

Haughton Middle School
Student Handbook
2020-2021



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At the time of publication of this document, revisions to the Bossier Parish Schools District Handbook were not available due to legislative action. Once policies have been established, updated information will be published in the online version of the handbook available at www.bossierschools.org

Haughton Middle Personnel

HMS Main Office (318) 549-5560

HMS Fax Number (318) 549-5573

Richard Warren, Principal (318) 549-5565

Contact for school-wide suggestions and concerns.

Wendy Lee, Assistant Principal (318) 549-5567

Contact for questions and concerns related to curriculum, textbooks, discipline, or PBIS.

Michael Pedrotty, Assistant Principal (318) 549-5566

Contact for questions and concerns related to curriculum, textbooks, discipline, or PBIS.

Greg Barnard, School Resource Officer (318) 549-5568

Contact for issues or concerns related to school or student safety.

Nicole Addison, Counselor (318) 549-5644

Counselor for 6th and 7th grade students. Contact for enrollment and registration questions, scheduling, testing (LEAP and ILEAP) information, Counseling, and Conferences.

Debbie Chestnut, Counselor (318) 549-5569

Counselor for 6th and 7th grade students. Contact for enrollment and registration questions, scheduling, testing (LEAP and ILEAP) information, Counseling, and Conferences.

Roxanne Voigt, Counselor (318) 549-5570

Counselor for 8th grade students. Contact for enrollment and registration questions, scheduling, School Building Level Committee (SBLC) information, Counseling, and Conferences.

Lisa Lambert, Instructional Coach (318) 549-5575

Contact for remediation, RACE, RTI, State Testing, or curriculum concerns.

Pam Taylor, Secretary (318) 549-5560

Contact for general school related questions, transportation issues, messages for teachers, records requests (when moving), school events, school fees and to volunteer

Lauren Willcox, Clerical Aide (318) 549-5562

Contact for attendance, absences, tardy information, and to request homework

Amee Hensley, Librarian (318) 549-5628

Contact for library books and fees.

Chyloedria Hicks, Cafeteria Manager (318) 549-5576

Contact for questions about free/reduced meals or lunch accounts and for special dietary requirements.

Shanna Stanfield, School Nurse (318) 549-5563

Contact for medication administration and medical concerns for your child.

Please visit WWW.HAUGHTONMIDDLE.COM for school information. You can call your child's teacher for concerns about grades, classroom behavior, or report cards.

Mascot- Buccaneers
Colors- Red and White

**Haughton Middle School
2020-2021
BELL SCHEDULE**

70 Minute Blocks

1ST Lunch 6th		2nd Lunch 8th		3rd Lunch 7th	
(70 Minutes per Block)					
1 st Bell	7:40	1 st Bell	7:40	1 st Bell	7:40
1 st Block	7:43 – 8:55	1 st Block	7:43 – 8:55	1 st Block	7:43 – 8:55
Buccaneer Block	8:58-9:28	Buccaneer Block	8:58-9:28	Buccaneer Block	8:58-9:28
2 nd Block	9:31-10:41	2 nd Block	9:31-10:41	2 nd Block	9:31-10:41
Lunch	10:41-11:06	3 rd Block	10:44-12:19	3 rd Block	10:44-11:54
3 rd Block	11:09-12:19	Lunch	11:18-11:43	Lunch	11:54-12:19
4 th Block	12:22-1:32	4 th Block	12:22-1:32	4 th Block	12:22-1:32
5 th Block	1:35-2:45	5 th Block	1:35-2:45	5 th Block	1:35-2:45

Core Subjects are always the same block and time each day (Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, ELA).
Elective and PE courses are on an A/B rotation.

Monday (A/B)	Tuesday A day	Wednesday B day	Thursday A day	Friday B day
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PM ACTIVITY BELL SCHEDULE

1ST Lunch 6th		2nd Lunch 8th		3rd Lunch 7th	
(66 Minutes per Block)					
1 st Bell	7:40	1 st Bell	7:40	1 st Bell	7:40
1 st Block	7:43 – 8:51	1 st Block	7:43 – 8:51	1 st Block	7:43 – 8:51
2 nd Block	8:54-10:00	2 nd Block	8:54-10:00	2 nd Block	8:54-10:00
Lunch	10:00-10:25	3 rd Block	10:03-11:34	3 rd Block	10:03-11:09
3 rd Block	10:28-11:34	Lunch	10:33-10:58	Lunch	11:09-11:34
4 th Block	11:37-12:43	4 th Block	11:37-12:43	4 th Block	11:37-12:43
5 th Block	12:46-1:52	5 th Block	12:46-1:52	5 th Block	12:46-1:52
Activity	1:52-2:45	Activity	1:52-2:45	Activity	1:52-2:45

Welcome to Haughton Middle School

The administrators, faculty, and staff would like to welcome you to Haughton Middle School. We are looking forward to a successful school year. Our goal is to create a safe and educational environment in which our students can achieve their goals and learn. We are providing this handbook to assure an easy transition for new students entering HMS as well as for returning students and parents.

Please read this handbook carefully and retain it for future questions you may have regarding rules, regulations, and school policy. Please sign the form in the back of the handbook and return to HMS indicating that you have read and understand the rules and procedures at HMS. The HMS administration has the authority to amend this handbook to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment if necessary.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a rigorous education to ensure our students become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

Amendments

Haughton Middle School administration reserves the right to make changes and amendments to this handbook as necessary. As these changes are made, we will attempt to keep an updated version on our website at all times.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Students should arrive on time and be prepared to learn. Students should be respectful of teachers, administrators, staff, and other students. Keep your hands and feet to yourself. Follow all rules, including: No Pushing, No Shoving, No Running, No Profanity, No Obscene Gestures or Conversation.

Arrival: Students should not arrive before 7:15 AM. All students should be dropped off in the designated drop-off area. Students who eat breakfast are to go **directly** to the cafeteria. All other students are to report to their designated break areas. In severe weather, 6th graders report to the cafeteria and 7th and 8th graders report to the gym. All students should be at school by 7:40 AM. Students arriving after 8:00 AM must be signed in by a parent. Any student who is not in class by the tardy bell will receive an AM Tardy.

Dismissal: Students are to go **directly** to their pick up areas after the 2:45 PM bell. Students are to be picked up in the designated pick-up area only. Bus riders must go directly to their bus. Any student attending a school practice is to go to the team meeting area immediately. Failure to follow these rules may lead to loss of privileges and disciplinary action.

Parent procedure for Car Line in the afternoon:

- **Parents may not begin lining up before 2:05 each day.**
- Remain in line until you are motioned to form two lines each day.
- Please pull forward as far as possible to load as many vehicles as possible at one time.
- Make sure your son/daughter looks for you as they exit the building because the sooner they get to the car, the sooner you may leave.
- Once the buses begin leaving, **no** car will be allowed to leave until **all** buses have left.

