

**FARMERSVILLE HIGH
SCHOOL
STUDENT HANDBOOK
SUPPLEMENT
2020-2021**



THE TIME IS NOW

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BELL SCHEDULES 2020-2021

FHS BELL SCHEDULE 2020-2021

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Zero Hour Dual Credit Classes -- 6:40 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.

1st Bell Rings -- 7:55 a.m.

1st Period 8:00 - 8:55 (55 minutes)

2nd Period 9:00 - 10:00 (60 minutes) -- announcements at start of period

3rd Period 10:05 - 11:00 (55 minutes)

4th Period 11:05 - 11:35 A Lunch Class 11:40 - 12:35 (55 minutes)

11:35 - 12:05 B Lunch Class 11:05 - 11:35, 12:10 - 12:35 (55 minutes)

12:05 - 12:35 C Lunch Class 11:05 - 12:05 (60 minutes)

5th Period 12:40 - 1:35 (55 minutes)

Tutorials 1:40 - 2:12 (32 minutes)

6th Period 2:17 - 3:12 (55 minutes)

7th Period 3:17 - 4:12 (55 minutes)

AFTERNOON PEP RALLY SCHEDULE

Periods 1 - 5 and lunches will be the same

6th Period 1:40 - 2:35 (55 minutes)

7th Period 2:40 - 3:35 (55 minutes)

Pep Rally 3:40 - 4:12 (32 minutes)

MORNING PEP RALLY SCHEDULE

Pep Rally 8:00 - 8:30 (30 minutes)

1st Period 8:35 - 9:30 (55 minutes)

2nd Period 9:35 - 10:35 (60 minutes - Announcements)

3rd Period 10:40 - 11:35 (55 minutes)

4th Period 11:40 - 12:10 A Lunch Class 12:15 - 1:10 (55 minutes)

12:10 - 12:40 B Lunch Class 11:40 - 12:10, 12:45 - 1:10 (55 minutes)

12:40 - 1:10 C Lunch Class 11:40 - 12:40 (60 minutes)

5th Period 1:15 - 2:10 (55 minutes)

6th Period 2:15 - 3:10 (55 minutes)

7th Period 3:15 - 4:12 (57 minutes)

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students will not be able to change class schedules after the first week of the semester. All student requests for a change of schedule will be denied for the remainder of the semester. Where extenuating circumstances exist, each case will be reviewed on an individual basis. The request must be made to the counselor, who will work with the principal to make the decision.

CLASS RANK/HONOR GRADUATES

To be recognized as an honor graduate, students must have a 90.0 or higher numerical average for all core classes (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language) in 9th – 12th grade.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

The honor of valedictorian shall be given to the senior student making the highest numerical average. The honor of salutatorian shall be given to the senior student making the next highest numerical average.

To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student shall have been continuously enrolled in the District high school for four consecutive semesters preceding graduation. To qualify to give the valedictorian or salutatorian speech, a student shall not have engaged in a serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct, including removal to DAEP or expulsion during his or her last two (2) semesters.

Should a tie develop for valedictorian, co-valedictorians shall be declared, and no salutatorian shall be recognized. Should a tie develop for salutatorian, all those tying shall be recognized.

CLASS RANK

High School rank for students seeking automatic admission to a general teaching institution on the basis of their class rank is determined and reported as follows: ☐ Class rank shall be based on the end of the eleventh grade, middle of the twelfth grade, or at high school graduation, whichever is most recent at the application deadline. ☐ The top ten percent of a high school class shall not contain more than ten percent of the total class size. ☐ The student's rank shall be reported by the applicant's high school or school district as a specific number out of a specific number total class size. ☐ The Texas school or school district from which the student graduated or is expected to graduate shall determine class rank. ☐ A student who completes the high school program requirement in fewer than four years shall be ranked in the class with which he/she actually graduates.

For two school years following their graduation, district graduates who ranked in the top ten percent and, in some cases, the top 25% of their graduating class are eligible for admission into four-year public universities and colleges in Texas. Students and parents should contact the counselor for further information about how to apply and the deadline for application.

