

Hutchison High School

Student Handbook



2025-2026

Dream

Plan

Achieve!

August 2025

Dear Students:

Hutchison High School Staff welcomes you to an exciting 2025-2026 school year. We hope to challenge you and provide opportunities for you to grow. Remember that every class you take is a CTE class!

Thank you for signing the AIM contract committing to following the 3 A's for student success: Academic, Attendance, and Attitude. Hard work in each of these areas ensures success and adventure in your chosen cluster.

This handbook is designed to provide a resource and basic information that you will need during the school year. As you prepare for this school year, please realize that your high school experience is one of rigor, relevancy and relationships. Your future begins now!

Please take advantage of the opportunities before you: take CTE programs and gain certifications, join a club, participate in athletics, go to the library. Make decisions daily about your work ethic; think about how your behavior influences your future and others around you; act with responsibility. Challenge yourself to the highest levels of student achievement: value lifelong learning!

While high school is a time for you to push yourself academically, it is also a time for developing and nurturing relationships with adults, friends, family, and the community—these can sometimes last a lifetime. Treasure these relationships.

We as a staff are all here to support your success as a Hutchison Hawk. Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Dave Dershin

Mr. Dave Dershin
Principal

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Public Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran status.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in the educational programs or activities which it operates.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This includes admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs, services, and activities.

Individuals requiring further information should contact the designated compliance director:

Employment and Educational Opportunity Officer
520 Fifth Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
(907) 452-2000 ext.11466
eeo@k12northstar.org

James T. Hutchison High School

MISSION STATEMENT

James T. Hutchison High School is an integrated learning environment within a culturally diverse community, where academic and career-technical experiences facilitate success in continued education, skilled employment, civic responsibility and personal integrity.

CORE VALUES

As a school we believe:

- 🎬 **Student Centered:** Center everything we do on the student and student learning.
- 🎬 **Respect:** Respect the diversity and dignity of all.
- 🎬 **Safe & Healthy Environment:** Provide a safe and healthy learning environment.
- 🎬 **High Expectations:** Maintain high expectations and educational opportunities to inspire high achievement.
- 🎬 **Collaborative:** Engage with students, family, staff, and community to support student success.
- 🎬 **Innovative:** Be innovative and adaptive to student needs.
- 🎬 **Integrity:** Be transparent, trustworthy, and professional.
- 🎬 **All classes are CTE classes!**

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to be present, engaged, respectful, and active learners. Students are expected to take responsibility for their own learning. Additionally, students must pass grade level specific classes or recover them through Summer School or other identified options for continued enrollment at Hutchison High School.

ACTIVITIES

HUTCHISON HIGH SCHOOL'S CURRENT STUDENT ACTIVITY OFFERINGS:

Academic Decathlon (AcaDeca)	Softball (Girls)
Baseball	Stream Team
Basketball	Student Council
Cheerleading	Swimming
Class Officers	Tennis
eSports	Track & Field
Flag Football at your home school	Skills USA
Football at your home school	Student Mentor
Hockey at your home school	Volleyball (Girls)
HOSA Health Occupation Students of America	Wrestling
National Honor Society	X-C Running
Native Youth Olympics	X-C Skiing
Rifle Club	Yearbook
Soccer	

PARTICIPATION

Co-curricular and extracurricular activities shall be an integral part of the total educational program. The purpose of these activity programs is to enhance the development of knowledge, skills, and emotional patterns which characterize responsible citizens. Emphasis shall be upon teaching through activities in addition to teaching the "skills" of activities. Activities shall be tailored to the physical, mental, and emotional maturity levels of the youths participating in them and shall be primarily for the benefit of those youths. Active participation, individual improvement, and healthy competition are integral elements of all student activities.

Participation in activities is a privilege granted to students who meet the minimum standards of eligibility adopted cooperatively by the schools through the Alaska School Activities Association and the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District policies and regulations. These requirements are explained in detail in the district's [2025-2026 High School Activities Handbook](#). Students are expected to read and understand all guidelines prior to participating in any school activity.

Student conduct at any school-related activity, at home or away, as a participant or spectator, is not above reproach. You are representing the entire school and the Fairbanks community; students should act accordingly.

While in attendance at any school-sponsored activity, all school district rules and regulations are in effect. Consequences for misbehavior during activities are the same as during the school day and will be administered according to school and district policy.

Sportsmanship Creed

All contests are played under the authority of the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA). ASAA rules provide for fair play and good sportsmanship among athletes and coaches. Since booing and jeering do not support anyone, we hope you will be positive in supporting your favorite team. As athletes, we ask that spectators promote the ideals of good sportsmanship by applauding fair play and showing respect for all participants and officials.

Activity Eligibility

A student must be in attendance the entire school day (all class periods for which they are scheduled) in order to **practice or participate** in any extracurricular or co-curricular activity. When a student is absent from a class (marked "A") the student cannot participate in any same day practice or game. Students who are ten or more minutes late to any class will be considered absent, not tardy and are ineligible for practice or play for that day. When students are tardy to class, coaches have discretion to implement consequences related to activity participation. **Excused absences must have 24 hours of advanced notice** by calling the school office at 907-479-2261 or emailing the attendance secretary at hut.attendance@k12northstar.org.

