



Hobbs Middle School Parent Hand Book

Welcome To The Middle School!

This booklet is designed to help you, as a parent understand what you can expect during the next few years, and how to make the school year successful for both you and your child. *Every child is unique- so to be fair, we will use both the 'he' and 'she' pronouns throughout this booklet.

You may have noticed big and small changes going on at your home. You may wonder who this strange person is who has begun living in your

child's bedroom. Once friendly, now aloof, and you may not be their best friend any more. This is perfectly normal. Your may also notice that you child is:

Disorganized: Permission slip due tomorrow? Ha! You can't even find their bed!

Forgetful: A formally reliable child now can't remember homework, books, or messages.

Emotional: Prepare for sudden outbursts from

your boys and girls.

Explorers: One week he may want to take up skateboarding, the next week enlist in the marines!

Anxious for Independence: A child will start to pull away, and friends are more important than ever.

So, in these next few pages, we hope you find answers to your questions about life in the middle school!

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Students this age have a lot to think about. They can tell you all their friends phone numbers and sing all the lyrics to their favorite song- but can they remember their math assignment for tomorrow? Not likely. So, here's how you can help! Have a regular place for

homework, where there are no distractions. It should be:

- WELL LIT
- QUIET
- NEAT
- WELL SUPPLIED

Get in a routine, and set goals. Does their agenda allow for long term and

short term goals? If so, make a TO-DO list and follow through! Help your son or daughter with **TIME MANAGEMENT!** Allow breaks when needed, but stay on track! Plan on some homework each day, so you don't get behind.

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *School Hours are 8 am to 3 pm. If you need to leave school, parents must check you out at the office. Notify the school if you are absent.*
- ♦ *Breakfast is served from 7:40am to 7:55 cost is \$1.20 Lunch is \$1.65 Take money to cafeteria before school!*

SPIRIT CLUB (3-4 parent committee members needed)

For any student who wishes to cheer our teams to victory: Volleyball, Wrestling, Basketball, and even track! Spirit Club members will pay a small fee to join the club and get a Spirit Club T-shirt to wear to games and sit in a designated Spirit Club section! Learn cheers and chants. PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS would attend

club meeting and help. They will advise and direct the Spirit Club as they create and practice fun cheers and chants at club meetings. AT LEAST two parent/ committee members would need to attend the games/ meets to supervise Spirit Club activities and to maintain good sportsmanship. Any parent who would like to volunteer for this

or any other of the new clubs for 2008 should contact our school at 357-7667. We want the students to have a positive experience, and we want them to have the opportunity to be involved in activities in the school! Your support is crucial to the success of these program!

SKI CLUB (2-3 parent committee members needed)

The Ski Club will be available to all students in February. A bus will leave after school on Fridays in February to go to Kelly's Canyon for night skiing from 5-9:30 pm. If we can fill the bus, students can enjoy

a reduced group rate. Parents are invited to help fill the bus. Instruction time will be available. PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS would make the final arrangements for the bus transportation, pick up/drop

off times and locations, and at least TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS would need to go skiing each week to act as a representative for the club!

DRAMA CLUB (6-7 Committee members needed)

Available March through May, students will audition for roles and rehearse for a production to be performed at the SHS Little Theater in May. Rather than a flat pay-to-play fee, parents can contribute time,

resources or skills OR the fee to participate. PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS would be in charge of the different areas of production: Costumes, set design/ building props, advertising/ ticket sales, and

crowd control. Each of these positions would need to be filled before we can commit to producing the play/musical. If you would be willing to help, contact our school at 357-7667.

SPORTS: What Can My Child Get Involved In?

There is a wide variety of sports to choose from at Hobbs Middle School. Students in seventh and eighth grade can get involved in both volleyball and basketball. For students in sixth through eighth grade, cross-country and wrestling is available. There is a Pay-To-Play Fee, which is listed below

so you can see what expenses you will incur by participating.

