School of Eligibility of a student, other than a first semester freshman who transfers to a KPBSD approved correspondence, alternative or charter programs from another school within the district will be the member school from which the student transferred.

ASAA/KPSAA/HHS TAD & PROXIMITY POLICY

Any athlete who is under the influence, in possession of, or in proximity of the illegal use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs (TAD) or products will be suspended from practice and competition per [ASAA/KPSAA](#) policies. Additionally, Homer High School student athletes with a first TAD/proximity violation must sit out half of the remainder of the season or three (3) weeks of competition, whichever is longer. Any TAD/proximity violation after the first will end the student athlete's participation for that season. There may be additional consequences assigned by the coach of the sport.

Additionally, students participating in open facilities, including school-run open weight rooms, may not participate until they have completed the educational component (for a first offense) or, for a second offense, both the educational component and community service (20 hours), including a reflective essay.

LUNCH

Freshmen are not allowed to leave campus. Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 may leave for lunch. To preserve the privilege of open campus during lunch and promote a positive image of HHS, students are expected to follow all the same rules and regulations that are enforced at school, including arriving at their afternoon classes on time. Students found in violation of these rules may have their open campus privileges revoked.

PARKING PRIVILEGES

Parking on the campus of Homer High School is a privilege extended to students who demonstrate responsible driving and parking behaviors.

Students are not allowed to park in these areas: pool parking, visitor parking, and top tier parking.

The school reserves the right to search vehicles on campus (BP 5145.12). All students must register their vehicle with the Front Office, and place a parking sticker in the lower passenger side windshield of each vehicle that is parked at school. Stickers are free and can be picked up at the office. Dangerous driving of any kind with any type of vehicle will be referred to the police. Violations of these rules will result in suspension and /or loss of parking privileges. The speed limit in the HHS parking lot is 10 MPH. Students who violate the speed limit, stop signs or the one-way traffic pattern may lose their driving privileges.

STUDENT AIDES

11th and 12th grade students who have demonstrated exemplary attendance and citizenship may request to become a student aide for one class period up to two total semesters. Aides will receive an elective pass/fail grade.

Student Aides:

- Are assigned to their teacher/supervisor by the counseling office.
- May not leave campus during their assigned aide class
- Will be required to be on-time and engaged in their aide responsibilities for the entire class period
- Will receive an NG and no credit if accrue more than 15 non-school related absences in a semester.
- Must be supervised by a teacher unless on a teacher-directed errand.

DISCIPLINE

Teachers are responsible for handling minor classroom misbehavior through their own policies, procedures and consequences. These teachers designed policies to be outlined in writing, posted in the classroom and explained to all of their students. Students who fail to follow teacher directions are considered insubordinate and subject to office referral and discipline sanctions. Consequences such as Lunch Detention, Community Service, In School Suspension and Out of School Suspension are assigned by administration. Community Service will be served during before school, or after school.

ANCHOR TIME

The purpose of *Anchor Time* is to provide students with a range of flexible learning options that cater to their individual needs. *Anchor Time* aims to support struggling students by offering tutoring, interventions, and additional assistance. It also serves as a platform for all students to complete homework at school, engage in enrichment activities, and explore and challenge themselves academically and/or personally. Furthermore, *Anchor Time* assists students in managing their academic responsibilities by allowing them to complete homework at school, make up missed assignments, tests, and exams, and mitigate the amount of time missed from school. *Anchor Time* serves as a designated time for school-wide activities such as presentations, Pep Rallies, and various events. Activities that may disrupt regular classroom instruction should be

scheduled during *Anchor Time*, including clubs, Battle of the Books, Student Council meetings, class meetings, and more.

All students with a full day schedule (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) at Homer High School are required to attend *Anchor Time* periods. Students who are required to attend *Anchor Time* but fail to do so without permission will be considered truant. *Anchor Time* truancy impacts eligibility for participation in activities and is subject to regular attendance consequences.

DRESS CODE

Student attire should not jeopardize physical health or safety, and it should not be distracting, inappropriate, or have a disruptive effect on the educational process.

