



9th Grade Orientation

August 8, 2024

Respect

Success


Pride

Handbook Policies

1. Student Agendas no longer provided
 - a. Please access the Student Handbook via the District Website.
2. Attendance
3. Technology and cell phones
4. Vaping, possession
5. Latin Honors

Attendance

1. Please report absences to the office
 - a. 937-295-3010
 - i. Follow prompts for the absence hotline
2. Attendance policy pgs. 3-6 of the student handbook
3. Students - take the responsibility of communicating with your teachers and completing make up work in a timely manner.

A poster titled "ATTENDANCE MATTERS" with a blue and white background featuring faint icons of a pencil, ruler, and clock. The poster is divided into two columns. The top section contains the title and a warning about absences. Below are two columns of text, each starting with a heading about missing days per month and followed by four consequences of that absence rate.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

- They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.
- They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.
- They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.
- They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

- They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.
- They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.
- They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.
- They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

Technology and cell phones

Students should not use their cell phones from the time that they enter the building until 3:10 pm. Handbook pg. 12.



Vaping/possession

Vaping and/or possession accounted for 31% of all out of school disciplinary action during the 23-24 school year.

*Handbook pg. 8, policy 5771 & 74400

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Latin Honors (pg. 13)

Beginning with the class of 2028 (Freshman class 2024-2025), Latin Honors will replace the traditional Valedictorian and Salutatorian model of recognition at commencement.

The Latin Honors model recognizes students for achieving one of three distinctions – Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude. At commencement, students will be recognized as follows:

Summa Cum Laude: 4.0 – 3.96 GPA

Magna Cum Laude: 3.80 – 3.95 GPA

Cum Laude: 3.5 – 3.79 GPA





1:1 Chromebook Program

Year 3



1:1 - Things you need to know

1. Yours (kind of:-) for the next 4 years - Take care of it!!
 - a. Pay the programing cost of \$25 each year and it is yours when you graduate
 - b. Will be issued the 1st day of school and collected the last week of school.

2. Parents/Guardians and students **MUST** sign the Student Internet Usage and Safety Policy and the Chromebook Guidelines and One-to-One Handbook before a Chromebook will be issued to the student.
 - a. Available on Final Forms



1:1 - Things you need to know

1. Have it charged and with you all day everyday
2. Students/parents are responsible for devices that are lost, or damaged.
 - a. Costs are listed in the 1:1 Handbook Guidelines
3. You can use it at home, but you are responsible for its use
 - a. It is school property - it can be monitored at all times

Mrs. Merickel

The screenshot shows the website for Hardin-Houston Local School District. At the top, there is a header with the district logo, name, and contact information: Phone (937) 295-3010, Fax (937) 295-3737, and address 5300 Houston Rd, Houston, OH 45333. Below the header is a red navigation bar with links for Home, District, School Information, Staff, and Parent & Students. The main content area features a large image of a school building with a 'Counsel' overlay. The overlay includes the text 'Counsel' and 'Home - Counselor's Office'. A dropdown menu is open under 'School Information', listing various services: Calendars, Hardin-Houston Elementary, Houston High School, Counselor's Office (highlighted), Title I, Title IX, Registration & Forms, Ohio Graduation Requirements, Honors Diploma Requirements, ACT Registration, and SAT Registration.

Graduation Requirements

Please find graduation requirements [here](#).

The classes of 2023 and on will utilize the Graduation Audit and Career Planning Sheet to track all graduation requirements. Part of that is earning two graduation seals. Electronic versions of each document are below.

[Graduation Audit and Career Planning Sheet](#)

[Houston High School Graduation Seals](#)

You can find more information on at the Ohio Department of Education's website on Grad Requirements [here](#).

New HS Math Curriculum Information

[Letter to Families](#)

[Math Path Flowchart](#)

[Student Decision Tree](#)

Positive behavior incentives

- Wildcats of the Week
- Assessment and Academic incentive program
 - Day before Christmas and last day of school
- PAWS
 - JH
- 9 weeks/semester reward activities
- End of year awards
- Honor Roll recognition

