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**6th Grade
Orientation
2022-2023**

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EAST HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Colors:

Black and Gold

School Mascot:

Viking

School Hours:

7:30 AM – Earliest drop off for car riders

7:50 AM – Buses begin arriving on campus

8:00 AM – Dismissal to Homeroom

(Students who arrive before 8:00 will wait in the gym or in the cafeteria)

3:25 PM – Afternoon dismissal

Note: Checkouts are not allowed after 3:00 PM.



WELCOME

Welcome to East Hall Middle School! Your adventure in middle school is going to be full of new discoveries, excitement, new people, new friendships, situations, and new opportunities.

The middle school years will be challenging at times, but if you keep a few pointers in mind, your path will be smooth.

Success is yours for the taking.

GO FOR IT !

People who are here to help you ...

WHO...

PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Our Principal and assistant principals are very important to the daily function of our school. They make sure that everything is running smoothly. They handle scheduling, discipline, bus concerns, and situations that might occur between students.

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

The school office staff answers and directs all phone calls that come into the school. They also help all students and parents who might come to the front office for late check in or afternoon transportation changes. Their work is never done.

People who are here to help you ...

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

The Counselors are adult friends who will listen to your concerns. They can help you polish your study skills and help you with academic and personal struggles. They see students individually and they facilitate small group sessions. You will see them in the classroom sharing guidance activities .

SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse handles all medications. If you are feeling ill, she will take your temperature. If you are in need of first aid, she will assist you. She also handles daily checks for those students who have asthma or diabetes. You must have a pass to see the nurse.

RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) keeps our school a safe place. You will find him many days monitoring students in the lunchroom or walking the school hallways talking with students.

YOUR SCHEDULE

All students will have six classes every day, four academic classes and two Connections classes.

4 Academics + 2 Connections = 6 Classes

ACADEMIC CLASSES

Academic classes are:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies

HOMEWORK

You can expect to have homework almost every night. Teachers work together to schedule tests and assignments so that you will not feel overwhelmed.

MAKE UP WORK

It is the student's responsibility to make up missed assignments due to absence from school. All assignments are posted in the student's canvas courses and can be accessed from home on the date a student is absent.

CONNECTIONS CLASSES

Most Connections classes last for nine weeks. Each nine weeks you change to new connections classes, except for Band and Chorus (which are year-long classes.) It is your choice to be in Band or Chorus. Other Connections classes are randomly selected for you.

Year-Round Connections:

- Band
- Chorus



Other Connections:

- Agriculture
- Art
- Broadcasting & Graphic Communications
- Business and Computer Science I
- Health
- Healthcare Science
- PE
- Reading & Math Support
- Survey of Spanish



6th GRADE SCHEDULE

Each Grade Level follows a different bell schedule by class period.

8:00-8:25	<i>Morning Homeroom</i>
1st Period	8:26-9:35
2nd Period	9:36-10:45
3rd Period	10:46-12:35 (including 25-minute lunch)
4th Period	12:36-1:45
5th Period	1:46-2:35 (Connections)
6th Period	2:36-3:25 (Connections)

Note: Schedule subject to change. There is a modified schedule for Advisement Days (selected Tuesdays).

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Updates to the supply list will be posted at ehms.hallco.org/web/school-supply-list/

- #2 pencils (*Mechanical pencils are preferred. Or the student will need a personal-size pencil sharpener.*)
- 1 pack of 3×3 inch post-it notes (300+ sheets total)
- 1 pack of 4 Expo Markers
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils (*permanent markers are not allowed*)
- Blue or black pens
- Clear Water Bottle with Lid (*Colored water bottles are not permitted*)
- Earbud headphones
- Hand Sanitizer (*Personal size to keep in book bag*)
- Notebook paper
- One heavy duty zippered pouch (*for pencils, pens, etc.*)
- Plain, heavy-duty 3-ring binder with 2-inch spine
- Seven subject dividers with colored “write-on” tabs
- Suggested: Book Bag with a separate compartment for laptop
- e-Signed by Parent “Student Device Agreement Form” (*OR parent provides a laptop/Chromebook for school use*)



CAFETERIA

Students will return to paying for school meals (lunch and breakfast) for the 2022-2023 school year. If you need financial assistance to pay for meals, please complete the school free/reduced lunch application at foodservices.hallco.org/web/free-reduced-applications/ on or after July 1.

The cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch daily. There are two hot entrée choices each day for lunch. There are a variety of snacks that students can purchase during lunch. You cannot purchase snacks if you owe lunch money.

Parents can use an online prepayment system at
<http://www.mealpayplus.com>

Breakfast

7:45 AM - 8:15 AM

Lunch Schedule

(25 Minute Lunch)

- 11:00-11:57 **6th Grade**
- 12:40-1:30 **7th Grade**
- 11:50 -12:37 **8th Grade**



Transportation

Bus riders

Bus riders load and unload buses at the Bus Oval.