Check-In and Checkout Procedures

Check In: All tardiness without proper documentation (original doctor excuse, etc.) is unexcused, but it is important for students to be checked into school by an adult in order for make-up work to be assigned. Any student signed in by a parent/guardian will be allowed to make up assignments according to BPSB policy.

Check Out: Students are not allowed to leave the school premises without proper authorization from the office.

Parents/Guardians needing to check students out during the school day must report to the office and sign the student out. Only parents, guardians, and persons authorized on the student's registration form will be allowed to check a student out of school if a parent is unavailable. PICTURE IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO CHECK A CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL. Students who need to check out for illness must fill out a "Student Telephone Pass" and report to the office to contact a parent/guardian ONLY.

There will be no check outs during lunch shifts or after 2:15 PM.

Lunch Shifts 1st Lunch 10:41-11:06 2nd Lunch 10:44 -11:43 3rd Lunch 11:54-12:19

Attendance and Absences

In order to receive credit for courses necessary for promotion, all students must be in attendance for a minimum of 160 days. A student who misses more than 20 days in a school year is not allowed to be promoted to the next grade. It is the law in the state of Louisiana that personal illness (as verified by a doctor), death in the family (with copy of obituary or funeral program), or extenuating circumstances (as agreed to by the principal) are the only basis for excusing an absence. A written note from the parent/guardian explaining the absence is required upon the student's return to school. All doctor's notes must be received within five (5) days of return to school. Students will be responsible for all classwork assigned during absences. Also note that four unexcused tardies constitutes an absence. Upon receipt of the fifth unexcused absence or fifth unexcused tardy, student will be referred to the Bossier/Webster Parish Truancy Assessment and Service Center (TASC).

Tardiness

All students should be at school by 7:40 AM. Students arriving after 7:45 AM must report to the office and be signed in by a parent. Any student who is not in class by the tardy bell will receive a tardy. Tardies are kept per nine weeks. Tardies will be kept in each teacher's classroom for students tardy to that individual class. If students are more than 3-5 minutes late, and do not have a note from an administrator or faculty/staff member, teachers may write a D-slip or referral for skipping class. Tardiness to class will be addressed by the teacher using the following policy:

Tardies 1-2-----Warnings

Tardies 3 and subsequent-----D-slip given and parent contacted

Assignment Requests and Make Up Work

After an absence, students should return to school with a note from a parent that includes the date(s) absent and excuse. Teachers may assist with assignments, but it is the student's responsibility to get any missed assignments and complete them within three days. The best way for a student or parent to get missed assignments is through OnCourse or email by sending a request for any missed work indicating date(s) absent and excuse to each of the student's teachers. This same policy applies to students who are suspended. Suspended students may not earn full credit on missed assignments, but should not receive less than 75% credit of work completed. In the event a student will be absent for more than three consecutive days, parents may contact the school office at 549-5560 to obtain assignments.

Bus Information and Procedures

School bus guidelines have been adopted by the Bossier Parish School Board in order to provide safe transportation to and from school. It is a privilege, not a right, to ride Bossier Parish school buses. All Board policies are strictly enforced on school buses. The bus operator, together with the principal, assumes full responsibility for the discipline of students who ride the bus. Should an infraction occur, the bus operator will notify the principal in writing. The principal has the sole authority to determine punishment, if warranted.

The responsibility for supervision of students begins at the bus stop in the morning and ends when students exit buses at the end of the day. On-time delivery and student safety are the primary goals of each bus operator.

When riding the school bus, every student will:

1. Follow the Bus Transportation rules as directed by the bus operator and the student's principal.
2. Report to the assigned bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time; the bus stops will be assigned by your student's bus operator.
3. Not bring on the bus objects that are too large to be held in the student's lap or to fit under the seat (including large band instruments, projects, and other large objects).
4. Assist the bus operator in maintaining a clean and sanitary bus; students who damage/destroy buses are appropriately disciplined/assessed for damages.
5. Not exit the bus at a different stop from their assigned stop without written authorization from the principal. The note must be presented to the operator at the start of the afternoon run.
6. Remain seated with backs against the seat, backpacks in lap, facing forward in the student's permanently assigned seat, while the bus is in motion and during stops for other students. The bus operator is responsible for seat assignments.
7. Only talk quietly to your neighbor. Vulgar language and bullying of other students will not be tolerated.
8. Adhere to the dress code for each school.
9. Not eat on the bus. (Students may carry water on the bus in plastic bottles.)
10. Not extend arms out of windows or doors; not throw objects out of windows.

NOTE: A violation of a bus rule may result in loss of bus privilege and or disciplinary action. All buses are equipped with video cameras that constantly monitor student passengers. Bus operators are permitted to make reasonable rules for the safe transportation of students.

See Transportation website for additional bus safety tips.

If it is necessary for you to ride a bus other than the one you are assigned, you must bring a note from your parent or guardian stating the following information:

- The name of the student you are riding with
- The address of the student whose home you are going to
- The bus number of that student
- Parent or guardian signature

A note is also required from a parent or guardian giving permission for a student to ride with them. Written permission must be on file from both parents/guardians.

Students will follow this procedure:

- Students will turn in their bus notes to the office before school or during first hour. Students will pick up signed notes in the office during lunch.
- Students will give the note to the bus driver when they get on the bus.

Please be aware that due to some overcrowding, there may be some buses that cannot accommodate any extra students and will not be allowed to take students who are not assigned to those buses for safety reasons. **Students may be refused permission to ride other buses as deemed necessary by school administrators.**

After School Activities

Haughton Middle School will provide supervision for 15 minutes after the ending time for all school-sponsored events such as dances, athletic events and spirit groups. For example, if a dance ends at 6:00 PM, supervision ends at 6:15 PM. Parents should provide rides for students by 7:15 PM for football games and 6:00 PM for boys and girls basketball games. Failure to pick up students within 15 minutes may result in the student being barred from attending future events. The administration will make this determination for repeat offenders.

OnCourse and Teacher Websites

Parents can keep up with their child's academic performance by using OnCourse. Please create an OnCourse account and check it regularly. If you need directions setting up an account, go to www.haughtonmiddle.com and click on the Parent's Tab. Teacher information can also be found on our school website. Information on our teacher pages may include Google Classroom codes, class notes, grades, upcoming assignments, missed assignments, and other relevant information vital to your child's success.

Conferences

Parents may schedule conferences with the teachers or administrators by calling the office (549-5560) during school hours. If a parent needs to speak with an individual teacher about a classroom issue, your message will be forwarded to that teacher. If your child is failing multiple subject areas, please contact the school counselor for assistance.