Students must be enrolled in five or more classes (or equivalent) and have a 2.0 grade point average with no more than one "F" for the prior grading period. Seniors must be enrolled in at least four classes (or equivalent) and have the 2.0 grade point average and not more than 1 "F". Students participating in ASAA sanctioned activities shall meet all eligibility requirements specified in the ASAA by-laws (see the Student Activities Handbook for more information). **Hutchison students with an "F" during the activity season will not be eligible for travel and will not be released to miss classes until a passing grade is posted.** If airline tickets need to be purchased for activity travel student eligibility will be determined when names have to be submitted for the travel.

Fees for activities: all fees must be paid prior to participation in the first event. Students are accountable to pay the entire season's fee if they have participated in one event for that sport. Families experiencing economic hardship should meet with the School Activities Coordinator John Williams to discuss an action plan.

ASSEMBLIES AND CLASS MEETINGS

Attendance is mandatory at school assemblies and class meetings. Food, drinks, backpacks, electronics, and coats are not allowed during assemblies.

ATTENDANCE

Consistent school attendance is closely linked with academic success. The FNSBSD School Board of Education supports student attendance. The school board's intent is for students to attend school all day, every day until graduation.

Attendance is a jointly held responsibility between student, parent/guardian and the school. Students are expected to attend class on time every period of every day. Regular student attendance develops habits of punctuality, self-discipline and responsibility.

Attendance Recognition Program:

Outstanding attendance is a work ethic that is highly valued by employers. Hutchison High School wants to encourage and recognize outstanding attendance.

During a nine-week quarter outstanding attendance is missing no more than two days; during a semester outstanding attendance is missing school no more than 4 days. All absences, other than school-related absences, are counted.

School Tardy Policy:

It is the belief of Hutchison High School that each student is entitled to the maximum instructional time each day, each period, therefore; a tardy policy has been implemented which supports and reinforced this philosophy. Excused tardies are logged separately from unexcused tardies to class; however, we recognize both can have a negative impact on instruction. Unexcused tardies are cumulative for the duration of one quarter with the following consequences:

1 st to 5 th Tardy	Warning
6 th to 10 th Tardy	Lunch detention per tardy and guardian contact
11 th to 15 th Tardy	2 School detentions per tardy
16 th Tardy	Requires an attendance contract, possible suspension.

Should Unexcused Tardies continue, students may be required to meet with Assistant Principal Patton to begin a transition plan to return to their home school.

Lateness to Class:

A student arriving after the start of class shall be admitted to class late once they show a late pass from the office. The office will track tardiness and enter the excused/unexcused information into Power School.

A student arriving more than ten minutes late to class shall be recorded absent from that class and shall be able to participate in class activities and receive credit for work completed while he or she was present.

Unexcused tardiness will result in lunch detention, and/or in-school intervention or OSS and/or an attendance contract as well as **ineligibility to practice or participate in any student activities for the day.**

Absences refer to class and extension periods and accrue from the start of each quarter.

The parent/guardian of a student must notify the school within two (2) school days after the student's initial day of absence to indicate whether or not the absence was with or without parental consent. Absences or tardies not at the beginning of the day may not be excused after they occur.

Absences with Parental/Guardian Consent:

Students who are absent with parental/guardian consent or attending school activities will be provided the opportunity to achieve comparable credit for makeup work.

Absences without Parental/Guardian Consent:

Students who are absent without parental/guardian consent may not have the opportunity to achieve comparable credit for makeup work. Teachers have the discretion, as outlined in their syllabuses and grading policies, to not allow comparable credit and may issue the absent student a zero for any assignment, performance, presentation, quiz or test given or due during the period or days absent.

Information about a student's tardiness or attendance is available to parents via the internet on Power School Premier.

Parents or guardians will be notified when a student is absent according to their settings in their Power School account.

AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS

As stated in School Board Policy 1042.1, each pupil is subject to district and school policies, regulations and rules during the time:

- The student is being transported to or from school on school busses
- The student is attending school
- The student is on school premises
- The student is taking part in any school-sponsored activity

Student misconduct that occurs off school property or outside the school day may be subject to school disciplinary action if it is determined by the school administrator that the misconduct is related to school order.

BACKPACKS & BAGS

Students must leave backpacks and bags in their lockers during class time. Chromebook cases may be taken to classes.

BATHROOM ETIQUETTE

Students use the eHallPass system during class time. Only one person should be in a stall. Absolutely no vaping or smoking. Students should clean up after themselves and wash their hands.

BUILDING HOURS

Hutchison opens the front doors of the school at 6:30 am. Students may only go to the commons at that time. Hutch administrative office opens at 7:00 AM and closes at 3:00 PM. Hallways and classrooms are open at 7:10 AM. Hallways close at 2:30 PM. Students who are in the building beyond 2:30 must be supervised by a staff member, coach, or other sponsor, or be in the library.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The bulletin is posted in PowerSchool. In-house announcements are made daily via either the PA system or the Hawk Hit News. Teachers and administration will communicate regularly through the ParentSquare app.