*Grid kid football is run through the community, so it is not offered at the middle school. Call the city building for times and schedules.

Volleyball - \$50.00
Cross Country - \$45.00
Girl's Basketball - \$50.00
Boy's Basketball - \$50.00
Wrestling - \$60.00
Track - \$45.00

HUMANITIES (music)

There are many classes offered at Hobbs for those students who want to become active in music and the arts.

Students can experience beginning and intermediate strings, where they will learn how to play instruments like the violin, viola, cello, and bass. Having your own instrument is a plus, and there are rent to own pro-

grams around town! New this year is beginning guitar.

Students who are interested in band, now is the time to find out what instrument is right for you! Have a strong thumb? You may have the makings of a clarinet player! Always wanted to learn percussions? This is the place for you! Band members get to play at clinics, and also in pa-

rades! Prepare now for a great high school experience!

Is vocal music right up your alley? Then Hobbs Middle School Choir is right for you! Perform for your parents, and sing in clinics throughout the area! Learn how to read music and prepare for an exciting high school experience now!

HUMANITIES continued... (art and languages)

Perhaps you have always wanted to study the works of Michelangelo, or Degas. Perhaps you are into modern art, and you like morphing fish into watches like Salvador Dali. Whichever the case may be, you will like expressing yourself through artistic

mediums in art class! Learn about shading, contours, and how to draw anything from faces to animals, cartoons to still life!

Staying Healthy

Ask kids this age about their problems and you are likely to hear that they are tired and hungry. Most kids don't get enough sleep. The bus may pick them up early, and they do homework or sports until late at night. By the end of the week they are ready to drop!

YOU CAN HELP BY DOING THE FOLLOWING

Make a Plan: When does your child get up and go to bed? Try to make sure that it is the same time every day. Limit sleeping in to no more than one or two extra hours.

Bell Schedule

6th Grade

Regular Schedule
 7:55 – 8:00 Warning Bell
 8:00 – 8:20 Advise
 8:20 – 9:07 1st Hour
 9:11 – 9:58 2nd Hour
 10:02 – 10:49 3rd Hour
 10:53 – 11:40 4th Hour
 11:40 – 12:10 Lunch
 12:15 – 12:30 Channel 1
 12:30 – 1:17 5th Hour
 1:21 – 2:08 6th Hour
 2:12 – 3:00 7th Hour
 Early Release Schedule
 7:55 – 8:00 Warning Bell
 8:00 – 8:40 1st Hour
 8:44 – 9:24 2nd Hour
 9:28 – 10:08 3rd Hour
 10:12–10:52 4th Hour
 10:56-11:36 5th Hour
 11:36-12:06 Lunch
 12:11-12:25 Channel 1
 12:25 – 1:05 6th Hour
 1:09 – 1:50 7th Hour

7th Grade

Regular Schedule

7:55 – 8:00 Warning Bell
 8:00 – 8:20 Advise
 8:20 – 9:07 1st Hour
 9:11 – 9:58 2nd Hour
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8th Grade

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 11:44 – 12:31 5th Hour
 12:31 – 1:01 Lunch
 1:06 – 1:21 Channel 1
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RULES AND PROCEDURES

The staff at Hobbs is dedicated to assisting students to succeed in the middle school. As such, there are rules and procedures that must be followed to ensure the safety of all students. First, is a strict Tobacco-Alcohol-Drug Policy which states that no one is permitted to use or have in their possession any tobacco or illegal drugs at any time in the school buildings, busses, grounds or sponsored activities. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action and police involvement. We also have a Zero Tolerance policy for bullying and harassment as well as using any weapons. Fighting is not an appropriate method of solving a problem. We encourage all those who feel that they must fight for whatever reason to walk away from the problem and get help. Students receiving a re-

ferral for fighting will also be referred for possible police action.