School Counselors

The school counselors, Mrs. Addison, Mrs. Chestnut, and Mrs. Voigt, are available to talk with students and parents about concerns they may have. Mrs. Addison's number is 549-5644, Mrs. Chestnut's number is 549-5569, and Mrs. Voigt's number is 549-5570. The school counselors advise students on matters that impact their lives both at school and in the community. Parents should call the counselor when they would like to schedule a teacher – parent conference. The conferences are usually scheduled from 7:15 – 7:30 AM, 2:45 – 3:15 PM, or during the teacher's planning period. Parents may also call the counselor when they would like to get information about their child's performance in school.

Homework

Homework is a necessary part of a student's educational experience. It is essential that everyone consider their part in this important aspect of student success. The HMS administration will provide policies and procedures relating to homework to the faculty, students, and parents. Homework completion is essential for a student's academic success. Homework includes written assignments, studying, practice, and projects. Teachers are to utilize homework as a meaningful tool and are expected to provide feedback on homework assignments. Parents are asked to respond to the school's request for support in getting homework completed and review assignments. Students are expected to complete assignments by the due date per the directions given by the teacher. Students who do not complete their homework or classwork will be expected to complete it during their elective period.

Uniform Policy and Dress Code

According to Act 414, the Board shall authorize a mandatory uniform dress code, which may include school uniforms. All Bossier Parish Schools have adopted mandatory uniforms beginning fall of 1999. Houghton Middle School follows a mandatory school uniform policy that is designed by a committee that consists of school administrators, parents, teachers, and students. To meet dress code requirements, the students must present themselves in the approved uniform. All uniforms must be worn in the manner meant by the manufacturer. All edges should be hemmed. The parents may make simple hemming of sleeve length, skirts, skorts, and/or length as long as it follows the dress code guidelines for uniform length. Students who are not in uniform may not be allowed to enter class. It is the responsibility of the parent and/or student to purchase only uniforms that meet all the requirements of Houghton Middle School Dress Code. **The administration shall make the final decision of what is considered proper or improper appearance.**

Boys' Uniforms

Tops – white, navy, or red polo style shirts or white oxford shirts. Shirts should remain tucked in at all times.

Bottoms – navy or khaki pants or shorts*.

Carpenter, painter, and cargo shorts and pants are NOT ALLOWED. No pants with slits at the bottom. No skinny pants or body forming pants. Uniform bottoms must have belt loops. **Belts are required.** Shorts and pants should not be rolled up.

* Denim, knit, corduroy, drawstring, or spandex, including spandex-like combination shirts, pants, shorts, skorts, or skirts are NOT allowed.

Girls' Uniforms

Tops – white, navy, or red polo style shirts with no more than three buttons (no zipper, snap, or tie closings) or white oxford shirts. Shirt tails must be long enough to remain tucked in when hands are raised. No fitted shirts with short cap sleeves or multiple buttons will be worn. Shirts should remain tucked in at all times.

Bottoms – navy or khaki pants, capris, shorts, skorts, or skirts*.

Carpenter, painter, cargo, and hip hugger shorts and pants are NOT ALLOWED. Pants and shorts must not have any metal brads. No pants with slits at the bottom. No skinny pants or body forming pants. Pants and shorts must have belt loops. **Belts are required.** The length of shorts, skirts, and skorts must be no shorter than the bottom of fingertip when arms are held naturally at the side. Shorts and pants should be rolled up or under.

* Denim, knit, corduroy, drawstring, or spandex, including spandex-like combination shirts, pants, shorts, skorts, or skirts are NOT allowed.

Student ID Badges

Houghton Middle School students are required to wear an ID badge at all times for five reasons: 1) security and easy recognition while on campus, 2) library check-in and check-out, 3) cafeteria account information and identification, 4) PBIS Groups for events and 5) Check-in/ Check-out and tardy accounting. Students will be issued one free ID at the beginning of the school year. This ID is to be worn on an appropriate lanyard. Students must wear their own current year ID. If a student needs a replacement ID, they can be purchased for \$5. ID Badges are not to be decorated, deformed, or altered in any way. Mutilated IDs will be confiscated and must be replaced at the student's expense. Temporary IDs may be purchased for \$1 and are valid for the date issued. Any student not wearing an ID or with an altered ID will receive a uniform violation (see Uniform Violation Policy for disciplinary consequences).

Belts– Belts must fit inside belt loops and must be visible. No part of the belt may be left hanging. Approved colors are khaki, brown, black, navy, white, and red. No large or distracting belt buckles are allowed. Scarves, ties, straps, and other items may not be substituted for a belt (all belts must be **buckled** at all times). Some decoration and jewels on the belt are approved. Writing on the belt is not allowed.

Jackets and Outerwear– Students may wear approved red, white, navy, gray, or black uniform jackets or coats. Haughton letter jackets and “official” Haughton jackets (sold or given by the school) are permitted. No striped, plaid, or print shirts or outerwear. This includes camouflage clothing of any kind. No sweatshirts. No vests. No cropped jackets. No $\frac{3}{4}$ zip pullovers. No hoodies (defined as any pullover with a hood or sweat shirt with a front pocket). Oversized jackets are NOT allowed at HMS. During uniform check, all outerwear must be unzipped (**students must wear an approved school uniform top daily**). No more than 2” X 2” label on jackets and outerwear. No gloves or rags are allowed inside the school. Monogramming of your child’s initials (no nicknames) is allowed on the left or right side of the chest of the jacket. Monogramming should fit in a 4” X 4” square.

Undershirts– Must be solid red, white, navy, gray, or black with NO writing. Solid red, white, navy, gray, or black turtle necks and Under Armor are allowed.

Socks/Knee Socks/Tights– Knee socks and tights, for females only, may be solid red, white or navy. Any other socks worn should be solid in color and match. Neon colors are not allowed. No inappropriate writing on socks.

Shoes– All shoes must match and be closed toe oxfords, tennis shoes, or loafers. Dress boots and rain boots are allowed. Shoes must be worn on campus at all times and must be laced and appropriately tied. No beach, pool or house shoes, crocs, steel toe boots, flip-flops, work boots, sandals or shoes with wheels. Black soled shoes may not be worn in the PE classes.

Piercings and Jewelry– Any jewelry should not detract from the school climate. No body piercing of any kind. (Exception: Females may wear earrings that are not distracting) Males are **not allowed** to wear earrings. No gauges allowed. Students are not allowed to wear straws or clear spacers to preserve pierced holes nor are they allowed to be covered by Band-Aids. No wallet, pocket, or dog chains, spiked, or excessive (too large or too long) jewelry. Grills are not allowed. Inappropriate wrist bands are not allowed.