Guidelines for Dress and Grooming:

The appropriateness of student dress will be determined based on customary standards of decency, neatness, cleanliness, and suitability for school. Administrators and staff will enforce the following guidelines:

- Revealing clothing is not allowed including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Any shirt or top that ends above the waistband
 - b. Shirts with low necklines
 - c. Clothing worn to expose undergarments
- Shirts, tops, tank tops and dresses may leave the shoulder bare as long as all undergarments are covered, and all straps must be at least 1 inch in width.
- Any skirts, shorts or dresses worn without opaque tights or leggings underneath must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- Clothing that advertises or suggests the use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco is not permitted.
- Objectionable or obscene messages and words are not allowed on clothing worn to school.
- Heavy chains are potentially dangerous and are not permitted at school. Types of chains that are not allowed include, but are not limited to, dog chains and pocket chains.
- Shoes must always be worn in school.
- Students who are lacking acceptable hygiene will be sent to the nurse for guidance.

Violations of the dress code will be dealt with by administration or teachers. Parents will be contacted for assistance in correcting dress code violations. Students wearing inappropriate clothing will not be allowed to attend classes until the inappropriate clothing is changed. Continued or repeated violations will be considered a violation of school behavior policies. Final decisions on appropriateness of the school will be made by the school administration.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION (PDA)

The purpose of attending HHS is to receive the best education possible. To eliminate issues that sometimes interfere with your education, we have adopted the following policy concerning the public display of affection: Inappropriate contact (kissing, lingering frontal hugging, arms and hands on each other, etc.) is NOT permissible at any time on school campus.

LIBRARY USE

During a class period, students are allowed to come to the library accompanied by their classroom teacher or with an appropriate pass. The library is for research, quiet study, word processing, and reading.

Checkout - students may check out up to 4 books for 3 weeks and may renew books twice. Electronic Readers may have additional requirements. Reference books are available for checkout with special permission by the librarian only. Charges - Students will be charged for lost or damaged books.

Food and drinks are not allowed in the library.

If using computers in the library, refer to internet/computer rules above.

HOMER HIGH STUDENTS WITH A FREE PERIOD

Student safety is a priority at Homer High School. Students are expected to be supervised by school staff while on campus. Students who do not have a class during every period should first consider these options:

- Take an additional academic class.
- Serve as a teacher aide.
- Take an online class.

If a student chooses not to take a full class schedule, the following rules apply:

- Students may arrive on campus no earlier than the passing time before their first class.
- Students must leave campus within five minutes after their last class.
- Students may stay on campus during lunch if they have a class after lunch. They must leave campus when lunch ends if they do not have a class afterward.
- Students who leave campus before lunch must remain off campus until it is time to return for their next class.
- Students taking two classes or fewer must leave campus after their classes are finished.
- Students taking five classes or fewer who ride district transportation may remain on campus only to get on or off the bus. They must follow all other rules above.
- Connections and Homer Flex students who attend Homer High on a part-time basis are expected to comply with all other policies and procedures that apply to full-time students at the school.

1-1 CHROMEBOOK PROGRAM

Students will be assigned a Chromebook that will be theirs for the school year. They can take this home just like a textbook. To make this program a success, please note the following:

- While every student will be assigned a Chromebook, parents can decide if their child can take it from the building.
- If students have a personal laptop or another suitable device, parents can opt-out of the program.
- Students will need to bring their device to school every day, as this will be treated like a textbook.
- Parents will be liable if a student's Chromebook is lost, stolen or damaged due to negligence. Replacement cost is \$250 for the Chromebook and \$50 for the charger cord.
- There will be a limited number of protective sleeves and cases that Homer High will provide for students on a first come, first serve basis.
- Students who continually forget their Chromebooks at home or fail to recharge their device may lose the privilege of taking them home.

- It is the family's responsibility to provide home internet access.
- Chromebooks will be distributed to students in the first week of school.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones must not be used or left on during class time. Students should have phones turned off and out of sight. Cell phones may be used with permission from the classroom teacher for instructional purposes only. The cell phone policy is as follows:

- Classroom Teachers/Librarian will have a designated spot in the classroom/library for all students to place their cell phones when they enter the room.
- Cell phones are expected to stay in this location throughout the entirety of the class period and may not go with the student during restroom breaks.
- Students may collect their cell phone when the class has ended, and they leave that classroom/library.
- HHS is not responsible for any cell phone that may be mistakenly taken out of the designated location in a classroom.
- Cell phones may be used during passing periods and at lunch.