Parents of Bus Riders are encouraged to use the MySTOP mobile app for tracking your child's bus route. Learn more at

ehms.hallco.org/web/mystop/



Car riders

The car rider entrance is on Joe Chandler Road. Car riders are dropped off and picked up in front of the school.

IMPORTANT

Do not use the front entrance from East Hall Road to **drop off** car riders. That interferes with the arrival of teachers and staff who need to care for your child.

All transportation changes must be cleared in the front office with a note or phone call from a parent or guardian.

Check outs are not allowed after 3:00 PM. If you arrive after 3:00 PM, you will need to pick up your child in car rider dismissal at 3:25 PM.

SCHOOL MAP



LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

Things to Know

About

The EHMS Learning Commons

- Hours are 8:00 am-4:00 pm
- Must have a signed pass/agenda from your teacher to visit during class times
 - Virtual Reality Station
 - Wellness Zone
 - MakerSpace (with 3D Printer)
 - Book Checkout
- May check out up to three book items at a time
- Items may be kept for two weeks and renewed for another two weeks at a time
- Use Destiny & our online resources

Literacy + Technology + Digital Citizenship + MakerSpace

Jr. Tome Book Club + Student Technology Competition Team

Ask us for help!

We are here for you!



WEBSITES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

- <https://www.hallco.org> (Hall County Schools website)
- <https://ehms.hallco.org>
- <https://www.mealpayplus.com> (online prepayment system for school meals)
- <https://campus.hallco.org/campus/portal/hall.jsp>
 - Parents can access information about their child's attendance, grades, and assignments. (Infinite Campus– first time users contact school's main office to obtain an activation key.)
- <http://go.hallco.org> (Launchpoint for Students)

All teachers and school staff are available through email to parents. Hall County School System employees use the following email address:

employee first name . employee last name@hallco.org

All teachers are available to message through Canvas Inbox to students.

SCHOOL ISSUED STUDENT DEVICES (Chromebooks)

EHMS Students are issued a chromebook for use at school for academic purposes. The mobile computing device, an educational tool, is the property of HCSD. It may be inspected at any time. The student should have no expectation of privacy of materials found on the computing device. Not for commercial use.

EHMS teachers utilize chromebooks in the classroom to allow students to create with technology for educational purposes.



Students should follow these guidelines for Chromebook use and care:

- Chromebooks must remain free of any writing, drawing, or non-removable stickers. Static-cling decals that peel off easily are permitted.
- Heavy objects should never be placed on top of Chromebooks.
- Always transport Chromebooks with care.
- Never lift Chromebooks by the screen.
- Never carry Chromebooks with the screen open.
- The EHMS Barcode Label attached to the chromebook may not be modified or tampered with in any way.
- Students may be charged up to the full replacement cost of a Chromebook or charger for tampering with a barcode label or turning in a Chromebook or charger without a barcode label.

Parent/Student Financial Responsibility for Repairs Students/Parents are responsible for any cost involved in the repairing of damaged mobile computing devices. Damage not covered under warranty repairs include, not limited to, cracked screens, impact/pressure damage, water damage/damage due to negligence as determined by the school. Damage & negligence including, but not limited to:

1. Intentional damage
2. Leaving a device unattended
3. Leaving a device unsecured
4. Exposing a device to unacceptable conditions such as exposure to any liquid or moisture of any kind
5. Exposing a device to unacceptable conditions such as rain, extreme heat or cold

YOUR DIGITAL LIFE

Media and digital devices are an integral part of our world today. The benefits of these devices, if used moderately and appropriately, can be great. But, research has shown that face-to-face time with family, friends, and teachers plays an even more important role in promoting learning and healthy development. So remember to keep face-to-face interaction up front, and don't let it get lost behind a stream of media and tech.



As you enter middle school, remember these helpful guidelines for media use:

- **Set limits for screen time.**
 - When used inappropriately or without thought, media can displace many important activities such as face-to-face interaction, family-time, outdoor-play, exercise, unplugged downtime and sleep.
- **Know the value of face-to-face communication.**
 - Research has shown that it's that "back-and-forth conversation" that improves language skills—much more so than "passive" listening or one-way interaction with a screen.
- **Create tech-free zones.**
 - Keep family mealtimes, other family and social gatherings, and your bedroom screen free. Recharge devices overnight—outside your bedroom. These changes encourage more family time, healthier eating habits, and better sleep.
- **Know the importance of privacy and the dangers of predators.**
 - Once content is shared with others, you will not be able to delete or remove it completely, and this includes texting of inappropriate pictures. Use privacy settings for your media accounts. And be warned that predators often use social networking, chat rooms, e-mail, and online gaming to contact and exploit victims.
- **Do not engage in cyberbullying.**
 - Be kind online and limit your online friends to those that are positive and encouraging. Cyberbullying can lead to short- and long-term negative social, academic, and health issues for both the bully and the target. Reach out to a trusted adult or school counselor if you find yourself a victim of cyberbullying.

