

Frequently Asked Questions for HMS
2019-20 School Year

1. **When is registration?**

You may register online starting on July 22nd IF your child has already attended any of the Highland Schools.

2. **When is the first day of school?**

School starts on Tuesday, August 13th, at 8:27 a.m. It is a full day of school.

3. **What are the school hours?**

Our hours are 8:27 AM to 3:18 every day except Wednesday. On Wednesday, the students will be dismissed at 3:05 so that our staff can participate in professional development activities. 7th and 8th grade students can enter Door L after 7:30 AM. 6th grade students can enter Door H after 7:45 AM.

4. **What is the cost of breakfast and lunch?**

Breakfast is \$1.25. Lunch is \$2.50. Salads and a la carte items are also available, and students may also bring their lunch. Free and reduced lunch forms are online and in the office if needed.

5. **How do I know what's in the handbook?**

The handbook is on our website. Parents sign off on it during registration. It is reviewed with students during the first week of school.

6. **When do students receive their schedules?**

Schedules should be available the evening before the first day of school in RDS Parent Access.

7. **How does my child know where to go on the first day?**

Staff members will be available to help students find their Discover class on Tuesday morning. Student will get a paper copy of their schedule in Discover (1st period) on the first day.

8. **When do they receive their lockers?**

Locker assignments are given on the first day during Discover class.

9. **My child has PE first semester. How do I buy a uniform?**

PE uniforms are available for purchase at Varsity Sports in downtown Griffith.

10. **How do I know what supplies to purchase?**

Supply lists are available online for each grade level.

11. What happens when my child is ill?

Please call the Middle School office (922-5620) between 7:30-9:00 AM to report an absence. Also, a note is required upon your child's return to school. These are collected at the attendance window right by the school office for grades 7 and 8. When the 6th grade students enter the LGI in the morning, they may give theirs to the supervisor.

12. **Where does my child enter school?**

- 7th and 8th grade students enter through the front office doors. Doors are open at 7:30 AM for students.
- 6th grade students enter Door H at 7:45 and stay in the LG until dismissed for class.

13. **If I drive my child to school, where is the drop off point?**

- Parents may drop their child off in the side parking lot, right along the side of the school. Only buses are allowed in the circle drive. Please do **not** use the circle drive during drop-off or pick-up times.
- 6th grade parents may drop their students off in the parking lot at the east end of the building.

14. **How do I find out about athletics?**

Information is online. Coaches will give further information at their first meetings. ISHAA required physical forms are available online or in the office. They MUST be completed before practices/tryouts.

15. **What about clubs?**

Club meetings are announced during morning and afternoon announcements. Teachers also have the needed information.

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