Hair and Make-up– No distracting hairstyles or colors will be allowed, no feathers braided into hair, mohawks, designs carved into hair (including eyebrows), hair colors other than natural tones, etc. No tinting or spray coloring which draws attention is permitted. Hair must not cover eyes or face in any way. Boys are prohibited from wearing any form of facial hair (mustaches, beards, goatees, long sideburns, etc.) No make-up, body art, etc. that attracts undue attention as determined by the administration is permitted. No stocking caps, visors, hats, bandanas, sweatbands, scarves, or “do rags” are to be worn or brought to school. Students may not wear hair picks, combs, brushes, or rollers in their hair. No distracting headbands or headwear are allowed.

Spirit Days– Spirit days will be allowed at HMS at administrators’ discretion. Any spirit activity “designated spirit uniform” may be worn in place of the regular school uniform. Examples: cheer uniform, dance uniform, football, basketball, softball, or track jerseys, etc. Only uniforms distributed or approved by Haughton Middle School administration are allowed. It may be necessary to further define or amend this guideline as needed. HMS Spirit Shirts are allowed Monday-Friday. Only spirit shirts on the HMS website are approved. These shirts may be purchased in the school office. If a student receives a shirt from a club or organization, that student may wear the shirt any day during the current school year.

Dress Code Clarifications

1. **No visible writing on any part of the uniform** (tops, bottoms, jackets, backpack, IDs, shoes, socks or belt)
(Exception: Please write your child's name on the tag inside clothing with a permanent marker in case the item is lost or stolen)
2. No inappropriate or detracting wording should appear on any part of the uniform including jewelry.
3. Gang, drug, and racist-related dress are not allowed.
4. Spirit shirts may be worn any day of the week. Students who are members of clubs, sports, and organizations may wear letter jackets and the associated spirit shirts any day of the week.
5. Shorts, skirts, and skorts must at least come to the bottom of the fingertips when arms are naturally held to the side and will be no longer than the bottom of the kneecap.
6. No hats or hoods are allowed to be worn inside the school.
7. Pants will not drag on the floor in a manner that mutilates or destroys the pants by stepping or tripping on them. Pants may NOT be rolled up to a calf length or tight rolled around the ankle.
8. Pants must be worn at the waist.
9. No underclothing should be visible below shorts.
10. All buttons except for the top button must be buttoned on all shirts.
11. All uniforms must be sized correctly in order to avoid ANY sagging or tight-fitting tops or bottoms.
12. Labels on shirts and pants may not exceed 1" x 1" and labels on jackets may not exceed 2" x 2" and it must be an original manufacturer label.
13. Uniforms need to be kept in good condition and clean. No mutilation of any kind is allowed. Mutilations include, but are not limited to, writing, tearing, ripping or cutting of hems, cuffs, sleeves or body of any of the uniform parts.
14. Blankets and Snuggies are not allowed.
15. Any visible tattoo must be covered by clothing or a bandage at all times.
16. Colored contacts and distracting glasses are not allowed. Eyeglasses must be prescribed by a doctor.
17. IF A CLOTHING ITEM OR JACKET IS NOT LISTED AS APPROVED, IT IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN AT HMS.

Students violating the school uniform policy may be sent home, given a Uniform Violation and/ or D-slip, assigned to detention, GASP, and/or suspended from school.

The administration shall make the final decision of what is considered proper or improper appearance.

Dress Code Violations

Parents/Guardians and Students must sign a contract stating that they have read the HMS Student Handbook. This contract is located at the back of the Student Handbook and is returned to the student's homeroom teacher. Any student enrolling after the first week of school must watch the Handbook Video and return the signed contract to school. During the first week of school, students are warned about dress code violations. After the first week, Dress Code Violations will be issued as outlined below.

Minor uniform violations will be addressed with Dress Code Violations. Dress Code Violations are stored and restarted each nine weeks. When given a Dress Code Violation, the student must wear a Dress Code Violation Sticker on the date of infraction, and the student must sign the dress code log for documentation. Parents with an email address in OnCourse will receive a notification alerting you that your child has received a dress code violation. Dress Code Violations are sequential, and disciplinary action is progressive as stated below:

Dress Code Violation 1-4-----Warnings (Parent contact will be made on the 4th dress code violation.)

Dress Code Violation 5-6-----One Day of After School Detention per violation

Dress Code Violation 7 and subsequent-----Referral per violation

NOTE: This is only a guide for students who are in noncompliance with the HMS Dress Code. Students who are willfully out of uniform and disobedient may receive a Disciplinary Referral on their first violation depending on the situation.

Major Uniform Violations such as unapproved hair color, facial hair, designs in hair, revealing clothing (too tight, short, etc.), drug/alcohol/ gang related clothing etc. will result in student being placed in GASP until the issue is resolved. In addition to GASP placement, the student is subject to further disciplinary action for violating school rules, including after school detention, Saturday Detention, GASP, and/or suspension.

Demerit Slips (D-slips)

Demerits (D-slips) will be issued by school faculty and/or staff members for minor infractions of school rules, gum chewing, minor disrespect, failure to follow class rules, and cell phones etc. Disciplinary action for D-slips is as follows:

- 1st and 2nd----Warnings
- 3rd and 4th ----One day of after school detention per D-slip
- 5th and 6th ----One day of Saturday detention per D-slip
- 7th and subsequent D-slips----Students will receive a Disciplinary Referral for every rule violation.

The procedure for teachers completing D-slips involves teachers contacting parents. Every time your child violates a school rule, you will receive a phone call or an email (that requires a reply). Your assistance is vital to the educational success of your child and we will strive to keep you informed of your child's progress. D-slip files are stored and restarted each nine weeks.

After School Detention

After School Detention is the primary disciplinary action for students who routinely break the tardy policy, repeatedly receive uniform violations, or for major rule violations as an alternative to Saturday Detention, GASP, or suspension. It is preferred to more severe consequences because students do not miss classroom instruction from their classroom teacher. If assigned, students are to report to After School Detention from 2:45-3:45 on their assigned day. After school detention will be held on Tuesday and Thursday. **There is no school provided transportation for detention, thus parents will need to arrange transportation. Students are not allowed to walk home from detention. Parents will be notified in advance of student placement in detention.** Failure to report to detention will result in Saturday Detention, GASP, or suspension from school. If a student is assigned detention on the day of an extra-curricular activity or sports practice, they must complete the detention before participating in the extracurricular activity, practice, or game.