BUILDING LOCKDOWN

If school officials announce a **SECURE BUILDING**, **SIT TIGHT**, or **LOCKDOWN**, report to the nearest classroom immediately. Remain in the classroom until further notice and follow the instructions of school staff during the situation. Should there be an announcement of a concerning situation, please consider the ALICE training. Listen to instructions from the administration or other adult.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Acceptable behavior is expected of all students while in school and at all school activities. A student's conduct is a matter of self-discipline that demonstrates respect and concern for others. Student conduct is guided by school board policies, administrative regulations, and state and federal statutes. A compact of shared responsibilities regarding conduct, behavior and student discipline are detailed in the [*Student Rights, Responsibilities and Behavior Consequences Handbook*](#).

CAREER AND TECHNICAL COURSES & FEES

Hutchison students take one or more CTE courses every semester. A grade of 70% or better is required to advance in any of the CTE course pathways unless otherwise approved by an instructor.

In order to provide a high-quality education, it may be necessary to require a lab fee in some of the career and technical courses. Fees are used to cover the cost of personal safety equipment and consumable items used by individual students. Teachers will provide detailed information (fee amount, types of items covered by fees, etc.) in their grading policy and course syllabus.

CELL PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Personal electronic devices (Cell Phones, Earbuds, Smart Watches, etc.) must be turned off and stored in student lockers during the school day. Students may use their devices during lunch, and before and after school. Student access and use of personal electronic devices is a privilege while under school authority. Students will abide by District policy and school personnel directives regarding use. Students are required to turn personal electronic devices over to school personnel when requested. Students will be required to turn their electronic devices into the front office when asked by a staff member.

Part-time students may drop their cell phones off in the front office if needed when they arrive at Hutch. They may pick them up again when they leave the building.

COMPUTER NETWORK AND ACCEPTABLE USE

Each student must read and acknowledge receipt of information on their student Power School Account and abide by the [Responsible Technology Use Agreement](#) for Grades 7-12 and Permission for Participation on the World Wide Web. (*School Board Policy 802.25*)

COPY MACHINES and PRINTERS

A copy/printer machine is located in the library for student use. Items that are educationally related or are connected with a class assignment are acceptable for copying within the limits of copyright laws. The copying of unauthorized materials is prohibited. Excessive use of printers and photocopying is prohibited. Personal use and/or malicious use of printers and copiers is considered abuse and subject to school reimbursement and consequences.

COURSE SYLLABI AND GRADING CRITERIA

Students will receive a printed or electronic description of the course and grading criteria for each class in which the student is enrolled. The syllabus will include academic and behavioral expectations.

CREDIT COURSES

Students who have completed 8th grade and those entering grades 9-12, who are currently enrolled in the FNSBSD, may challenge courses for high school credit. This option is designed to provide students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery through exams. It is not a process for credit recovery or course retakes.

Students in 9th-12th grade are currently allowed to take up to 2 challenge tests each testing date; students who have completed 8th grade but not yet started 9th may take only 1 challenge test. Challenge exams are only available for core courses and some world languages.

Please contact the Teaching & Learning department at 907-452-2000 X 11422 to inquire about specific course and challenge exam options.

DANCE POLICY

Hutch hosts student dances throughout the year. Student ID or status as a currently enrolled Hutch student must be verified at the door. DJ's must have administrative approval. Non-formal dances are from 7:00-10:00 PM. At all dances, parents are required to promptly pick up their child. All dance participants must arrive within an hour of the scheduled start time. Parents of Hutch students are always welcome to chaperone at dances. **Dancing must be appropriate and in good taste.** Students who are acting inappropriately will be asked to leave the dance and are subject to disciplinary action. No beverages or food is allowed to be brought in with attendees. Only Hutch students and part-time Hutch students can attend non-formal dances unless approved by the administration.

All Dances are Good Night Dances:

Once a student exits the building, they will not be allowed to return. There are no refunds for leaving a dance for any reason. All school and district policies are in effect during dances.

Students on Suspension: May not attend any District functions, including dances.

Dance Dress Code:

The District dress code (Ref. School Board Policy & Admin Reg. 1041.1) applies to all non-formal dances. Students not in compliance will not be allowed into the dance and will be required to provide their own transportation home.

Dance Guest Policy:

No guests are allowed at regular (non-formal) school dances. There are no exceptions to this policy without administrative approval. Tickets are purchased in advance and not at the door.

