



WELCOME TO HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

2022-23

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

HKIS will arrive at the Intermediate School through the front door by bus or dropped off by parents. They will go straight to their homeroom classroom.

If students are dropped off early for extra-curricular clubs, they can be brought to the front door and go to their activity.

At the end of the day, students will be walked by their teacher to the front hallway (Main Street) and seated in bus lines for dismissal. Parents picking up will check in when they arrive in the pick up line and their child will come out to their car.

NUMBER OF CLASSES

Fourth Grade: 6
Fifth Grade: 6

PROJECTED CLASS SIZES

Fourth Grade: 20
Fifth Grade: 21 or 22

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SCHEDULE

8:50 SCHOOL BEGINS: ATTENDANCE, LUNCH COUNTS, PLEDGE, MORNING MEETING

9:10 READING CLASS WITH HOMEROOM TEACHER

10 WRITING WITH HOMEROOM TEACHER

11:02 APPLIED ACADEMICS (SPECIALS) CLASS

11:50 RECESS

12:15 LUNCH

12:45 MATH WITH DUET PARTNER

1:35 SOCIAL STUDIES OR SCIENCE DUET PARTNER

2:30 PERSONALIZED LEARNING TIME

3:35 DISMISSAL

TRIOS AND DUETS

Classrooms in fourth and fifth grade will be grouped with other classrooms in Duets of two.

In a Duet, one teacher teaches reading and writing, and the other teacher teaches science/social studies and math. So a child whose homeroom teacher teaches language arts would spend the morning with him, then the afternoon with the other teacher for math and science/social studies.

Throughout the year, students will also come together in their Duets and Trios for community-building activities.

MORNING MEETING

Each day students will begin in their classroom with a morning meeting. This time is designed to come together as a class to build community and start the day in a positive way. Generally, this means a novel greeting, a short, fun activity, and an overview of the day ahead. This may also be a time to share meaningful events going on in the students' lives.

APPLIED ACADEMICS

Fourth Grade

PE
Roots of American Music
Creation Rotation:
Coding/Design Build
Skill Rotation: Research/Digital
Citizenship/Health
Imaginations in Art
Cultural Awareness

Fifth Grade

PE
Spanish or French
Musical Traditions of the World
Early American Art
Practical Arts
Health

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

Student Council
Running Club
Sports Club
Maker Space Club
Robotics Club
Craft Club
Roller Skating Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

Parent Tours of HKIS
3rd and 4th information meetings at
each elementary school

May

3rd visits to HKIS and tours

August

"Step Up Camp" for incoming
students

September

Curriculum Night

MISC. INFORMATION

Absences, early dismissals and tardies
can be communicated via email at
hkisattendance@rsd17.org. We kindly
ask that any early dismissals be
reported by noon the day of.

The bus company can be reached at
860.345.8228 with any questions
regarding transportation.

LUNCH AND RECESS

Fourth and Fifth Grade each has a unique lunch time and recess time. When they are in the cafeteria, they are the only grade. Likewise, when they are at recess, they are the only ones.

As long as the weather allows, students will be able to play on the blacktop area, the field next to the school and the climbing and swing area.

PERSONALIZED LEARNING TIME

We have set aside time every day to meet the individual needs of every child in our school. This Personalized Learning Time is when students can receive their instrument lessons, receive extra instruction in an academic area, and receive special education support or counseling.

Personalized Learning Time is also a time when students can explore their own interests. They can visit the Maker Space to puzzle through an idea, work with our library staff to research new learning, continue to practice coding, or work on other projects using the resources and staff of the Intermediate School. We also have weekly band and chorus practices during this time. As the year develops, students will take more ownership for this time, developing their weekly schedule.

BAND AND CHORUS

In addition to music during the Applied Academics time, grade 4 and 5 students may decide to participate in band and chorus. Students who are in band will also receive instrument lessons during Personalized Learning Time

MOVEMENT WITHIN THE BUILDING

HKIS students are elementary students and teachers are expected to monitor them as they travel as classes or grade levels. Fourth graders will be escorted to recess, lunch, and back to class. They will also be assisted as they travel to their applied academics classes and during dismissal. Like other elementary students, though, if they are traveling without their class, such as to return library books, go to the office, or to visit with another teacher, we will expect the students to be able to travel without assistance. Most movement of students will be within their pod.

LOCKERS

Each student is assigned a locker which is used much like their elementary coat area. When the students arrive at school, they hang their coats and backpack there, and take out their snack for the day. They will return before and after lunch for what they might need and finally at the end of the day. The lockers are not locked. Your child may decorate them with magnets. At step up camp, they will make a magnetic name tag to put on their locker.