GASP (Guided Alternative to Suspension Program)

The purpose of GASP is to reduce the number of suspensions at Haughton Middle School. As an alternative to suspension, a student who violates school rules may be assigned GASP. GASP is a very structured alternative classroom setting that allows students to complete classwork in a classroom setting during the normal school day. Students assigned to GASP must report to the cafeteria as soon as they get to school, complete academic work in silence, write any questions to the GASP director, eat alone at lunch, receive two scheduled restroom breaks, and are responsible for keeping their area of the GASP room clean. If a student causes a disruption in GASP, he or she will be **suspended** from school. **Any student assigned GASP, suspended, or expelled may not attend games or after school events or participate in games or practices on days they are in GASP, suspended, or expelled. Please see Bossier Parish School System Handbook for information about Out-of-School Suspension and Expulsion. IN ADDITION, ANY STUDENT SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY HMS EVENT FOR THE REST OF THE SEMESTER IN WHICH THEY ARE SUSPENDED OR FOR THREE MONTHS (WHICHEVER IS GREATER).**

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support is a program supported by the Louisiana Department of Education and Bossier Parish Schools to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. With PBIS, we implement school-wide strategies for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. Students are expected to follow our Buccaneer CODE which is courteous, organized, dedicated, and efficient. All students are part of PBIS and receive instruction pertaining to school safety and procedures. HMS also utilizes counselors and teachers in the program to serve as Check-In, Check-Out Coaches for students with academic or disciplinary issues. Some students are placed in Tier II and Tier III for more intensive interventions as determined by the school administrators, counselors, and teachers as part of the PBIS Team.

PBIS Rewards

One of the best aspects of PBIS is the positive rewards for students and teachers who are displaying Buccaneer Behaviors. Teachers and students displaying Buccaneer Behaviors are given Buccaneer Bucks which list: the student's name, teacher name, the date, and the reason they are giving the Buccaneer Buck. The Buccaneer Bucks can then be used in their core team during the team auction/store at the end of each 4.5 week progress period.

Behaving Bucs

Each nine weeks, students who have not been placed in detention (from D-slips, tardies, or dress code violations), GASP, suspended, or received a Discipline Referral AND have no more than 3 unexcused absences will be recognized and rewarded as Behaving Bucs as outlined below:

- Each nine weeks, Behaving Bucs will be allowed to attend the Behaving Buc Event.
- Students who are Behaving Bucs for an entire fall semester (1st and 2nd Nine Weeks) and no more than **5 unexcused absences** will be allowed to participate in a reward activity. However, students may be assessed a fee to cover charges incurred by the school for the event.
- Students who are Behaving Bucs for an entire spring semester (3rd and 4th Nine Weeks) with no more than **5 unexcused absences** will be allowed to participate in a reward activity. However, students may be assessed a fee to cover charges incurred by the school for the event.

Student Expectations and Rules

School Rules:

1. Follow all classroom rules and procedures. Classroom rules and procedures will be posted in each classroom and will be discussed by each teacher during the first few days of school.
2. Adhere to the student dress code.
3. Leave candy, food, and drinks at home. Students are not allowed to bring any food or drinks to school other than their lunch. This includes Yeti like cups or reusable water containers. Students must eat their lunch during designated lunch times only. Gum chewing is not allowed in any classroom or in any area of the school.
4. Leave all toys including fidget spinners and fidget cubes at home.
5. Respect the rights of others.
6. Keep your hands, feet, and hurtful words to yourself.
7. Obtain permission to leave class. Students may not leave the classroom without a hall pass that is signed and dated by a teacher.
8. Public Display of Affection (PDA) is prohibited at school and at all school events.

9. Use appropriate voice and language in all areas of the school.
10. Walk and talk during class changes. Students are not allowed to congregate in halls or common areas of the school during changes. Students are expected to be walking directly to their assigned destination, to the restroom, or to get water.
11. Walk on paved walkways only. Students are not allowed to walk, visit, run, or play in grass/dirt areas of the campus during class changes or lunch shifts.
12. Students must congregate in their designated break areas in the mornings and at lunch.
13. **REFRAIN FROM FIGHTING: STUDENTS WHO FIGHT AT SCHOOL ARE SUBJECT TO ARREST, SUSPENSION, AND POSSIBLE EXPULSION/EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL.**
14. Students may not possess any instrument capable of inflicting bodily harm.
15. Students may not possess alcohol, tobacco, or drugs on or near BPSB property.
16. Students may not possess lighters or matches on school property.
17. Students may not be involved in gambling, immorality, inappropriate behavior, or extortion on or near school property.
18. Students may not damage, deface, vandalize, or destroy school property or illegally enter school buildings.

Class Rules:

1. Report to class on time.
2. Be prepared to learn by having all school supplies.
3. Bring completed assignments and homework to class.
4. Respect authority.
5. Follow directions promptly.
6. Accept responsibility for your behavior.
7. Do your own work. No cheating.
8. Display a concern for learning.
9. Respect the rights of others.
10. Respect your property, HMS property, and other students' property.
11. Handle conflicts maturely. If you have a conflict, please tell an adult.

Violating any of these rules will result in a D-slip, Disciplinary Referral, After-school detention, Saturday Detention, GASP, suspension, and/or recommendation for expulsion/exclusion depending on severity and frequency of rule violation. If a law is violated, the student is subject to arrest.

Assemblies

Students are to be courteous and respectful at all school activities. Each student is personally responsible for the impression made by the school as a whole. Unacceptable behavior in assemblies includes whistling, uncalled for clapping, boisterousness, and talking during a program. Students are to sit in their assigned areas with their teachers during all assemblies. **Students who do not display appropriate behavior during an assembly will not attend any more assemblies for the semester and will receive disciplinary action as determined by administration.**

Halls and Class Changes

Students are only to be in halls during class changes or with a signed hall pass. While changing classes, students are to continue moving toward their destination. Students are not to use time between classes to stop and visit with friends. Students should not be in halls that they do not have classes in unless they have permission to be there from a faculty member. Students should make every effort to keep traffic flowing smoothly during class changes. Students are to walk on the right side of the hall. Loud talking, yelling, and causing disruption to traffic flow are not allowed. Violation of these rules will result in disciplinary action.

Bullying

Haughton Middle School has a NO bullying policy. We take bullying very seriously whether it is verbal, physical, or cyber bullying. We ask any person being bullied or any student aware of bullying to report this activity to school personnel immediately. Your name will be kept confidential. Our goal is to have a safe, secure, and bully-free campus and community. Students are prohibited from making threats toward students, administrators, school board members, other school board employees, and/or school property.

Students who bully other students are subject to disciplinary action.

Act 861, enacted during the 2012 Louisiana Legislative Session, requires that all school districts in the state adopt an official policy prohibiting bullying of students while on school property, at a school sponsored or school-related activity or event, on a school bus or van, at any designated school bus stop, and in any other school or private vehicle used to transport students to and from schools, or any school-sponsored activity or event.