STUDENTS WHO FAIL EXIT-LEVEL TESTING

Students in grades 9 – 11 are required to pass the following EOC exams before graduation:

1. English I (Reading and Writing)
2. English II (Reading and Writing)
3. Algebra
4. Biology
5. U.S. History

Students who fail any of these tests are required to re-take the test(s) during the three scheduled retest opportunities each year.

Grade 11 Students Not Meeting EOC Score Requirements

Upon completion of the 11th grade, if a student has still not passed one or more parts of the EOC exams, the district may require the following:

1. The parent/guardian and student shall attend a conference with the principal and counselor stipulating the courses and tutorials that are available to the student. The parent/guardian and student will be required to sign a commitment letter stating that the student has failed to meet state testing requirements and outlining the necessary remediation.
2. The student must enroll in a corresponding content-area college preparatory course during the ensuing school year and attend at least 90% of the days the course is offered.
3. The student must enroll in a summer accelerated intervention program and attend at least 90 percent of the days the course is offered.
4. The student shall be required to retake each applicable EOC exam every time it is administered. The only acceptable reason to miss an applicable testing administration is a death in the immediate family or severe illness of the student. Death in the immediate family must be verified by a written statement from the parent or guardian delivered during a personal conference with the principal. Severe illness of the student must be verified by a written statement from a physician or other acceptable licensed practitioner delivered by the parent or guardian during a personal conference with the principal. In either case, the parent or guardian shall be notified in writing whether the principal has excused the absence.

A student who has satisfactorily completed all coursework requirements for graduation; has been continuously enrolled in the District high school since his or her freshman year; and has completed all of the requirements listed above shall be allowed to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies. The student shall be seated with his or her classmates, and there shall be no indication of whether or not a student is graduating from high school or merely participating in the ceremony.

DRESS CODE

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instills discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

It is an established fact that a school is judged to some degree by the appearance of its students; therefore, dress is very important. A school where students dress in poor taste is automatically considered poor by many visitors and observers. Modesty and the avoidance of distracting influences is the key to appropriate student dress. It is the duty of every student and staff member to uphold the fine reputation of Farmersville High School. The administration, assisted by the faculty, shall be responsible for interpreting and enforcing student dress regulations. The principal reserves the right to take disciplinary action if these policies are violated.

Violators will be sent home to change or placed in ISS for the remainder of the day. On the first offense for items such as earrings, nose rings, tongue rings, any body piercing item, hats, caps, bandanas, and sun glasses the item will be confiscated by school personnel and given back at the end of the school day. The second offense will result in the parent or guardian having to stop by the school office in order to retrieve the items. Students that continue to violate the dress code will be disciplined in accordance with the student code of conduct.

DRESS CODE SPECIFICS FOR ALL STUDENTS

1. Items with provocative or drug-related pictures or slogans will not be permitted. Items advertising alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will not be permitted. Racist or obscene slogans or emblems will not be permitted.
2. Tube tops, bare midriff or half shirts, halter-type and see-through blouses, sports bras, or mesh shirts will not be permitted.
3. Low-cut blouses or any clothing that exposes undergarments will not be permitted.
4. Sleeveless shirts or muscle shirts will not be permitted on males.
5. Shoulder straps on shirts and dresses should cover all undergarment straps.
6. Shoes must be worn at all times. No bare feet or house shoes will be permitted.
7. Males or females are not permitted to wear any items on or around the head while in the school building (excluding school appropriate face shields or masks during pandemics or as recommended by a medical doctor).
8. Dark glasses, other than prescription glasses, may not be worn in the building.
9. Nose rings, tongue rings, or any visible body piercing jewelry (other than earrings for girls) may not be worn. Refusal to remove visible body piercings will result in disciplinary action.
10. Males may not wear earrings; however, the district may permit students to wear a clear "spacer" in order to keep a piercing from closing.
11. Visible tattoos are not permitted. If a student has a tattoo that is visible the student is responsible to wear appropriate clothing to cover the tattoo during the school day.
12. Any dress, clothing, or jewelry that represent a gang or is a recognized gang symbol will not be allowed (including, but not limited to skulls, crossbones or images of death).
13. Belts are to be worn with pants that fit loosely. All pants are to be worn at the waist. No sagging allowed. Underwear should never be visible.
14. Unusual or inappropriate patches are not acceptable; placement of patches might determine their inappropriateness.

