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WESTERN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Student Handbook

The Fort Worth Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, age, gender identity and expression, military/veteran status, in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:
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Educational Calendar

Staff Days (No Students)

Dual Credit

DualCredit(DC), "Dual Credit," is an additional option for current high school students to earn both high school and college credit for the same course.

Admissions Eligibility

Meet all testing requirements (Texas Success Initiative - TSI)
EHS Enrollment Form must be approved by the TCC Registrar's Office
The TCC course load shall not exceed two (2) courses per semester

OnRamps

The University of Texas at Austin's OnRamps dual enrollment program provides opportunities for high school students to earn college credit. OnRamps is designed to accelerate student success by providing university-level work and develops skills necessary for college. In the course, teachers are paired with UT professors to deliver both the high school and college level content. Students will rece

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Transcripts

Transcripts will be available to students at the end of each semester. Requests for additional copies should be made in the registrar's office. We will not issue official transcripts to students or parents. Official transcripts will be mailed directly to the institution requested and may be sent electronically through an online service provider.

Full Time Student

To be a full-time student all freshmen, sophomore and junior students must be assigned eight classes. Senior students must be assigned at least six classes. All students must meet at least three periods each day.

For UIL purposes a student must be enrolled and attend four hours per day.

Grading in Advanced Placement , Dual Credit Courses, and OnRamps

AP semester grades are weighted on a Tier I level to reflect the increased levels of rigor, workload, and expectations as compared to traditional high school classes. This means that the value of letter grades on a student's transcript is increased in figuring the students GPA. GPAs are figured only at the end of each semester.

In addition, each course has its own set of grading standards, which reflect its unique nature. Therefore, it is necessary to review individual course criteria and policies when calculating semester grades. Likewise, College Board tests in May each have their own individual cr

If a student returns to school on the day of a doctor or dentist's appointment with proper verification, that student shall be counted present for ADA purposes, and allowed to participate in school-related activities.

Early Dismissals

A panel of teachers from the academic departments will then review each eligible student's application. Inductees will be notified by letter of their acceptance.

Induction into the chapter is possible in the fall of a student's junior or senior year. A student whosecumulative GPA falls below the standard is subject to dismissal from the chapter.

These standards and qualifications are in compliance with the guidelines in the National Honor Society Handbook, published by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Senior Class Officers

The senior class will elect class officers. To be eligible to run, students must meet certain criteria. He/she must have no grade below "75" for the semester prior to elections and an average grade of a "75" for the 4th and 5th sixth weeks of the semester of the election and no citizenship grade below "S".

Election will be determined by majority vote. In addition, Senior Class Officers may not hold an elected office on the Student Council Board.

Student Council

The purpose of the Student Council is to promote good citizenship, personal integrity, and genuine enthusiasm in school activities. It also provides a forum for the discussion of questions of interest to the student body, and to aid the administration of furthering the policies of WHHS. Members-at-large may apply to the council and its advisors. The president and executive board membe001 Tw (be)-2 me]TJ/H0 Tc5ute1 (i)-1 (.w 5.845 0 Td [(a)-2 (m)2 (to)2 (the)-

Parents are requested to pick up their children promptly at the conclusion of all sponsored activities including dances.

Athletic/UIL Events

Any actions that endanger or disrupt other students, staff, or the event itself will not be tolerated.
Disruptive, dangerous, or lewd behavior is not permissible.
If you are asked to leave an Athletic/UIL event for any reason, the money you paid for admittance will not be refunded.
Any student appearing under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance will be removed from, or not permitted to enter, the event. Further disciplinary action may be taken.
Once you enter the event you will not be allowed to leave. If you choose to leave the event (for any reason) you will NOT be readmitted.
Parents are requested to pick up their children promptly at the conclusion of the Athletic/UIL event.
Failure to adhere to these policies may result in an event ban per administrator discretion.

Student Services

Announcements

Announcements are made each day over the public address system (Times TBD). School related announcements must have prior administration/faculty sponsor approval.

Cafeteria

The District participates in the National School Lunch Program and offers free and reduced-price meals based on a student's financial need. Students may bring a lunch from home.

Students are expected to observe general standards of conduct in the cafeteria. Students need to remain seated while in the cafeteria. They should properly dispose of all wastepaper and food.

There is no food allowed in the classrooms or in the hallways. Exception is during lunch when students are allowed to take food out of the cafeteria to attend tutoring. A student will be given a pass by the teacher indicating that he/she is attending tutoring and that food is allowed.

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first ID, but each replacement card will be $5.00. Students will need to pay the registrar first and then take the receipt to the JROTC classroom.

Library

Schedule Changes

Students who wish to request schedule changes must consult with a counselor. Only counselors may make students schedule changes with approval by the Principal. Schedule changes will not be made after the first ten days of each semester.

School Closing

In the event of severe weather or a mechanical breakdown, school may be closed or the starting time delayed. These same conditions may also require early dismissal of school. School closing, delayed starting time, or early dismissal will be announced over major television and radio stations beginning at 6:00 a.m. If no report is broadcast, it can be assumed that school will be in session. WHHS has no control over the closing or delay of school. This is a district decision which is made by the Fort Worth ISD administration. No decisions of this magnitude are made at the campus level.

Parents and students may download the Fort Worth ISD phone app for free to receive district news and alerts.

Visitor Parking

There will be limited parking available in front of the school from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to conduct school business.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Parents can drop off and pick up in front of the school. There is no pick-up or drop-off in the Faculty Parking Lot.

WHHS Dress Code

Western Hills High School believes that proper etiquette and good grooming are a definite part of the educational process. Students must wear neat, clean, appropriate clothing to school, practices and to school functions. Any extreme in clothing, hair, cosmetics, jewelry, or appearance that may disrupt the normal operations of the school will not be tolerated. Students are expected to be in dress code beginning the first day of school.

Violations

Students are expected to be in dress code beginning on the first day of school. Violations of the dress code shall be handled at the school level. Parents and students are encouraged to review the Fort Worth ISD Standards of MCID 1(n)1 (s)2 (.)3 (An)-4 (y)-1 r be handl

Miscellaneous

Telephones

Office telephones are for business use and may be used by students only in the case of an emergency and with the permission of the office staff.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Students may possess cell phones while on school property, but they must not be used during instructional time Violations will result in the confiscation of the phone/device by the teacher. Students who refuse to turn their phone over upon teacher request