Discipline regarding Cell Phones

1st Offense:

- The teacher will take the phone and return it to the student at the end of the period and/or other classroom consequences

2nd Offense:

- Cell phone will be given to the office, and the student may pick it up at the end of the day

3rd Offense:

- Cell phone will be given to the office, and the parents must pick it up

Additional Offenses:

- Cell phone will be given to the office and the parents must pick it up
- Students will have to check the phone into the office, for up to the remainder of the quarter or two weeks, whichever is longer

Note: If a student refuses to give the cell phone to the office this is considered insubordination and it may result in a suspension.

The administration will make the final determination regarding the use of student cell phones. Please see the KPBSD Cell Phone Policy attached below.

KPBSD BP 5138 CELL PHONE USE POLICY

The School Board recognizes that many students possess and use cell phones and other personal electronic devices. These devices serve an important purpose in facilitating communication between the student and his or her family, as well as serving as tools to access electronic information. In the school setting, personal electronic devices are permitted so long as their use is consistent with this policy and does not interfere with the educational process or with safety and security.

Educational Uses

In certain instances, there is educational value in utilizing personal electronic devices in classrooms when such devices aid in extending, enhancing, and/or reinforcing the students' learning process related to the instructional objectives of the class. Approval for student use of such devices will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher, upon approval of the instructional use by the building administrator.

Use of personal electronic devices will be permitted if provided for in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan.

If use of a personal electronic device is required in individual instances (not provided for in an IEP or 504 plan) to assist a student with the student's education, or in emergencies, permission must be obtained in writing from a building administrator prior to use of the personal electronic device at any time when such use would otherwise be prohibited by this policy.

Conditions of Use

Students may possess and use personal electronic devices including, but not limited to, cell phones, laptops, tablets, music players, etc., subject to limitations of this and other policies of the district and under the following conditions.

Personal electronic devices shall not be turned on or used in any way:

- during instructional time, unless under the direct supervision of the classroom teacher and with the teacher's approval.
- during other school sponsored and supervised group activities during the school day (for example, student assemblies, awards, or other public ceremonies, etc.)
- when their use is otherwise prohibited by school personnel

Instructional time includes the entire period of a scheduled class and other times when students are directed to report to and participate in any instructional activity. The

principal may establish, and school personnel may enforce additional guidelines limiting or prohibiting the possession and use of personal electronic devices as appropriate to campus needs.

High school students may use cellular phones and other personal electronic devices before and after school and during the student's lunch period. Elementary and middle school students (grades K-8) may use such devices only before and after school. Additionally, no student may use a cellular phone or personal electronic device in a manner, or at a time, that interferes with or is disruptive of other students' instructional time.

During school and school sponsored activities, students will comply with this policy and with administrative and staff member directives regarding use. Students are required to turn cell phones and other personal electronic devices over to school personnel when requested. Students who refuse to do so are subject to disciplinary action.

A cellular phone or personal electronic device that has been confiscated by the District and not turned over to law enforcement will be released/returned to the parent/guardian when no longer necessary for investigation or disciplinary proceedings. As appropriate, the cellular phone or personal electronic device may be returned directly to the student.

The District assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property of students, including cell phones and other personal electronic devices, whether in the possession of students or if confiscated by school personnel pursuant to this policy.

Prohibited Conduct

Possession of a cellular telephone, or other personal electronic device, by students is a privilege. This privilege will be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of the device so as to violate the law or any other school or District rule. In addition to those conduct rules set forth elsewhere, the following actions are strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action:

- Accessing and/or viewing an Internet site that is otherwise blocked to students at school.
- Sending an email, text message or other communication that harasses, intimidates, threatens, bullies, or discriminates against another individual.
- Taking, sending, downloading or uploading a harassing, threatening, or inappropriate photograph of anyone.
- Using a camera in a restroom, dressing room, or locker room, or taking a photo of any person without permission.

- Using a camera or other recording device to record or capture the content of tests, assessments, homework, or class work without express prior permission from the instructor.
- Hacking or intentionally obtaining, accessing, or modifying files, passwords, or data belonging to others.

Searches

The contents of a cellular phone, camera, or other personal electronic device may be searched to determine ownership, to identify emergency contacts, or upon reasonable suspicion that a school or District rule or the law has been violated.

HAVE A FANTASTIC SCHOOL YEAR!

GO MARINERS!



We are the Mariners,

a special blend of toughness, compassion, grit, and integrity. We understand that we are part of something bigger than ourselves and endeavor to be better every day. We show sportsmanship, help our community, and strive for academic excellence.

This is The Mariner Way.