The Act defines bullying as any pattern of obscene gestures; written electronic or verbal communications that threaten harm; taunting; malicious teasing; physical acts, not limited to hitting, kicking, pushing, or damaging personal property; and repeatedly shunning or excluding students from activities.

School employees are required to undergo at least four hours of training on how to detect and curb bullying, including the relationship between suicide risk factors and bullying. In addition, the law requires teachers and other school staff to utilize a variety of prevention and intervention tools and resources to create environments of safety, respect, and expectations of appropriate behavior.

Under the new law, school officials who receive a complaint of bullying are required to verbally report the allegation to the principal the day of the incident and in writing within two days of the incident. The principal is required to notify the students' parents and launch an investigation within one school day and complete the investigation within ten days.

The Louisiana Department of Education developed a Bullying Prevention Toolkit of resources that are designed to assist school districts with their efforts to effectively address bullying in schools and all components of Act 861.

Gossiping

Gossiping is an extension of bullying. Any student who is involved in spreading information that is harmful or hurtful about someone will be disciplined accordingly.

School Sponsored Trips, Special Activities, and Events

Students who have maintained good attendance, good behavior, and have not been suspended from school during the semester OR assigned detention and/or GASP for the two weeks prior to the field trip or event will be allowed to participate on the field trip or event. Some trips, especially out-of-town trips, may have special rules and more rigorous guidelines designed by the trip sponsor and approved by the administration (please read all permission slips carefully and make a copy for your records). **Any student who owes fees to HMS will not be allowed to attend field trips until those fees are settled with our front office.** Any student who is in academic jeopardy, which can include current D's and F's in a subject or course grade, and missing assignments can be prohibited from attending field trips until those subject areas are clear of failure. Regular attendance (as defined by the administration) is required for students to attend trips. All school rules are in effect while on field trips with the school.

Student Messages

Messages **will not** be taken for students during school hours. In the case of an **emergency**, please contact the school office.

Visitors and Conferences

We encourage parents to visit our school, attend your child's programs and sporting events, and become an active part of our school community. All classroom visits must have principal approval and should be prescheduled. These visits should be purposeful and planned. **All visitors must sign in at the office.** All teacher conferences should be scheduled through the counselor's office or through individual teachers. Conferences with teachers should be arranged before school, after school, or during the teacher's planning time.

Deliveries to School

The school cannot and will not accept commercial deliveries to the school. This is especially true in regard to flowers and gifts. Parents and acquaintances are NOT to bring items to school for delivery (including special food and drinks). Calls to classrooms must be limited to emergencies and official school business only. The front office will not sign for, nor accept, any items for delivery to the school.

Lost and Found

Any items found on campus are to be turned in to the office immediately. Students may check with the office if an item is lost during their lunch time. Under no circumstances should any item that has been found be taken from school property. Keeping items that do not belong to you will result in disciplinary action. **IT IS IMPORTANT FOR NAMES TO BE WRITTEN IN PERMANENT MARKER ON THE INSIDE TAG OF CLOTHING ITEMS.** Items not claimed within one month will be discarded or donated to charity.

Fees

All students at HMS will pay a \$5.00 technology fee. All physical education students will pay a \$25.00 fee for uniforms. A \$5.00 replacement charge is required for lost and damaged student IDs. Most electives have a \$20 fee. Spanish has a \$10 fee and Band students renting instrument from HMS will have an additional fee. Skills review and Language! do not have an elective fee. All fees must be paid with exact change, personal checks, cashier's check, or money orders for the exact amount of each fee sent. All money orders should be made out to Haughton Middle School. Fees are non-refundable.

Fund Raisers and Selling Items on Campus

The only items that can be sold at school are those that are part of a school sponsored activity. No other items may be sold or traded on the school campus.

Textbooks

Textbooks are assigned to students on a loan basis. Students are responsible for the storage and care of their textbooks. They are not to be written in or defaced in any manner. The exception is the math module textbook and ELA workbook which are both consumable. Students can write in these textbooks as assigned by teachers. If a textbook is lost or damaged, the student must pay the replacement cost of the book. A current list of textbook prices can be obtained in the school office.

Cafeteria

HMS is a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) School for the 2020-2021 school year. All students will receive free breakfast and lunch. Students may still bring a nutritious meal from home. Meals from restaurants bearing the restaurant's name are not allowed at school. Any food brought to school must be in a non-labeled container. Students should visit quietly and keep

their area clean. Students are not allowed to take food or drink from the cafeteria. Students may only purchase concessions during their lunch break. Students will still be responsible for previous cafeteria balances.

Eligible Adults (School Board Employees)	Lunch
PARENT/VISITORS LUNCH:	\$4.25
Extra Items	\$4.50
	Price Varies

You may call the cafeteria manager, Mrs. Hicks at 549-5576 for pricing or issues concerning your child's lunch account.

Physical Education Department

Rules & Regulations For Locker Room and Dressing Out in Physical Education

1. No backpacks will be brought to PE. They will be left in the classroom.
2. Do not leave anything out of your locker during class. Lock your cinch bag with belongings in your locker. **No cell phones are allowed in PE.**
3. Students are not allowed to share lockers or to share their combinations for their locks with other students.
4. No student is allowed in the locker room during class for any reason, unless approved by the teacher.
5. No gum, food, or drinks are allowed in the locker room or the gym.
6. P.E. uniforms will be purchased from the P.E. Department for \$25.00.
7. Writing on or damaging uniforms in any way is prohibited. If this occurs, the student must purchase a new uniform at the regular price. \$15.00 for shorts and \$10.00 for shirts.
8. Tennis shoes and socks must be worn. (No street/casual shoes on the gym floor.)
9. Students are required to bring only their cinch bag with their PE uniform in it with them to class. These are taken home daily.
10. Dressing out completely (shorts, shirts, and shoes) is mandatory.
 - Consequences for not dressing out in PE
 - 1st time Verbal warning
 - 2nd time Parent Contact
 - 3rd time Alternative writing assignment
 - 4th time Alternative writing assignment
 - 5th time Alternative writing assignment
 - 6th time Alternative writing assignment
 - Thereafter, student will receive referral or be removed from PE Class.
11. No t-shirts or other clothing are to be worn under gym uniforms.
12. During cold weather, warm-ups/wind suits may be worn with P.E. uniforms when classes go outside.
13. It is the student's responsibility to wash their uniform over the weekend, have it clean and ready to dress out on Monday.
14. Do not sit or climb on bleachers when they are in the closed position. Students will only be allowed to sit in bleachers when they are pulled all the way out and locked.