Formal Dances:

- Dance hours are 8:00 - 11:00. Dance participants must arrive by 9:00 PM. All Hutch students, including part-time students) are eligible to attend formal dances and may bring one eligible guest. Upperclassmen will have the first opportunity for the purchase of dance tickets. If the administration determines, ticket sales may open to underclassmen one week from the opening day of ticket sales.
- Formal dance guests must be no older than 20 years of age and enrolled at a district school, or a graduate who is not older than 20 years of age. High school freshmen are the youngest group of students allowed as a guest at a formal dance. Any guest who is not enrolled at Hutchison High School must be approved prior to the dance by a school administrator. All guests must be prepared to present a current picture ID at the door and be in good standing with their respective school. All guests arrive and leave the dance with their sponsor. There are no exceptions to this policy.
- At the point of sale, all ticket purchasers must sign an agreement outlining the expectations of dance participants. Guest sponsors are responsible for the behavior of their guest while attending the dance.
- Tickets to formal dances are not transferable for any reason.
- Tickets for guests must be purchased prior to the deadline as established by the class advisor.
- Overdue fees owed to the school must be resolved before any formal dance ticket can be purchased. This policy also applies to former Hutch students who have outstanding or overdue materials.
- Standards of reasonable dress for formal dances allow for some flexibility.
- Tickets for formal and informal dances may not be sold at the door.
- No unticketed person will be allowed into any dance.
- Student clothing must meet District dress code regulations.

Please adhere to the following guidelines for formal dances:

Appropriate Formal Dress:

Dress shirt and tie
Evening gowns; skirt; dress
Dress slacks
Dress shoes

Inappropriate Formal Dress:

Tee shirt or Sweatshirt
Jeans-any type or color or sweat pants
Apparel made of tape, string, foil, etc.
Flip flops

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Hutchison High School is a school that maintains high standards for students and staff. Therefore, the daily clothing/attire should focus on a school environment that reflects these high standards. Students have a responsibility to dress and act appropriately for school. Students also have the right to dress in a manner which

expresses an ethnic, religious, or political point of view. While students have the right to choose both their actions and their own style of dress, they also have the responsibility to make appropriate and respectful choices as to their style of dress. Students' school attire should not pose a threat to public or personal health and safety, or be disruptive or distracting to classroom activity or student behavior. School staff have the right and responsibility to make professional judgements regarding the appropriateness of those actions and dress based upon the standards stated above. A student's manner of dress would be considered inappropriate if it were distracting enough to deter students, teachers, or staff from educational activities in the classroom or to disrupt the positive and safe climate on campus.

The following standards of reasonable dress are not meant as an all-inclusive list; any questionable articles or styles of dress which may cause disruption are subject to the judgment of school administration.

Allowable Dress & Grooming:

- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants, shorts, or skirt, or the equivalent, and footwear appropriate for classes and activities you expect to participate in each day.
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front, back and on the sides for appropriate coverage.
- Clothing must cover undergarments.
- Fabric covering all private parts must not be see-through.
- Clothing must be appropriate for all scheduled activities during the day.

Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming:

- Clothing may not depict, advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, electronic cigarettes or vaping device, marijuana, or other controlled substances.
- Hoods on clothing must remain off the head.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech or target any group based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other groups in board policy as protected groups.
- Clothing of all types recognized as gang affiliated or threatening must not be worn and must not threaten the health or safety of any student or staff.
- Clothing, drawings, tattoos, and accessories that display or promote hateful and/or disrespectful messages are not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, drug, alcohol, or tobacco related information, gang signs or symbols, depiction of weapons or violence, obscenities, insults, stereotypes, sexual innuendo, disrespectful statements that target a specific class of individuals, or offensive words or graphics.
- Clothing and/or grooming may not threaten the health or safety of any person.
- Exceptions may be made for religious, medical, or cultural reasons.

Initial consequences for violation of the dress code will be a conference with an administrator or counselor to discuss changing into more appropriate clothing.

Secondary violations will result in detention and parental contact. Repeated infractions may be considered insubordination resulting in appropriate disciplinary consequences. Exceptions to these rules for religious, medical or cultural reasons will be decided on a case by case basis by the school administration. There may be exceptions to these rules for special event days approved by the principal.

DEFICIENCY REPORTS

Deficiency reports will be electronically issued at mid-quarter to the parents/guardians of students whose mid-quarter standing is below a C. When possible, the report will be discussed with the student prior to being sent home.

DRIVING AND PARKING ON CAMPUS

Student use of school parking facilities is a privilege and students can lose parking or driving privileges for misuse. All student vehicles parked on campus must be registered with the school. Students can register with Safety Jake.

Suspensions of driving/parking privileges will be assigned to students who fail to register their vehicle(s). The Hutch parking permit must be displayed on the rearview mirror of the vehicle. Students may park in student parking lots: Regular and Starred. Students may not park in visitor or staff parking.

Students using the student parking lot must:

- Not idle vehicles (attended or unattended).
- Recognize that the parking lot is public property under authority of the school.
- Display the parking permit prominently in the proper place.
- Drive in a cautious and controlled manner at all times, following all posted speed limits, stop signs, traffic flow and parking signs.
- Comply with school policy and state and local laws.
- Recognize that use of the school parking lot constitutes consent to search the vehicle with reasonable suspicion. When school officials determine reasonable suspicion, refusal by the student or parent to a search will result in out of school suspension.
- Park in designated places only. Do not park in the lot designated for UAF Career and Technical College staff and students. University of Alaska-Fairbanks Police may ticket unauthorized vehicles.
- Do not park in the shop areas without express permission from CTE teacher.
- Do not drive through the CTE Shop area (through the gate) without the presence of a CTE teacher.
- Do not park in the handicapped spaces without a handicap decal or hanger.
- Actions such as loud music, racing, revving engines, squealing or spinning tires, brodie's, fishtailing or power turns, reckless driving, dangerous driving, passengers in spaces other than seats, passing other vehicles and driving over curbs/sidewalks is strictly prohibited. All drivers are responsible for the safety of passengers riding in their vehicle.