DISCIPLINE

Instructions from teachers are expected to be followed. Students will be asked to follow three basic rules:

- 1. *Be Respectful***
- 2. *Be Responsible***
- 3. *Be Safe***

Applying these three R's to the school environment should ensure a safe and orderly place for all students to learn.

DRESS CODE:

- No bare stomachs
- Shorts and skirts shouldn't be shorter than a dollar-bill height from the knee
- Pants must be at your waist
- No hats
- No offensive shirts that display profanity, suggestive language or behavior, advertisements for drugs, alcohol, tobacco nor violence
- No leggings without skirt or dress *of appropriate length*
- No holes in jeans above the knee

Please refer to your student agenda for further details .

CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell Phones are not allowed to be used in class.

If a student brings a cell phone, it must be turned off and put away.

If a student has his/her phone out, it will be taken up.

Please do not text or call your child during the school day. We have telephones your child can use to contact you. If you have an emergency during the school day, please call our front office at 770-531-9457. Only emergency messages will be delivered during the school day.



CLUBS –GET INVOLVED !

East Hall Middle offers many clubs and fun ways for all students to get involved and to make friends.



Academic Team

Anchor Club

FBLA

FFA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

4-H Club

Jr. Tome Book Club

Jr. Beta Club

Odyssey of the Mind

Running Club

Student Technology Competition Team

WEHM (Student News Team)

SCHOOL SPORTS

For 7th & 8th Graders

East Hall Middle offers many sports that students can participate in during 7th and 8th grade.

Football

Wrestling

Basketball

Cheerleading

Track & Field

Cross Country

Soccer



BEING A GOOD FRIEND

Dependable: *Do you call when you say you will? Are you on time when you and your friends make plans? Do you keep secrets a secret? Are you there when your friends need help or advice?*

Loyal: *Do you make them a priority? Do you avoid starting or spreading rumors?*

Supportive: *Do you cheer your friends on in every effort? Do you listen? Do you point out your friends positive qualities? Are you kind and helpful?*

Considerate: *Do you take into account your friends feelings? Do you make an effort to understand their points of view?*

Respectful: *Do you treat your friends the way you would like to be treated? Do you appreciate your friends unique qualities?*



SETTING A GOAL

Good students don't just grow on trees. You must set a goal for yourself to become one.

Define what a good student is to you.

Brainstorm ways that you can become a good student.

Create a master plan with daily specific goals.
Take small steps toward your big goal.

Be specific with your goal timeline. Someday is not a day of the week.

Be prepared for set backs. Don't give up on your goal.

Pick yourself up and get back on your plan.

Ask for help if you need it.

***Your parents, teachers
and school staff are
there for you.***



ORGANIZATION = SUCCESS

1. Write assignments in your agenda for every class.
2. Have a place for notes and papers for each class.
3. Have a specific place for all homework and any information that needs to go home that day.
4. It's good to find a phone buddy in each class in case you are absent or need to ask a question about an assignment.



RESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBILITY

Teachers are looking for students who respect others and accept responsibility for their behavior and school work.

Here are some tips

Be prepared for class.

Bring paper, pencil, books and homework.

Ask questions!

It shows interest and participation. Others probably have the same question, too.

Stay on top of assignments.

Playing catch up can totally stress you out! Know what is due and when it is due.

Be yourself .

Trying to get attention by being funny doesn't get you the kind of attention you want.


7 Tips for Surviving Middle School


1. **Be Proactive:** Choose to be positive , make choices based on your values. Reactive people make choices based on impulse.
2. **Begin With The *END IN MIND*:** Set goals for the year and review them with your parents. What do you want to learn or improve upon in this school year?
3. **Put First Things First:** What do you need to accomplish this week? Study for a test? Prepare a book review? Keep focus on what is most important.
4. **Think Win-Win:** Develop positive relationships with others. Avoid comparing your self with your peers. Stay out of the “he said—she said” games. Steer clear of rumors. Be kind to others and accept people and their differences.
5. **Seek First to Understand, Then To Be Understood:** Be a good listener and have empathy for others.(Try to walk in their shoes.)
6. **Learn to Celebrate Differences:** Celebrate and value the differences in your peer group. You will make more friends and make EHMS a positive place to be. We all want to be accepted by others!
7. **Balance:** Keeping balance with outside activities, rest , nutrition, & fun with your family and friends may be a challenge. Take time to enjoy school and build time in your schedule for yourself.


2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR


HCSD announced changes to the calendar will be posted at
www.hallco.org/web/schoolcalendar


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 Holiday (Students &/or Staff)

 Teacher Workdays/PL

 School Days for Students

 New Teacher Orientation

 Teacher Make-Up Snow Day

 Early Release Days

September 22 & February 2

Elementary @ Noon

MS/HS @ 1:15

Tuesday, August 2 (4-7 pm)

Middle School Open House

Friday, August 5

First Day of School for Students

In case of 4 days of INCLEMENT WEATHER, STUDENT make-up days would be Feb.20, March 24th, May 25, & May 26. Teacher workday would move to May 30.



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Parent Resources
ehms.hallco.org/web/parents/

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