

Hopewell Middle School Curriculum Night

2025-2026

7th & 8th Grade



Meet the Team at HMS: Supporting Students & Families

Administrative Team

- **Principal: Michael LeMoyne**
- **6th Grade AP: Stephanie Sosebee**
- **7th Grade AP: Amy Cousin**
- **8th Grade AP: Janelle Consola**

Student Support Team

- **6th Grade Counselor: Fred Johnson**
- **7th Grade Counselor: Traci Dease**
- **8th Grade Counselor: Lauren Corbett**
- **IST (SEC): Tina Palmeri**
- **MTSS/ 504: Lisa Ferris**

HMS PTA – Who Are We?

- **Co-Presidents: Bridgit Motes & OPEN**
- **Treasurer: Megan Melchiors**
- **Secretary: Chris Gebhardt**
- **VP Ways & Means: Priyal Doshi**
- **VP Grade Level Support: Kristyn Belote**
- **VP Standing Committees: Passant Nassar**
- **VP Communications: Amy Ramsey**
- **VP Programs & Events: Carrie Messmore**

HMS PTA – Where to Find Us...

Register at the Hopewell PTA website to receive monthly e-newsletters with news and information about our events and activities! Our year-end recap from last May is still posted on our homepage. It includes the high points of our accomplishments last school year.

Check out our website for all volunteer opportunities, upcoming events and access to the Mustang Mailer. You can also join the PTA online and purchase spiritwear.

<https://hopewellmspta.membershiptoolkit.com/home>

Facebook: @HopewellMSPTA

Twitter: @HMS_Mustangs

Instagram: @hmsmustangs




HMS PTA!

Our Back to School PTA Membership Drive ends this week. Please consider becoming a PTA member and paying your annual dues to support everything we're doing here at Hopewell! We currently have 381 families that are supporting us financially this school year!

HMS PTA – What We Do...

- **Grade Level Activities**
- **Family Events**
- **Staff Appreciation**
- **Teacher Grants for Classroom Materials**
- **Grade Level Educational Support**



HMS PTA – Budget Approval

Celebrations!

- **HMS has experienced tremendous academic growth over the past couple years**
- **In 2023, 61.9% of students scored Proficient or Distinguished on our various Milestones assessments. In 2025, that number jumped to 72%!**
- **In that same timeframe, our percentage of students Reading at or Above Grade-Level rose from 87.5% to 89.7%!**

Celebrations!

- **HMS has experienced a decrease in Student Discipline Referrals in the past three years, going from 285 incidents in 2022-23 to 205 in 2024-25!**
- **This year, our staff is committed to "Catching PRIDE" and acknowledging our students as often as possible for making good choices!**

How Do I Communicate Questions/Concerns?

Which staff member is closest to the issue?

- **Usually a teacher, start there**

What if it wasn't a classroom issue, or I'm not satisfied with the support I received from the teacher?

- **Probably the grade-level Counselor and/or AP**

What if I'm not satisfied with Counselor/AP support or it's a general concern about the school and not necessarily directly impacting just my student?

- **Principal may be your point of contact for that**

How Do I Communicate Questions/Concerns?

Assume goodwill, we're all on the same team and want the same things!

Start with a question and acknowledge that your 13 year-old child may have left out, made up, or embellished some details 😊

- **Questions give everyone a chance to share their perspective and work toward a resolution rather than creating conflict**

Personal Electronic Devices

- **FCS & HMS have a strict NO PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY policy.**
- **All personal devices should be kept in student lockers.**
 - **Phones**
 - **iPads**
 - **Headphones/Earbuds, etc.**
- **If a student needs to contact their parent, they may use the phone in the front office.**
- **Daily transportation home should be finalized in the mornings.**
- **If an administrator takes a student's phone, parents can be required to pick the phone up from the school.**

Get Involved: Building Belonging at HMS

- **The best way for students to feel a sense of belonging in middle school is by getting involved. At HMS, we offer a variety of clubs, teams, and activities for our students. Encourage your child to participate and make the most of their school experience.**
- **A full list of clubs, sports, and events can be found on our HMS website. Students should also listen to the morning announcements and check their grade-level Canvas page for updates and opportunities to get involved.**

Grading

Middle School Classes

- 50% major
- 40% minor
- 10% practice

High School classes with an EOC

- 20% EOC
- 40% major
- 30% minor
- 10% practice

Recovery Policy

- Reassessment is offered for any student who scores 75% or less on a MAJOR assignment.
- Students' MAX grade on reassessment is 75%