Disciplinary action shall be administered for violations of the Hobbs Middle School Code of Conduct. Examples include, but are not limited to: Fighting, disruptive behavior, abusive and vulgar language, throwing snowballs and rocks, dangerous and repeated horseplay, insubordination, etc. If a student violates the rules, they are subject to detention, Skill Building, or suspension.

Skill building is a program that assists students to be the best they can be. The program is a privilege granted to students who are willing to improve their behavior and follow the set guidelines of the program. This is a positive option for students who may be facing a suspension from school.

Students not willing to comply with Skill Building rules will be suspended at home. For additional information on the Skill Building Program check out the Hobbs School Website at

ShelleySchools.org

Lastly, students may not fail more than two classes per semester. This means that they must pass 10 classes during the year. If a student is considered for retention, the parent/ guardian will receive a letter with an improvement plan detailing options to help their student improve their grades. All students must pass the math, and Language Arts/English classes.

FOR PARENTS

Being Your Child's Advocate

Each year parents prepare their children for school. With that in mind, we would like to change your mind set! We want you to prepare YOURSELF for your child's education. What will this require of you? Here are some areas that you might have not considered, but would definitely help. So, from the single father to the working mom– pick an area or two that will help you strengthen the bond that you share with your child.

HOMEWORK EVERY DAY– NO EXCEPTIONS! Kids who do the best in school study everyday. What if your child says “I don't have any.” First check their agenda. If nothing is due, have your child read an approved language arts/English book. Do math problems that he missed from the last assignment, or start assignments that will be coming up, like making an outline for science.

FIND YOUR CHILD'S PRIME TIME: Some kids want to study right after school. Others need a little down time before they can pay attention. Some kids do their best work early in the morning, or after dinner. Help you child figure out when he's most alert. Then make his study time.

TAKE BREAKS: Encourage your child to take short, but regular breaks. A little fresh air and a snack can help energize a child during their study session.

PLAN AHEAD: A big calendar with lots of room for writing is essential. At the start of each week, write down all the things your child has to do. Write down any big assignments or tests. Now figure out when to get the work done. What happens if soccer practice is at the time your child usually studies? He'll have to find another time that day to study. Remember– school is your child's most important job.

HOW TO MAKE SURE HOMEWORK GETS DONE:

1. **USE THE AGENDA:** Each student is provided a Student Agenda at the beginning of the year. Make sure your child gets into the habit of writing down every assignment, in every class, every day. If your child is having struggles getting work done, review his agenda every day.
2. **SELF STICK NOTES:** These are great! Have your child attach a self-stick note to a book if she has work to do for the next day. At the end of the day, a quick glance will tell them which books to take home.
3. **ORGANIZE THE LOCKER:** Help the student by sharing ideas on how to organize their locker and keep it clean. This will help things go better at home!

Student/Led Conferences

Each year, conferences are held at the school. The mission of these is two fold; First, to keep the lines of communication open between parents, students and teachers. In order to accomplish this, we ask that all students participate in and lead a portion of the conference. Secondly, we want the parents to be comfortable and familiar with our school, the teachers, and our staff. When parents come in, a stronger bond is established, and the impact on student achievement is great!

All conferences are held in November and in March. Parents are free to come in at any time during the scheduled conference block. Parents are also encouraged to call and set an appointment to visit a teacher to clarify

WHO CAN HELP ME?

Your child will have several teachers. Our staff members will help you where ever they can! Mrs. Parker is the school counselor who will assist you in any possible way. She will be an advocate for your student's success. You can also call the advisory teacher if you have needs or concerns about your child, homework, or other educational areas. Your student can tell you which areas they need help in. If there is a problem in a class, talk to the teacher first! He or she knows your student, and understands issues far better than the administrators. Keep the ball in their court as long as possible!

Some teachers are easy to reach by phone. Other's prefer contact by e-mail. When you meet the teachers, find out the best way to reach them.

Last of all, POWERSCHOOL is a great tool to help parents and students keep abreast of the progress!