- **Loitering inside or around parked vehicles is prohibited.**
- Unlicensed motorized vehicles (dirt bikes, mopeds, snow machines and ATVs) are not to be driven on school grounds.
- Keep your vehicle off the grass. Do not park beyond the marked areas of the parking lot.
- Student drivers may not park in front of the building (reserved for staff and visitors) from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Be respectful of your fellow students. Use only one parking space and park **BETWEEN** the yellow lines.
- Part-time students park in student parking, or Star Parking (not guest or staff parking).

CTE PERMIT PARKING

- Students may park in CTE PERMIT Parking with a purchased Star parking tag.
- Student parking is divided into: CTE Permit Parking, and Student Parking.
- Student Parking is available to students without cost.
- Parking in the lot next to the CTE Wing from 7:00 - 2:30, requires a special black hanging tag. To obtain a black hanging tag, students pay a \$30 annual (\$20 per semester) fee.
- Parking permits are not transferable
- Students who park in the CTE Permit Parking area without a valid parking hanging tag or park in staff or visitor parking, will be asked to move their vehicle and may receive the following consequences:
 - 1 violation - warning, asked to move vehicle, and clarification of parking rules
 - 2nd violation - asked to move vehicle, and \$5.00 parking fine.
 - 3rd violation - asked to move vehicle and \$10.00 parking fine.
 - 4th + violation - asked to move vehicle and \$15.00 parking fine.
- All fines associated with parking will be automatically added to the student account associated with the parking permit.
- All funds generated through the CTE Permit Parking program (dues & fines) benefit Hutchison Hawk Squad.

Consequences for violations will range from loss of driving/parking privileges to detention. More serious infractions, such as endangering others, bodily injuries or property damage may be reported to Alaska State Troopers and may result in suspension. Repeat offenders will lose privileges indefinitely and may be suspended.

DRIVING TO SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Students should travel to school-sponsored activities via transportation provided by the school unless otherwise approved by school administration. Students shall not transport other students to school-sponsored activities in private vehicles.

Students who are legal drivers may drive themselves to in-district school events as long as their parent/guardian has signed the [Parent Authorization to travel](#)

[Form](#) prior to the event. Students who are driving, cannot leave Hutch until the end of the school day.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

For your safety and the safety of your classmates, at any time an emergency procedure is initiated, you must take extra care to listen for directions from school staff. Students are expected to follow these directions immediately and quickly without question.

Evacuation: Evacuation routes are posted in each classroom. Students are expected to know the appropriate evacuation route for each of their classes. When the alarm sounds, all persons are to quickly leave the building in an orderly fashion.

Once outside, students are to report to their teacher in the designated location for their class. Should an alarm sound during a class break, students should report to the teacher of their next class. Students must remain with their class at all times during an emergency. Students should remain clear of emergency vehicle access. When extreme weather conditions exist, teachers will direct students to appropriate shelter. Unless directed to do so for shelter, students are not to enter their vehicles and are not to leave campus. Students cannot re-enter the building until directed to do so by an administrator or the fire department. It is important to keep fire lanes clear during an evacuation.

EARTHQUAKE PROCEDURES

Drop and Cover: Students are to protect themselves by getting under desks or tables whenever possible. If there is no cover available, move to an inside wall and kneel next to the wall, facing away from the windows. Cover the sides of your head with your elbows and clasp your hands behind your neck. Remain in this position for at least 60 seconds, or when the shaking has stopped completely, or when directed to move by a staff member. Be prepared for a possible building evacuation as directed by Administration. If you are outside, do not enter the building. Instead, sit or lay on the ground. When the tremors have ceased, check for injuries and report to the first staff member you see.

FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

Final examinations will be given in all classes. Parents are expected to call in to excuse an absence by 10:00 AM on the day of the absence. Final examinations are given during the last three days of each semester. No students shall be exempted from a final exam. Final exams are administered under the following conditions:

Final exams are to be given during the scheduled exam period. **No FINAL exam will be given early.**

No passes will be issued during final exam periods.

If a final examination must be missed, the student will have a conference with the principal to explain the circumstances. The exam will be given after the scheduled time by arrangement with the teacher. If a student is withdrawing from school early, School Board policy will determine the circumstances and requirements for completion of the semester. The counseling department is available to assist students in this case.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Students have the right to appropriately express personal views in classrooms, during student activities and in publications. Students are expected to be responsible in the expression of such views and may not infringe upon the rights and wellbeing of others, or become a serious disruption to the educational process.

GRADUATION

Graduation date has not yet been determined. To receive the regular high school diploma presented by the Board of Education, students will be required to satisfactorily and fully complete a course of study that meets those requirements established by the State Board of Education and the district.