15. Pants, shorts, skirts, etc. shall not have holes or tears above fingertip length and shall be hemmed at the bottom. Large holes below fingertip length can be prohibited under administrator's discretion.

16. All button-type shirts will be buttoned to within one button of the throat and are not allowed to flare open down the front.

17. No skin should be exposed or visible between the shirt (or blouse) and the pants (shorts or skirts) or the garment is too short and must not be worn. Students should be aware that if their garments expose skin or undergarments in a sitting position, this is a dress code violation.

18. Shorts and dresses must come to mid-thigh or at fingertip length with relaxed shoulders. If a student is wearing spandex or leggings, they must have a top or dress that meets the same standards for shorts and dresses. The following items of clothing are not permitted;

- Pajama type clothes of any kind.
- Make-up of any kind (Unless authorized by Principal or special event) is prohibited on male students (including fingernail polish).
- Skin tight shorts or pants are not allowed. Leggings/Yoga type stretch pants can only be worn under shorts or skirts that meet the standard-length requirement outlined in the dress code or with a shirt that is fingertip length when the arms are held at the side.
- Blankets are not permitted in the classroom or hallways.

Hair Restrictions (MALE)

- Hair that extends below the ear lobe (including sideburns), hair that extends over the shirt collar, or hair that falls into the eyes is not acceptable.
- Ponytails and pigtails are unacceptable.
- No beards are allowed. Male students who arrive at school who need to shave, or have been asked to shave prior to that day, will be sent to the office to do so, and will have a disciplinary consequence as a result of not shaving.
- Hair is to be a natural color. No extreme or disruptive styles and/or colors permitted. Students with unnatural hair color will be sent home or placed in ISS until hair returns to natural color.

Hair Restrictions (FEMALE)

- Hair is to be a natural color. Hairstyles and/or colors that are extreme or disruptive are not permitted.
- Florescent coloring is unacceptable. Students with unnatural hair color may be sent home or placed in ISS until hair returns to natural color.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school.

On the first offense for items such as earrings, nose rings, tongue rings, any body piercing item, hats, caps, bandanas, and sun glasses the item will be confiscated by school personnel and given back at the end of the school day.

Any student that refuses to turn over the above said items when asked by the Principal, Assistant Principal, or teacher will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct including but not limited to school suspension.

The second offense will result in the parent or guardian having to stop by the school office in order to retrieve the items. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in

accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

In partnership with Collin College, Farmersville ISD offers free Dual Credit courses to Farmersville High School students. Students can earn 60+ college credits and an associate degree before graduating from high school. FISD covers the cost of tuition, fees, and books for Collin College. In order to qualify for dual credit courses, students must pass the required TSI test or make a 90 or better in the prerequisite high school course.

FARMERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 2020-2021 SOCIAL DISTANCING PLAN

CAMPUS SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS

- Students and Staff are expected to wear face coverings when within six feet of other individuals. These include face masks, face shields etc.
- Follow all FISD safety procedures and guidelines as outlined in the district plan at <https://4.files.edl.io/041f/07/23/20/205935-db1e52d9-cdd8-4b2d-9653-19c9724ace90.pdf>

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

- Students should not come into the building until 7:30 a.m. unless they are attending a zero hour dual credit class.
- When students arrive from their buses, they can go to either the cafeteria to eat breakfast or to their first period classroom.
- Students in the cafeteria should sit no more than 4 to a table with a seat in-between each student. Students should go to their first period classroom once they are finished eating.
- All teachers with first period classes will need to be in their classrooms by 7:30 a.m. Exception -- teachers on morning duty will need to send their students to the cafeteria while on duty.
- Only students eating breakfast and/or those whose first period teacher is on morning duty should be in the cafeteria.
- Students may get a pass from their first period teacher if they need to go to a specific classroom for before school tutorials (as long as there is room in that particular classroom.)
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PASSING PERIODS

- Masks should be worn at all times.
- No congregating in the hallways. Students should keep moving to their next classroom.
- Staff will be assigned to monitor each restroom between classes.