MEDICAL EXCUSES: IF A STUDENT IS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASS FOR MEDICAL REASONS, THE STUDENT MUST HAVE A SIGNED AND DATED EXCUSE FROM THEIR PHYSICIAN. THE STUDENT WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO DRESS OUT, AND OTHER WORK WILL BE ASSIGNED. NOTES FROM HOME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS MEDICAL EXCUSES.

Archery

Sponsor: Mrs. Chandra Taylor

Tryout information handouts for the 2020-21 HMS Archery Team will be available during back to school night, in the cafeteria during lunch shifts, and in PE classes during the first few weeks of school. The deadline to sign up for tryouts will be announced in the handout. The fee for tryouts is \$15.00, and all equipment is provided. A two-day clinic for girls and a two-day clinic for boys will be held after school before each group of tryouts. Archers who advance onto the teams will pay an additional \$25.00 for their t-shirt, supplies, and Regional tournament entry fee. There will be 30 archers selected for the team. The top 24 archers will proceed on to State, Nationals, and Open Champions. The HMS Archery team will compete in many tournaments including District, Regional, State, Nationals, and Open Championships. Ability to travel is required and parents must provide transportation. Expectations concerning behavior, discipline, and grades will be provided in the archery handout and in the archery constitution.

Basketball

Girls Basketball

Coach Dee Hunt and Coach Shelly Morris

Boys Basketball

Coach Darin Walker and Coach Justin Turner

Tryouts for girls are generally held by the end of August. Tryouts for boys will be announced around the end of October. A student must have a 1.5 GPA with no more than one F and cannot turn 15 before September 1st to be eligible for tryouts. Team members are selected based on their knowledge of the sport, ball handling skills, shooting skills, agility and grades/behavior. The team consists of 11-15 members.

HMS Cheerleaders & “Bucky the Buccaneer” Mascot

Sponsor: Mrs. Karamie Gray

The purpose of the Haughton Middle School Cheerleaders shall be to serve the school by promoting school spirit and serving in any capacity that might reflect a positive image of our school. The cheerleaders help boost the morale of all Haughton Buccaneers. Cheerleader tryouts will be held in the spring each school year. Membership in cheerleading shall be open to any girl currently enrolled in HMS and must be entering the seventh or eighth grade of the next school year. Candidates must maintain a 2.5 GPA and have a good disciplinary & attendance record. **Candidates must have completed a full year of pep squad or band as a member in good standing.** Membership depends on the number of girls trying out and variations in scoring. A panel of qualified judges will evaluate the performance of each candidate. Selection of the Haughton Middle School cheerleaders will be based on the sum of all the scores of all the judges and teacher/sponsor evaluations during a closed tryout session. Mascots are selected after cheer tryouts. More information about membership requirements can be found in the Cheer Constitution in the Athletics section of the school webpage.

Cross Country

Coach: Coach Justin Turner

Cross Country tryouts will be announced during the second week of school. Students in grades 6-8 are eligible to try out! The season begins in late August and ends in early October. There are a minimum of four competitions. Meets are on Thursdays at South Bossier Park. 6th graders run 1 mile and 7-8th graders run 2 miles. The race course is clearly marked, and students will wear a numbered bib containing a timing chip for each race. Students will ride a bus to meets, and they can leave when their race is finished or after the trophy ceremony. All runners must be signed out by a parent before leaving. Students may also ride the school bus back to HMS for parents to pick them up. There is one meet on a Saturday (Border Dash), and parents are expected to provide transportation to and from this event. Practice is after school until 4:00. Parents need to promptly pick up students. This is the only sport in which 6th graders can participate.

Danceline (HMS Treasures)

Sponsors: Mrs. Taylor Wilkes

The purpose of the Haughton Middle School Treasures shall be twofold: to perform and cheer at Haughton Middle School football and basketball games and to boost morale the morale of all Haughton Buccaneers. Character, leadership, and individual responsibility will be developed in each member while maintaining high moral standards. It is the purpose of the danceline to represent Haughton Middle School in a manner that will reflect credit upon the school. Danceline tryouts will be held in the spring each school year. Membership in danceline shall be open to any girl currently enrolled in HMS and must be entering the seventh or eighth grade of the next school year. Candidates must maintain a 2.5 GPA and have a good disciplinary & attendance record. Candidates must have completed a full year of pep squad or band as a member in **good standing.** Membership depends on the number of girls trying out and variations in scoring. A panel of qualified judges will evaluate the performance of each candidate. Selection of the Haughton Middle School Treasures will be based on the sum of all the scores of all the judges and teacher/sponsor evaluations during a closed tryout session.

Football

Coaches: Darin Walker, Kennon Gaspard, Aaron Oglesby, and Dakota Clawson

Tryouts for 7th and 8th grade Football will be held at the beginning of each school year. Information will be distributed in PE. If you do not have a PE class, see Coach Walker for information. Teams of about 45 students will be selected during the first couple weeks of school. Students must meet the league requirements for Middle School Athletes and must sign the Fun Bunch Contract.

Pep Squad

Sponsor: Mrs. Allie Lewis

The purpose of the Haughton Middle School Pep Squad shall be to serve the school by promoting school spirit and serving in any capacity that might reflect a positive image of our school. The Pep Squad members help boost the morale of all Haughton Buccaneers. Character, leadership, individual responsibility, sportsmanship, & scholarship will be developed in each member while maintaining high moral standards. It is the purpose of the Pep Squad to represent Haughton Middle School in a manner that will reflect credit upon the school.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Members must be enrolled or plan to attend HMS in 2020-2021.
 - A. Students who transfer to HMS over the summer or after the first day of school must join Pep Squad before the first football game.
2. Members must sign the Pep Squad Constitution and uphold the Code of Conduct throughout the year. Failure to do so may result in the following..
 - A. Ineligibility for cheerleader and danceline tryouts
 - B. Dismissal from the Pep Squad
3. Members must enroll in the Pep Squad Class on Google Classroom.
 - A. Merits and demerits will be tracked in Google Classroom and can be checked at any time.

Students have been a member in good standing with the HMS Pep Squad for ONE complete year in order to be eligible to try out for cheerleader or danceline.

Softball

Head Coach: Ms. Emily Edwards

Eligibility requirements: Players must be 7th or 8th grade students and must maintain a minimum GPA as outlined in the Bossier Parish Middle School Athletics by-laws. Students must submit a contract signed by the student and parent prior to trying out. The contract outlines expected behaviors and consequences, and it is modeled after the contract required by the Haughton High Softball team. Equipment Manager positions are open to 6th graders only, and students must meet the same eligibility requirements as players. Team members and equipment managers are selected through a tryout administered by the softball coaches and one other coach.