Class of 2026 -2027	Class of 2028 & Beyond
English (4 Credits, 8 Semesters)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English 9 (2 Semesters) ● English 10 (2 Semesters) ● American Lit (1 Semester) ● Other Lit (1 Semester) ● Writing Intensive (1 Semester) ● English Electives (1 Semester) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English 9 (2 Semesters) ● English 10 (2 Semesters) ● American Lit (1 Semester) ● Other Lit (1 Semester) ● Writing Intensive (1 Semester) ● English Electives (1 Semester)
Health (0.5 Credits, 1 Semester)	
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Science (3 Credits, 6 Semesters)	
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Social Studies (3.5 Credits, 7 Semesters)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alaska Studies (1 Semester) ● World Studies (2 Semesters) ● U.S. Studies (2 Semesters) ● Government (1 Semester) ● Economics (1 Semester) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alaska Studies (1 Semester) ● World Studies (2 Semesters) ● U.S. Studies (2 Semesters) ● Government (1 Semester) ● Economics (1 Semester)
General Electives (7 Credits, 14 Semesters)	
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 22.5 Credits	

Medallions of Honor are awarded to graduates who have earned 24 or more credits during their four years of high school.

Credit Recovery: students who do not pass a core academic class (such as English, World History, U.S. History, American Government, Economics, etc.) may not be able to retake the class in a teacher directed classroom and may need to recover it through e-Learning. Credit Recovery (CR) classes are not accepted for the Alaska Performance Scholarship or the NCAA.

Graduates are required to attend a mandatory practice session as part of the commencement ceremonies. Graduating seniors who do not attend the practice session will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. In addition, graduating seniors must resolve any outstanding costs or materials due to the school; otherwise he/she will not receive their diploma until outstanding costs or materials are resolved.

Dress Code for Graduation:

Graduation from high school is an event that requires dignity and respect. All graduating seniors shall wear clothing that is appropriate for a formal commencement ceremony.

We suggest attire worn under the gown should consist of the following:

- Long slacks, dress shirt with collar, dress, or skirt and blouse, dress shoes.

Students can include cultural attire, as long as physical safety and access are not affected. As such, the celebration shall reflect the diversity of the graduating class as whole, while providing opportunity for individual cultural and ceremonial preferences for attire.

Cords, sashes, and stoles that represent an individual's cultural heritage or those affiliated with academic school groups may be worn during the commencement ceremony. Organizations or school clubs that select new cords, sashes, or stoles that represent members within those groups are asked to share that information with Hutch administration. Individual ceremonial preferences for attire should be associated with the student's cultural affiliation, and shall not compromise the safety of classmates. Cultural ceremonial attire that represents an individual's cultural heritage to include, but not limited to, cords, sashes, stoles, vests, footwear, and gowns, feathers, beaded skin headbands or medallions, bracelets, necklaces, tartan items, sharocks, Kente cloth (in other words, ceremonial cultural representations of the student's culture or heritage) and may be worn in lieu of, the traditional cap and gown. In appropriate examples would be political insignia, especially those commonly used by one group to threaten or intimidate others as well as any types of weaponry. (School Board Policy 985.4)

HAWK MENTORS

Hawk *Mentors* are selected Hutchison High School (HHS) students who represent our school and its many activities. The Hutchison Ignition *Mentors* are committed to the mission and the core values of HHS.

Hawk *Mentors* are engaged in a chosen career cluster and have a demonstrated focus on preparing for the next level. They are an essential part of our recruiting team and student orientation process. They support our many public presentations and school activities.

Hawks *Mentors* are recommended and selected by the Hutch staff. They must have a 2.0 GPA with no F's and demonstrate excellent citizenship. Hutchison Ignition *Mentors* include students in grades 10 - 12. New Hutchison Ignition *Mentors* are selected at the end of second semester. Once selected, Hutchison Ignition *Mentors* are given the opportunity to re-apply every year providing they continue to meet the membership criteria.

INCOMPLETE GRADES

The teacher may issue an incomplete when the student has not completed all requirements of the course. The incomplete grade must be made up within two weeks of the commencement of the next grading period. Failure to make up an incomplete grade during the allotted time will result in an F for the grading period. For purposes of determining eligibility in activities, an incomplete grade is considered an F. If the incomplete is made up during the two-week window, the revised grade will be used to reassess the student's eligibility.

LIBRARY GUIDELINES

The library is scheduled to be open Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The library's mission is to provide a diversity of books, magazines, online resources and other materials for students for both research and independent use. Librarians will be available to those students who want help with research projects or who simply want to find a good book to read.

Students will be held financially responsible for any damaged or lost materials. Please do not let anyone else borrow items you have checked out at the library, as you will be responsible for any item checked out on your card. Students may be in the library during class time only when accompanied by their class and teacher or with permission from a teacher using e-hallway pass. Students are expected to sign in and out using the e-hallway pass system.

LOCKERS

Lockers are the property of the school and provided for the convenience of students. Students are responsible for the contents of their assigned locker and maintaining their lockers in a clean condition; writing and placing hard to remove stickers on lockers is prohibited. Fees will be charged to students with damaged lockers or lockers not thoroughly cleaned out when vacated. Students are to keep their assigned lockers and should not share their combinations or locker space with others. The school is not responsible for loss and retains the right to

search lockers with reasonable suspicion. Private locks are not allowed on any locker.

