HWMS Student Handbook Changes for 2022-2023

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5	Parents' Page – 2021-2022	Parents' Page – 2022-2023
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9	*Under Crime Stoppers Heading*: Students with information helpful in solving crimes at HWMS may call the Crime Stoppers Hotline with their anonymous tip @ 1-877-626-8203, or call 554-2370 and ask to speak with an administrator or the School Resource Officer.	Students with information helpful in solving crimes at HWMS may call the Crime Stoppers Hotline with their anonymous tip @ 1-877-626-8203, use our district Speak Up number @ 316-267-2111 or visit usd261.com/district/speakup or call 554-2370 and ask to speak with an administrator or the School Resource Officer.
11	*Under Dress Code Heading (last bullet)*: ~~For safety and security reasons, students are to store jackets/coats and bags in their lockers. Backpacks, purses, handbags and jackets/coats are not to be carried or worn from class to class. Students are to utilize passing periods to store and retrieve needed classroom materials.~~	Took out this entire bullet at the end of the "dress code" section. This content is addressed in the "locker" section of the handbook and is not needed with "dress code."
13	*Under Lockers Heading*: The lockers in the district schools shall be under the supervision of the building administration and/or designee, and assigned to the student for the storage of school materials and personal belongings	The lockers in the district schools shall be under the supervision of the building administration and/or designee, and assigned to the student for the storage of school materials and personal belongings such as coats and/or lunches.
14	*Under Medications Heading*: Prescribed medication is given at school only upon written request from both the lawful custodian and the pupil's local attending physician or dentist.	Prescribed and/or over the counter medication is given at school only upon written request from both the lawful custodian and the pupil's local attending physician or dentist.
14	*Under Personal Property Heading:* Students should not bring personal items such as; laser pointers, ~~pagers~~, wallet chains, ~~cell phones~~, digital cameras, radios, skateboards, roller blades, or electronic games to school unless they have been requested by a teacher and are a useful part of their class work**.** ~~**Electronic devices, such as cellphones, may be utilized for educational purposes at a teachers discretion.**~~ This list is not meant to be all inclusive and additional items of concern will be dealt with on an individual basis by the principal. **The district is not responsible for loss or damage to any personal property even if personal property is lost, stolen, or damaged on school grounds. Use of electronic**	Students should not bring personal items such as; laser pointers, wallet chains, digital cameras, radios, skateboards, roller blades, or electronic games to school unless they have been requested by a teacher and are a useful part of their class work**.** Cell phones are not necessary for educational purposes. Cell phones should not be heard or seen while at school. This list is not meant to be all inclusive and additional items of concern will be dealt with on an individual basis by the principal. **The district is not responsible for loss or damage to any personal property even if personal property is lost, stolen, or damaged**

	devices including those with cameras, text messaging, etc. at school or school activities that violate privacy laws, result in sexual or racial harassment, or classroom cheating may result in suspension and/or expulsion from school.	**on school grounds. Use of electronic devices including those with cameras, text messaging, etc. at school or school activities that violate privacy laws, result in sexual or racial harassment, or classroom cheating may result in suspension and/or expulsion from school**.
14	*Under Physical Education Heading:* Requirements for all students participating in Physical Education classes will be as follows: All 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in P.E. need to have a uniform ~~which can be purchased at HWMS at a cost of $15.00~~.	Requirements for all students participating in Physical Education classes will be as follows: All 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in P.E. need to have a school issued uniform.
15	*Under Promotion and Retention Heading:* The HWMS staff assumes the responsibility for designing and providing the educational plan for each and every student enrolled at HWMS. Included with this responsibility is the need to either "promote" or "retain" individual students for the following school year. ~~Students shall be required tosuccessfully complete these requirements:~~ ~~Three of the four core classes (language arts, math, science, and social studies), and~~ ~~Four of the Six electives* enrolled in for the school year.~~ ~~If the above criteria are not met, successful completion in six of the seven classes, the student will not be considered for promotion and will be scheduled for retention in the next school year. Guided study period will not be a graded consideration for promotion and/or retention purposes. Summer school may be an option offered for a fee. Eighth grade students who have not met the requirements to be promoted to the 9th grade or who have outstanding obligations/fees will not be allowed to participate in the 8th grade recognition/promotion night.~~	Took out the specific requirements for retention.
15	*Under Tardiness to Class*: Students may be counted tardy if they are not in their assigned seat by the beginning time for class. Tardies to class will be recorded by the classroom instructor. Consequences for tardies will be assigned according to the number of incidents recorded by the classroom teacher and may include ALC or detentions. ~~Any student more than 10 minutes late to class will be counted as absent, and may subsequently be counted as truant.~~	Students may be counted tardy if they are not in the classroom before the bell rings for the start of class.

18	*Under Bullying Heading*: HWMS prohibits acts of bullying.	Before the first sentence on the left, we added the state definition of bullying. "As defined by the State of Kansas, bullying is an intentional act that is severe, persistent or pervasive that creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment."