

WILLIAM P. HOBBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

CAMPUS HANDBOOK

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WELCOME

WILLIAM P. HOBBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome to Hawk Country. As a student at William P. Hobby, you will have the privilege and opportunity of being a part of one of the best middle schools in our nation. Your school faculty will offer you many opportunities. In return you will be expected to give your cooperation, interest, and enthusiasm in the classroom and in your extracurricular activities. It is a fact that you will receive no more from your school than you put into it. Keep this thought in mind at all times. You, the student, are the most important aspect of school life at Hobby Middle School. As a citizen of this school, you are expected to follow the rules that are established for the welfare of the entire student body. Following the rules will help all students become better school citizens. Be proud of your school. Take good care of it. As a school citizen, you are expected to act like a middle school student and conduct yourself properly. You will learn necessary and useful skills for the future. As a new student you may find some things unfamiliar at first, but you will soon become accustomed to them. Throughout your life you will be looking toward the future, but you will also find yourself thinking of the fun and pleasant experiences you had while a student at your school.

WILLIAM PETTUS HOBBY

Governor William Hobby was known as the "tactful Texan". In September of 1917, William P. Hobby became Governor of Texas. He succeeded the impeached governor Ferguson and later in 1918 was elected by a record majority to serve from 1918 to 1920. During his term in office, William Hobby took charge of wartime responsibility, sponsored first "tidelands" law, "right-to-work" legislation, and his education proposals have made history. The Northside Independent School District has chosen Texas governors and notable Texans to be the namesakes of the middle schools in the district. In the choice of William Hobby for this middle school, the district has made an excellent selection, as Governor William P. Hobby was an illustrious contributor to the newspaper business and State Governor of Texas. James A. Clark said of Governor Hobby, "William P. Hobby is a great man. He is a pleasant charming person with the most genuinely profound wit I have ever known. He is most accurate and penetrating as a dedicated newspaper man, and I believe history will record the same day that he was one of the truly great governors of Texas."

SCHOOL COLORS

Purple and Gold

SCHOOL MASCOT

Hawks

Hobby Middle School Mission and Vision

Mission - We ensure educational growth that promotes lifelong learning in a diverse community.

Vision - We will Empower, Inspire, and Engage learners to achieve lifelong success.

PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU

Principal

The Principal is responsible to the Superintendent of Schools for proper administration of William P. Hobby Middle School. His duty to organize, supervise, and administer all of the affairs of the school as they affect students, teachers, and patrons. He will be glad to assist you with any concerns.

Academic Dean

The Academic Dean is an instructional leader who is responsible for curriculum and instruction on the campus. The Academic Dean works in conjunction with the Principal, Vice Principal, and Assistant Principal to achieve student success.

Associate Principal/Assistant Principal

The Associate Principal and Assistant Principal work directly with the Principal in the administration and organization of the school. They are in charge of attendance and handle the routine discipline problems. They also assist the principal in supervision of personnel, instruction, and the implementation of the campus and district goals and mission. The Associate Principal assumes the responsibility of the Principal in his absence.

Counselors

Students have the same guidance counselor throughout middle school. Counselors will be happy to assist students with concerns regarding school and/or personal life. If students would like to make an appointment with a counselor, this can be arranged with the secretary in the guidance office. If a counselor cannot see students that same day, she will make an appointment for later time. Conferences with students receive first consideration of the counselor's time. The function of the counselor is advisory, not disciplinary, and all information is confidential based on the district guidelines.

Teacher

Your teachers are specialists in the field in which they teach and are eager to help students get the most out of your classes. The teachers are charged with the responsibility of carrying out the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and any additional policies set up by the administration.

Your teachers are also classroom leaders who have the responsibility of supervising and directing all students in the pursuit of their education.

Librarian

Your librarian and library staff are invaluable resources when researching class assignments, finding a great book to read and assisting you with technology, including audio books, databases, and class projects. We are available to assist you every school day from 7:50 am to 3:50 pm. Check out your Hobby library!

Police Officer

The police officer assists students when needed and helps maintain a safe environment. The officer helps supervise all after school events and helps monitor traffic. The Northside ISD Police Department maintains a 24-hour, anonymous SAFE hotline number at (210) 397-7233.

School Nurse

The school nurse is available to help students at school with medical emergencies and will work closely with parents and physician(s) in administering prescribed medication. Please notify the school nurse of any medical conditions that may be of concern.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Athletics

Athletics at Hobby are extracurricular activities and most practices are scheduled before or after school. We have team sports such as football, basketball, soccer, and track for 7th & 8th grade boys. We have basketball, volleyball, soccer, and track for 7th & 8th grade girls. We have lifetime sports for all students in tennis and golf at the 7th & 8th grade level.

Athletes at Hobby are boys and girls who have indicated a desire to contribute time and energy for the good of them, the team, and their school. We recognize this contribution in various ways. We expect our athletes to be good representatives of Hobby wherever they may go. An athlete is first a lady or a gentleman, who acts courteously, and is an example of good conduct and grooming for others to follow. The athlete must maintain a passing grade of 70 or above to remain eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities. There are no special privileges for athletes and none are expected. The athlete is assuring for himself or herself a more well-balanced education through a variety of interests. We welcome student participation in our athletic program, and we hope that it will result in victorious competition.

Attendance Procedures/Tardies

Following an absence, students should bring a dated note signed by a parent explaining the reason for the absence. If a doctor saw the student, a note should be obtained from the doctor explaining the absence. All doctors' notes should be sent to school within three days to **substantiate** absences. Students should bring all notes to the attendance office between 7:50 am and 8:30 am. In the event that a student reports to school following an absence without a note, he/she must report to the Attendance Office.

Sufficient time is provided to pass from one class to another. If a student is not in class at the end of the passing period, the teacher will consider the student tardy. All unexcused tardies will be subject to a penalty. Teachers are not required to allow the student consideration for any unexcused tardies.

Should a student be detained by a teacher, he/she should secure a note from that teacher and present it to the teacher in charge of the class he/she is entering. For such an occurrence, the student will not be charged with an unexcused tardy.

1. Tardy to class

If a student is tardy to class, he/she should report directly to his/her teacher, who will evaluate his/her reason for tardiness and assess an appropriate penalty.

2. Coming to School Late

If a student arrives on the campus late, he/she will report immediately to the attendance office for a class admittance slip. Students who arrive late on the campus may be subject to an administrative consequence. Repeat offenders will be reported to truancy court.

3. Excessive Tardies

Students with excessive tardies will be referred to an administrator

Awards

In order that students may be duly recognized for outstanding achievements, awards will be presented at the last P.T.A. meeting of the year in May or June. Students will receive honor roll ribbons at the end of each six-weeks grading period except for the last six weeks. To be on the "A" honor roll, the student must have A's in all subjects. To be on the "A and B" honor roll, the student must have all A's and B's in all subjects. **Students cannot have N's or U's in conduct to receive honor roll status.**

Back Packs

Students will be allowed to carry backpacks with them to class. Drawstring backpacks are highly recommended. Large athletic bags for athletic purposes must be stored in locker rooms.

Band/Choir/Orchestra

Students in band are expected to buy their instruments except in a few instances where the instrument is furnished. Students are expected to participate in Solo and Ensemble contests. Students are required to attend all performances as part of their grade. Students are also expected to attend before and after school rehearsals in preparation for upcoming concerts.

Bell Schedule - TBA

Note: Bell schedule is subject to change in order to accommodate an advisory period and FLEX and is posted to the Hobby Middle School website.

Bus

Students are expected to ride the designated bus assigned to them by the transportation department. In order to ride a different bus home, a note with a contact phone number must be sent by a parent/guardian and received By 3:00 PM in the front office. This request will be verified by office personnel and a phone call to all parents.

Cell Phones/Personal Electronic Devices/ BYOD

Personal Electronic Devices (PED's) must be turned off and not visible during the school day unless using the device for "teacher approved" instructional purposes. Students who violate this policy will be subject to escalating Consequences which may include removal of cell phone and/or technology privileges.

Clubs

Membership in clubs is open to all students. Every student will profit from the varied experiences which he/she will enjoy as a member of a club. Regular meetings are held once each month, either before or after school.

Courtyard

Students will have the opportunity to sit in the courtyard outside the cafeteria during lunch if they have met the following criteria each six weeks: Honor Roll, Excellent attendance and discipline.

Dances and After School Activities

School dances sponsored by the PTA and club organizations will be held periodically. These dances are open only to Hobby students in good standing. In order to continue to attend future dances or after school activities, students must be picked up no later than twenty (20) minutes after the function (ex: football, volleyball, basketball, and Intramurals). Parent contact will be made by an administrator if the student is not picked after the function within the time frame.

Deliveries

In order to minimize interruptions of the learning environment, we do not deliver items directly to students. However, we also recognize the need for a child to receive forgotten items. Therefore, we will gladly accept any item delivered by a parent to the office. Balloons, flowers and personal gifts for students will not be delivered to the student during the day. All items will be held in the front office for student pickup at the end of the day

Detention Hall

Teacher Assigned detention hall begins at 4:10pm-4:40pm, and Administrative Assigned detention hall begins at 4:10pm-5:00pm. Students are expected to arrive on time. They are required to bring with them enough school-related material on which to work for the entire time. Arriving late or not being properly prepared could result in an additional administrative referral. Attendance recovery for high school credit may be assigned during detention hall.

Dress Code

The district's dress code is implemented (Section D); therefore, students will be expected to follow the guidelines set forth by the district. Dress code standards are extended to extra-curricular activities held on the campus. In an effort to promote a safe and positive school environment which is conducive to learning, students should wear appropriate clothing that will not cause disruptions in learning or safety. Inappropriate, indecent, suggestive or distracting clothing will not be allowed. Changes in dress code, deemed appropriate and necessary by the school principal, may be announced, implemented and enforced during the course of the academic school year.

Students out of compliance with dress code may be removed from the regular school setting until the parent is able to provide appropriate attire. Students will be asked to change into school issued clothing if parents cannot be reached. Book covers, folders, book bags, school property, body parts, and/or personal property or clothing displaying obscenities, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, controlled substances, weapons, gang related materials or any design or inscription that administration determines to be unacceptable are not permitted at Hobby Middle School. These items will be confiscated and documented, if necessary, in the student's discipline record.

Final determination of acceptable dress code and grooming rests with the Principal or his/her designees.

Extra-Curricular Activities

All Hobby students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities. Students must maintain their academic eligibility to participate fully. However, students who do not attend school on the day an extra-curricular event is scheduled may not participate in that activity. Students will be allowed to attend home games conducted at Hobby Middle School. Students are expected to follow the Hobby Middle School Dress Code. Attendance at events is contingent on good standing in regards to behavior and attendance. Students will report directly to the cafeteria on event days and will be escorted to the event by an administrator. Students are expected to follow the NISD code of conduct.

Students are not allowed to leave the campus prior to the event. Any student who leaves must be dropped off by a parent/guardian. After the event is concluded, all student spectators must be picked up no later than 20 minutes. Any student who is not picked up in this time frame may be subject to removal of the privilege to attend future events. For events schedule after 6:00 PM (i.e. music concerts) students will not be allowed to stay campus and may return no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the event. A parent is required for student spectators to be in attendance for these events.

FLEX

FLEX is an intervention and enrichment program at Hobby Middle School and will be 3 times per week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Hobby PBIS Matrices

P- Punctuality

R- Respect

I- Integrity

D- Determination

E- Excellence

These expectations will be taught to all students throughout the year.

Intramurals

The purpose of the intramural program at Hobby is as follows: to provide a short recreation period for all students. All intramurals will take place immediately after school. Students taking part in intramurals should be picked up at 5:30 pm.

In School Suspension (ISS)

Students who cannot conduct themselves appropriately on campus as well as in their regularly scheduled classes may be assigned to the ISS class. Upon entering the ISS classroom, students will surrender their cell phones and any other electronic devices to the ISS teacher and will be returned to the student at the end of the day. Students are expected to display appropriate behavior and complete all assignments while in ISS.

Leaving Campus

Students are not allowed to leave campus after they have arrived without parents checking in at the front office and following student check out procedures. Students who are attending after school events are not allowed to leave campus and return without a parent.

Library

The library is a vital tool in the educational process. In order to maintain the library effectively, a set of regulations has been formulated.

Library hours are from 8:00am- 4:05pm

Students may use the library during the school day with an appropriate pass from the teacher.

Students do need a pass to use the library before school.

We do not charge fines for overdue items, but students are responsible to pay for the loss or damage of library materials.

Lunch Deliveries

All students will receive free breakfast and lunch during the school day. Students will be able to purchase al la carte menu items. Parents wishing to join their child for lunch may do so, however food may not be delivered and left for child to pick up at the front office. Bringing lunch for other students or groups is not permitted without administrator approval.

Using a 3rd party delivery service (Door Dash, Uber Eats, etc.) will be prohibited due to safety issues and payment complications.

Nuisance Items

Items that cause a distraction from the school's academic atmosphere are not permitted. The school cannot be held responsible for any of these lost or stolen items. Confiscated items will be returned to the parent only. Students who bring these items to school are subject to disciplinary action.

Office Hours and Procedures

The main office hours are from 7:45am– 4:15pm each school day. All school business should be transacted during these hours.

Public Display of Affection (PDA)

Public displays of affection are not appropriate in a school environment and are subject to regular disciplinary procedures.

Visitors on Campus

Visits from parents and patrons are encouraged by Hobby Staff. We welcome you, but all parents and patrons are required to register at our front office to pick up your visitor's pass. Everyone should be prepared to show their **Driver's License for identification**. You are also required to sign-out prior to leaving the campus. This pass lets our staff know that you have complied with District policy regarding campus visitations. Older siblings are not allowed to visit unless accompanied by the parent.

Withdrawal from School

The student should bring the withdrawal documentation form filled out by the parent/guardian prior to the withdrawal date. Any outstanding school issued items will be turned in prior to the completion of the withdrawal.