MEDICATIONS

Prescription Medicines: parents must deliver prescription medications to the health office, in the original container. Medications delivered to the nurse by the student will not be administered until the parent documents how the medication will be dispensed.

Nonprescription Medications: a single dose of an over-the-counter may be self-administered by high school students if the medication is in the original container. With parent permission, the school health specialist may administer nonprescription medications that are on the standing order list (see the Health Professional for approved medications). Refer to School Board Policy 1062.2 for more information.

Students sharing or distributing prescription or nonprescription medications with others is a violation of district policy. Any student who shares medications with anyone will face disciplinary action.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Board policy prohibits the office from relaying messages to students, except for messages from parents or guardians. Names of students having messages are announced over the intercom during class breaks. Students are expected to pick up messages in the office. All emergency messages for students will be delivered as soon as they are received.

NURSE'S OFFICE

Students who need to see the health professional during class time must request a pass from the teacher using the e-hallpass program (except in dire emergencies). All accidents and/or injuries occurring on campus must be reported to the health professional immediately in order to avoid potential medical complications as well as to maintain insurance coverage. When the school health professional is not available, students should report to the front office. Students are not permitted to carry prescription medications at school with the exception of asthma inhalers, and these only with specific authorization (see Medications).

OPEN/CLOSED CAMPUS

All students are expected to remain on campus during the school day. During lunch, students are allowed to leave campus. Seniors who have free periods during the school day are expected to leave the building at the beginning of their free period or proceed directly to the library. Hutchison students may not visit

other school campuses at any time during the school day, including lunch. Unauthorized visitors from other schools may not be present on the Hutch campus during lunch and immediately after school. Part-time students spend their lunch times at their home schools. Students who choose to leave campus on foot, must abide by state and local pedestrian laws to include use of crosswalks. Do not endanger yourself or others by carelessly jaywalking (or jay running) across a very, very busy road.

OVERDUE BOOKS, FEES OR MATERIALS

Students are expected to return all materials and pay all fees associated with outstanding books, activity fees, school equipment, uniforms, or unpaid fines and fees with the school.

Students who wish to participate in any school activity (athletics, clubs, performances, competitions, formal dances, etc.) are required to pay all outstanding fees, or return materials due to the school, or make arrangements for payments with the administration.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Each student assumes responsibility for the security of personal property and students are encouraged to leave items of value at home. The school is not responsible for loss or theft. However, when reported to the school, reasonable efforts will be made to assist in recovering lost or stolen property.

POSTERS AND FLYERS

All posters and flyers, and their placement, are subject to administrative approval prior to being placed or distributed in the school. Posters and flyers are expected to be in good taste and exhibit accurate spelling and grammar. Posters should only be on bulletin boards. Material that would be censored in student publications will not be accepted. Sponsors posting approved posters and flyers are responsible for taking them down when the activity has concluded. If the posting is for outside of Hutchison, approval comes from Central Office with submission to [Fairbanks School District - Community Board](#).

PRESS AND PUBLICATION GUIDELINES

Standards of good journalism are expected in all student and school sponsored publications. Articles and editorials are expected to exhibit appropriate skill in writing and exemplify high ethical reporting standards. Students are encouraged to express opinions via student publications. Material will be censored when it is judged to include the following: obscenity, profanity, libel, promotion of illegal activities, ads for any product not permitted for minors, partisan political endorsement, material which degrades or belittles any group, individual, national

origin, gender, race, religion, or disability or material which would cause a substantial disruption to the educational process.

PROHIBITED EXPRESSIONS AND ITEMS

To preserve the integrity of the school, the educational process and most importantly, the dignity, respect, and safety of everyone, certain items, dress, writings, drawings, gestures, symbols and utterances, whether expressed or implied, are strictly prohibited at school and at school-sponsored events. Students who choose to violate this policy will face consequences as determined by school officials, guided by board policy. Prohibited items will be confiscated. The following is not meant as an all-inclusive list; any questionable items or actions are subject to the judgment of school officials.

Prohibited are:

- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and related paraphernalia, including e-cigarettes and vapes. (see School Board policy 1049).
- Any type of explosive device, incendiary device, fireworks, stink bombs, lighters, matches or similar devices.
- Weapons, edged weapons or knives of any size, ammunition (real or look-alike).
- Two-way radios and similar devices.
- Laser pointers and wallet chains.
- Water toys, aerosols, or other objects intended to be used as projectiles.
- Clothing, mannerisms, or symbols associated with gang affiliation.
- Expressions that disparage or humiliate any group, individual, nationality, gender, race, religion, or disability.
- Expressions that depict the use of inappropriate language, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, sexual behavior, innuendo, or suicide.
- Skateboards, roller blades, and roller skates are to be carried as soon as the student steps on campus. Their use is not allowed anywhere on campus.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION (PDA)

Students are expected to exercise discretion in showing affection in public. Holding hands, or a brief, friendly hug, are the only appropriate public displays of affection allowed at Hutchison High School and at school-sponsored activities. Prolonged hugging, kissing, sitting or lying on someone's lap and similar public displays of affection are prohibited. Initially, consequences begin with a request to stop the behavior. Second offenses usually involve an administrative conference and parent contact. Repeated or excessive infractions are cause for disciplinary action.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

After the first 10 days of the first semester and the first 5 days of the second semester, students are not permitted to change classes. If a class is dropped after these dates, a grade of WF is recorded. A WF means the student has

dropped the class with an F after the specified period. The principal may grant exceptions for extenuating circumstances.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

School administration has the right and duty to initiate a search if there is reasonable suspicion to believe that drugs, weapons, dangerous, illegal or prohibited matter, or stolen goods are likely to be found on the student's person, in lockers, desks and other items or spaces provided to the student, or vehicles which are parked on school grounds (School Board policy 1041.3). When school officials determine reasonable suspicion, refusal by the student, or parent to search will result in out-of-school suspension.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

All students are expected to properly identify themselves to school or district personnel. Refusing to comply or giving a false name is considered interfering with school authority.

STUDENT PASSES

Students are expected to remain at school and in class. A student will be considered truant for non-compliance with pass guidelines. No passes will be issued to use vending machines during class time. Abuse of the pass system in any manner will result in disciplinary action and a loss of pass privileges.

Hall Pass:

- Students must have permission to be out of class.
- Students must use the e-hallwaypass system.
- Permissions are granted at teacher's discretion and predetermined limits.
- Students are to go directly to the designated destination and return to class promptly.
- Students must secure permission to use the library for research during their class time with use of the e-hallwaypass system.
- No passes should be granted the first or last 10 minutes of class.
- Part-time students who are tardy must get a tardy pass, and part-time students may leave class 5 minutes early for periods not against lunch or the end of the day.
- Bathroom passes are for the intended use of the bathroom only.
- CTC bathrooms are not for high school students use.

Town Pass: The Attendance Office will issue a town pass only for approved absences requiring the student to leave school. If a student becomes ill during the school day, the student must report to the school nurse (or to the front office if the nurse is not available). The nurse can issue a town pass for the student to leave campus after making parental contact. Town passes are not issued after the fact. Absences resulting from leaving without notifying the school will result in an unexcused absence.

STUDENT RECORDS

Student records will be accessible to the students' parents or legal guardian or the student in accordance with law, yet will be guarded as confidential information. Please refer to School Board Policy 1080: Student Records.

STUDENT EXTENSIONS PERIOD

Student Extensions Period provides the following:

- An individualized, comprehensive, and continuing career and academic guidance plan.
- A process that enables students and their parent/guardian to gain knowledge needed to make informed academic and career preparation decisions.
- A positive relationship with a small group of students and an adult.
- An ongoing assessment of students' strengths, weaknesses, and career and academic objectives.
- Short and long term goal setting to meet academic and career objectives.
- An opportunity to explore the possibilities and advantages of pursuing non-traditional careers.
- A supportive environment where skills, abilities, and interests play a key role in decision making.
- A team approach to meeting student and parent/guardian needs.
- Integration between academic and career areas of education.
- An organized method to distribute information and effectively use time.
- Another adult on campus with whom parents/guardians can develop a long term relationship that is beneficial to all involved.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Substitute teachers have the same authority as regular teachers (except that substitutes may not supervise students in shops. Students are expected to treat substitute teachers with the same dignity and respect as they would their regular teacher.

TEACHER AIDES

Senior and junior students (with principal's permission) with a 2.0 GPA from the prior semester who have regular attendance may be teacher aides. A student must have the permission of the instructor prior to registering as a teacher aide. Students may be a teacher's aide only for one period per semester. Teacher aides are required to abide by hall pass regulations.

TELEPHONES

Students are generally not allowed to use the office phone during instructional time. Office and classroom telephones are not available for student use except with a staff member's permission.

TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Textbooks and other necessary materials are issued to students without charge. Students will be financially responsible for damages to or the loss of textbooks or other loaned materials (see Overdue Materials). Students are expected to return the exact textbook or other instructional material issued to them. Students should not be sharing or trading textbooks. Students may be expected to pay for projects or materials that become the property of the student upon completion.

VISITORS TO HUTCHISON HIGH SCHOOL

Parents and guardians of Hutchison students are welcome to visit the school at any time. To observe a classroom, please provide 24 hours notice to the office. All visitors to Hutchison High School are required to check in at the office. The school secretary will record pertinent information. Visitors will be issued a wearable pass that must be worn at all times.

Hutchison students who wish to bring a high school-age (including 8th graders) visitor must have written approval from the host students' teachers at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled visit. Student visitors, upon approval, can visit for only one day. The host student must pick up a visitor approval form at the office for teacher signatures. The completed form is returned to the office; visitor passes are issued only on final approval from school administration. School officials may speak to the host student's parent.

High school aged visitors must remain with their host student at all times and follow Hutchison High School policies. Host students are responsible for such visitors for the entire school day. Student visitors must have picture identification.

In the interest of the child's safety, children younger than 14 or older than 18 years of age are not accepted as student visitors under this policy.