Track

Coaches: Kennon Gaspard, Aaron Oglesby, and Shelly Morris

Eligibility requirements: Any HMS student in the 7th or 8th grade that has met the Bossier Parish Athletic requirements concerning age and GPA. Tryouts will be held in February (weather permitting) after school (2:45-4:15) and during PE. Skills in running, jumping, and throwing will be timed or measured to determine who will compete in the track meets and continue to be a member on the track team. Discipline "issues" that may occur will be dealt with at the administration and coach's discretion. Practice will continue each afternoon (2:45-4:15) or during PE with the exception of track meet days. Practice schedule and tryouts may change at the coach's discretion.

4-H

Sponsor: Ms. Shetwan Roberison

Any student can join 4-H. If you are interested in shooting sports, showing animals, gardening, photography, or volunteering, this is a great club to join. All students have to turn in \$20 (covers t-shirt & dues) and then are given a 4-H application. If anyone is interested in being an officer, they will be required to complete an officer application. Each application is scored by a rubric system based on their activities of their previous years in 4-H. Members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings and officers are required. Monthly meetings will be held every first Wednesday, in the library, from 7:15 to 7:40. The deadline for ALL applications will be September 11th.

Accelerated Reader Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Ameer Hensley

Students become eligible when they read 500,000 or more words during the school year. AR Tests must be taken and passed with an average of 85% or higher. Rewards are given throughout the year.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Sponsor: Mrs. Allie Lewis

FCA is open to all students to join; there is a \$20 fee (for shirt and supplies) to be a member. Students will be invited to attend FCA breakfasts where guest speakers and students will deliver religious messages. Members will also participate in Huddle Groups with their peers and seek the Word together. Most meetings will be held bi-monthly on Fridays in the Cafetorium beginning at 7AM. Upcoming meeting dates will be posted on the school calendar via the school webpage,

Math Counts

Sponsor: Mrs. Deborah Lawrence

The goal of Math Counts is to promote an enthusiasm and love for mathematics through the stimulation of creativity and ingenuity of the student mind while fostering healthy, competitive strategies for mathematical problem solving. Any student is eligible. Students interested in becoming a member and competing in Math Counts will be administered a Math Counts exam in which the top scores will be used for selection in team placement.

National Junior Honor Society

Sponsors: Mrs. Mikayla Gaydos and Mrs. Allie Lewis

The HMS chapter of the National Junior Honors Society is comprised of 8th grade students who meet or exceed high national standards in education, leadership, and community involvement in their local school and community. The organization is primarily a service organization, focusing on enriching and enhancing the lives of HMS students and the Houghton community through activities such as peer tutoring, the Thanksgiving food drive, collection drives for Providence House, etc. Students are deemed eligible for membership at the end of their 7th grade year. A cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above, as well as teacher recommendation and a clean disciplinary record are the eligibility requirements. Once a student becomes a member of NJHS, they are required to maintain a 3.5 GPA each nine weeks, maintain an exemplary discipline record, and perform a required number of community involvement services in order to remain a member in good standing

Red Jackets

Sponsors: Mrs. Leslie Alexander and Mrs. Nicole Addison

The Red Jackets are a group of faculty selected students who serve the school throughout the year as student ambassadors and school representatives primarily at special assemblies, Open House, and throughout the community. Being chosen as a Red Jacket is an honor reserved for students who are committed to representing Haughton Middle School as positive role models at school and in the local community. In order to be selected for Red Jackets you must meet the following requirements: no D-slips or behavior referrals, no D's or F's on progress report or report card, exemplary behavior and character, positive attitude, good attendance, must participate in a minimum three Red Jackets activities per semester, dependable transportation to extra events, and payment of \$40 to help cover costs of shirts.

Robotics

Sponsor: Mr. Horton

The Robotics Club is open to 6th graders and will meet once a week after school. Previous robotics experience is not required. Students will learn and build upon their programming skills to complete various challenges designed to foster teamwork and improve problem solving skills. Students must remain in good academic standing and maintain a good disciplinary record throughout the school year. The club fee and weekly meeting dates will be announced at the first meeting.

Science Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Brown and the Science Department

HMS science club is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who love science, are not failing any subject, and have a positive attitude. We meet after school every other Thursday. During these meetings, we will do several activities that are designed to stimulate interest in science, supplement our science curricula by providing activities that cannot be done in class due to time, materials, and space restrictions, build confidence in science skills, and have fun with science! Club members will pay a \$25 fee. This will help us purchase materials for labs, activities, and a t-shirt. Our club shirt is school approved and can be worn any day during the week.

Student Council

Sponsor: Mrs. Mikayla Gaydos

Purpose: To involve students in leadership whenever possible and to serve the school and community when needed. Officers are elected within the council in the fall. Officers must have a 3.0, no more than one referral, and are elected by the student body. Representatives are selected through an application process and teacher recommendations from the spring of the previous year. School Service and Community projects: Representatives and officers work together in serving the school and community by involving the student body. These include the following: Red Ribbon Week, welcoming and assisting new students, promoting school spirit at pep rallies and ball games, and community projects such as collecting much needed articles for the Salvation Army or food drives for the needy.

2020-2021 Student/Parent Signature Form

Please complete this page and return it to your child's school so we may have a record that you received this booklet.

Thank you,

BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

This is to certify I have received a copy of my school's Student Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.

I understand that at the time of publication of this document, revisions to the Bossier Parish Schools District Handbook were not available due to legislative action. Once policies have been established, updated information will be published in the online version of the handbook available at www.bossierschools.org

_____ I do not have access to the internet and request a copy of the 2020-2021 Bossier Parish Schools District Handbook.

Student _____ Homeroom _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

Student Name (Please print)

My signature serves to meet the requirements of the Statement of Compliance as set forth in Louisiana R. S. 17:235.2.

Parent or Guardian:

My son or daughter, who has signed above, understands the rules that he or she is to follow in using the Bossier Parish School Board Technology System (BPSBTS) at school. I have talked to him/her to make sure the rules are understood. I understand access to the Internet has opened up vast resources for school entities in Bossier Parish and throughout the United States. I understand students now have opportunities to access research databases that heretofore were unavailable to many schools. I understand access to the Internet also opens up the possibility of students having access to possibly defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal material. The Bossier Parish School Board will use its best efforts as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), including filtering software, in order to limit such access and to restrict access to only those areas of educational value. However, I understand no matter how much supervision and monitoring the Bossier Parish School Board can utilize, there will always be the possibility of my child coming into contact with these things. Notwithstanding this fact, I recognize the importance of my child becoming technologically aware in an increasingly technological society, and I consent to the use of the BPSBTS when my child uses it while on school property. I understand this allows my child to participate in a Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program upon implementation at my child's school. I also understand if I do not wish to consent to the use of my child's photos and/or work for publishing on the district's website or in district publications, I should contact the school to refuse consent.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date