LUNCH

- There will be three lunch periods determined by each student's 4th period classes.
- Students at lunch will be required to sit no more than 4 to a table in the cafeteria. In addition, the patio area will be opened up for students to eat outside unless the weather is bad.
- Students standing in the cafeteria lines will need to wear masks and practice social distancing. Masks should be worn at all times except when students are eating.
- Students will need to stay at their tables except when going through the lunch line or to the restroom. Students will not be allowed to go to the restroom more than two at a time.
- When one lunch is over and another is about to start, students leaving the cafeteria will be instructed to leave via the top level of the cafeteria and hallway closest to the office. Students arriving to get in line will need to go down the stairway by the stage in order to get in one of the two cafeteria lines.

TUTORIALS

- Students who are failing a class or need EOC prep assistance, will be assigned to mandatory tutorials by subject.
- Students who are not failing will be able to go to the gym or cafeteria during tutorials.
- Social distancing rules will apply -- students will spread out in the gym and no more than 4 may sit at a table in the cafeteria. Elective teachers will be assigned to duty in both the gym and cafeteria.
- Masks should be worn by students and staff.

AFTER SCHOOL

- Bus students will be picked up in front of the school. The duty teacher will help enforce social distancing as much as possible.
- Students being picked up by parents should be picked up behind the school in the parking lane between the student parking lot and the Ag building. There will also be a duty teacher in the back parking lot to help enforce social distancing standards.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Graduating seniors who have successfully completed all FISD and state requirements for graduation are encouraged to participate in FISD Graduation Ceremonies, but participation is not mandatory. Graduates electing to participate in the ceremony are expected to adhere to FHS dress code and behavior expectations. Graduation regalia must be worn by graduates and not altered from the original form until the graduation ceremonies are completed. A DAEP placement which occurs during the last six weeks or a placement in ISS/suspension during the last week of school will forfeit the student's opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony.

A student who has satisfactorily completed all coursework requirements for graduation but has failed to meet applicable state testing requirements shall be allowed to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies if he or she has complied with the established

remediation and retesting requirements in this policy and has been continuously enrolled in the District high school since his or her freshman year. [See EI, EIF] The student shall be seated with his or her classmates, and there shall be no indication of whether or not a student is graduating from high school or merely participating in the ceremony (FMH LOCAL).

See the counselor for information regarding graduation programs. Upon the recommendation of the ARD committee, a student receiving special education services may be permitted to graduate under the provisions of his or her IEP.

HONORS/AP CLASS POLICY

In order to enroll in an honors/Advanced Placement (AP) course students must have maintained an average of 90 or higher in the prerequisite course. Students already enrolled in honors classes must maintain an average of 85 or higher to remain in honors courses. Students who fall below an 85 for two consecutive six weeks' grading periods or for a semester may be removed from the honors class and placed in a regular class.

LATE WORK

Student assignments not turned in on the date due are considered late. Students will be given the opportunity to turn the assignment the next day for a grade up to 70. All assignments turned in after the one-day exception will be given a zero. The teacher may assign discipline as he or she sees fit depending on the late or missing assignment. Teachers have the options to extend the policy depending on the assignment and/or circumstances with administrator approval.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION PROCEDURES

Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be a member of the sophomore, junior, or senior class. Candidates must have attended school the equivalent of one semester. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must have a minimum cumulative average of 90%. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be required minimum level of achievement for admission to candidacy. Students shall then be evaluated on the basis of character, service, and leadership. The selection of members to the chapter is by invitation only; students may not apply. Membership is granted only to those students selected by a majority of the faculty council. The faculty council consists of five members of the faculty, other than the advisor(s), who are chosen by the principal. The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY RESPONSIBILITIES

Membership in National Honor Society is an honor and a commitment. All members are expected to continue to demonstrate the quality of scholarship, service, leadership, and character for which they were selected. All members are expected to attend the induction ceremony for new members. All members will be required to do ten hours of community service within the school year.