Managing Grades

- Students will be encouraged to check their grades in advisement

Academic Housekeeping

- **Help Sessions**

- Held in the mornings
 - Monday-Reading & World Language
 - Tuesday-Science
 - Wednesday-Social Studies & Connections
 - Thursday-ELA
 - Friday-Math
- **Assessment Calendars**
 - A cumulative listing of all grade-level assessments to help you and your student plan for success
 - Found on HMS website

- **Canvas**

- HMS encourages you to use your student's Canvas account for the best experience
- Parent observer accounts have already been created by FCS, check your email

- **Infinite Campus**

- Keep up to date on grades & attendance

Attendance

- **Email attendance note within 5 days of absence to:**
HMSAttendance@fultonschools.org
- **Include the following information:**
 - **Name of student**
 - **Student ID Number (lunch number)**
 - **Parent/Guardian Name, Email, & Phone Number**
 - **Reason for absence**
 - **Attach doctor's note if you have one**
- **Attendance calls and emails are automated**
 - **Don't stress because you get one**
- **Remote Workdays**
 - **Students are allowed 5 remote learning days per semester, to get approved for a remote learning day, email your grade level AP at least 5 days prior for approval**



HOPEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

All parts of body in the **outlined** area must be covered.



Note:
Fingertip
length is
NOT a
metric.

- Intimate body parts must be covered.
- Undergarments must be covered.
- Hoods must stay off head.
- No head coverings except for religious head garments.
- Eyes should be visible.
- Costumes are not permitted, unless specified by the school.
- Shoes should be safe and appropriate for school.
- Messages, graphics, and pictures of/or promoting drugs, violence, weapons, sexual content, hate, or anything that admin deems inappropriate are not permitted.

Note: All language and graphics on clothing and personal items should be inclusive and kind.

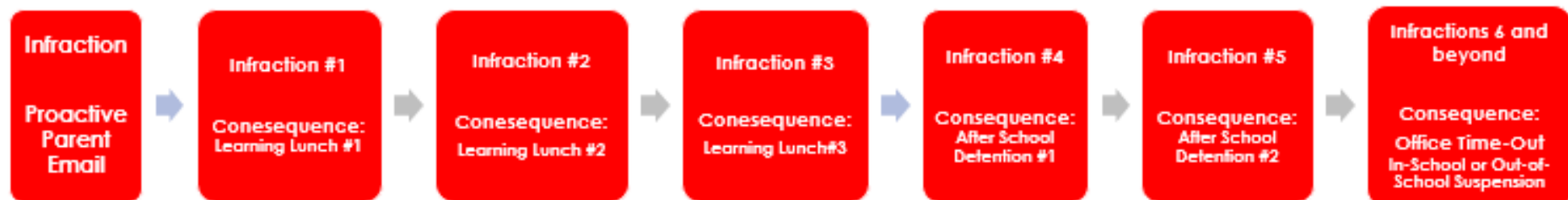
Students are expected to follow all requirements in the Fulton County Code of Conduct.

Other Reminders

- **No food deliveries (ordered by parent or student)**
- **Have backup money on the school lunch account**
- **Plan for the carpool to be busy, students to be in classrooms by 8:50**
- **The only bag students should carry during the school day is their device bag**
- **If a student forgets something you may drop it off at the front table, we are not responsible for missing items**
- **Supporting HMS staff and expectations supports your student**

Hopewell Middle School

Discipline Cycle



Learning Lunch

- During lunch, a staff member will help students reflect on their behavior, understand why they made certain choices in the past, and make better choices in the future.

After School Detention

- For an hour after school, a staff member will lead students in a discussion about the causes and effects of their choices and review the discipline cycle, as consequences for continued behavior will increase in severity.

Office Time-Out

- Discipline referral is coded into Infinite Campus.
- Student serves time-out during class period where incident occurred.
- Consequences for continued behavior will increase in severity.

In-School or Out-of-School Suspension

- Discipline referral is coded into Infinite Campus.
- Student serves assigned days of In-School or Out-of-School Suspension
- Consequences for continued behavior will increase in severity.

Title IX

Any complaint involving "sexual harassment" as defined by federal regulations that occurs in a District education program or activity against another person shall be addressed pursuant to the District Title IX Grievance Procedure (FCS Website, Departments, Title IX)

These investigations are managed by the district and often take much longer than a typical school-based disciplinary investigation will take

Mustang PRIDE, our Core Values focus on being:

Purposeful

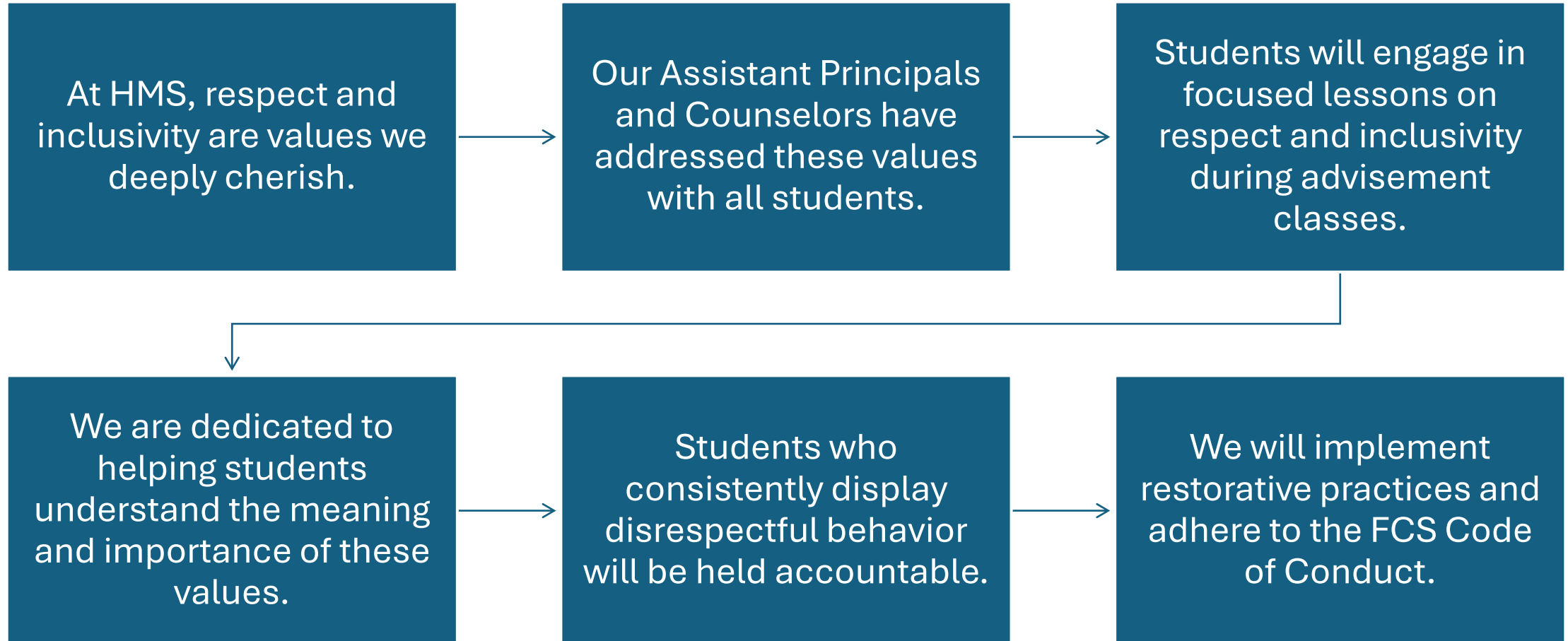
Respectful

Inclusive

Dependable

Engaged

Our Commitment to Respect & Inclusivity



Fostering a Supportive & INCLUSIVE Environment

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- **Teachers will actively intervene to support students.**
 - **Students are encouraged to lead by example and support their peers.**
 - **There are *no excuses* for behavior that lacks respect or inclusivity.**
 - **We are proud to be a "No Place for Hate" school.**
 - **Sign the pledge.**
 - **Participate in school-wide lessons, events, and activities that strengthen our community.**



TIME AND PLACE

Acts of disrespect are not acceptable at HMS!
School is not the time and not the place!

"I was just joking!" -not acceptable

"We are friends, it's okay." -not acceptable

"She said it to me." -not acceptable

"That's the way we talk to each other." -not acceptable

"He told me I could!" -not acceptable

"I have a pass to say that!" -not acceptable

HMS will not accept any excuses for disrespect!

Counseling Support

Our counselors are a great support for our students & families.

- One-on-one counseling
- Small group counseling
- Scheduling
- Parent/teacher conferences
- Personal/social development
- Academic support
- Conflict resolution



Safety

See Something Say Something

Students are encouraged to report unsafe behaviors to an adult in the building as soon as possible.

HMS has a school resource officer & a campus security team member.

Regular practice and review of safety procedures.

Staffing Adjustments

- Seat Count Process and schedule adjustments

Tonight's Schedule

Time	Class/Activity	Class/Activity
	7th Grade	8th Grade
6:00-6:20	General Session	General Session
6:30-6:40	Period 3	Period 4
6:45-6:55	Period 5	Period 5
7:00-7:10	Period 2	Period 7
7:15-7:25	Period 8	Period 8
7:30-7:40	Period 9	Period 9