Members who fail to meet membership requirements will be placed on probation and could possibly be removed from the organization.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

Students are not permitted to show public displays of affection during school hours, while on school property, or on school transportation. Holding hands, kissing, or any prolonged physical contact is not appropriate in an educational environment. Repeated violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action(s).

RETESTING POLICY

Students who score lower than a 70 on a chapter test or major exam may take a retest if they meet the following conditions:

1. Students must complete a remediation or review assignment as determined by the teacher.
2. Students must come to tutorials before or after school with the teacher.
3. Students must complete the retest within one week of the time the original test was returned to the students. Retests must be completed before the end of the grading period or UIL grace period.
4. Retests must be taken before or after school as scheduled by the teacher.
5. The retest will be a different version of the test but will cover the same material (TEKS.)
6. Students may not score higher than a 70 on a retest. If the student scores lower on the re-test than on the original test, the higher grade will be taken.
7. Any student caught cheating on an exam will be assigned to Saturday School or ISS where an alternative assessment will be administered.

SEMESTER EXAMS

All students will take semester exams in academic classes. Exceptions would be P.E., Athletics, and Band. Semester exams will count as 1/7 of the semester average. Students may be exempt from all exams in the fall and/or spring if they meet the criteria listed below:

- Average of 80-89 and two or less absences (excused or unexcused) in the class.
- Average of 90-100 and three or less absences (excused or unexcused) in the class.

Students who are engaged in online learning may also be exempt from semester exams as long as they show engagement in each class each day. Failure to show engagement on a particular school day will be treated as an absence under the previously stated exemption policy.

**** Any student who has been placed in ISS, suspended during the semester, or placed in the DAEP/JJAEP will automatically lose all semester exam exemptions for that semester.**

TARDY POLICY

Students are expected to be on time, in their seats, and prepared for class when the tardy bell rings. If tardy then the following consequences will be imposed:

- 1st Tardy** - One detention; parents contacted.
- 2nd Tardy** - One detention; parents contacted.
- 3rd Tardy** - One detention; parents contacted.
- 4th Tardy & any additional tardies** - Office referral; parents contacted; decision by administration to assign Saturday School; ISS; etc.

Any student tardy more than 15 minutes to any class will be counted absent for that class unless they have a written excuse from school staff. Students that are more than 15 minutes late to class without a valid excuse will receive both an unexcused absence and a detention.

TRAVEL-- SCHOOL-SPONSORED

Students who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to ride in transportation provided by the school to and from the event. However, the principal may make an exception to this requirement under the following circumstances:

- The parent personally requests that the student be permitted to ride with the parent; or
- On the day before the scheduled trip, the parent presents a written request that the student be permitted to ride with an adult designated by the parent.

TRAVEL - NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED

All travel that is not school sanctioned by the Farmersville ISD or Farmersville High School (i.e. private graduation trips) must be planned off campus before or after school hours. Farmersville High School will not announce or promote any non-sanctioned trip and is not responsible for any person injury or property damage resulting from these trips. Parents are encouraged to call the school office for clarification of those trips that are sanctioned and that are not.

TUTORIALS

A student must attend tutorial sessions as required by the District if he/she is experience academic difficulty in a specific class. Students may also be assigned to tutorials by the District for EOC remediation purposes.

Students who drive their vehicle in a reckless manner may have their parking privilege revoked by school officials and disciplinary action taken in accordance with the student code of conduct.

WORK / COMP RELEASE

Seniors may leave the campus to work or to go home under the following conditions:

- Parent grants permission;
- All state-mandated EOC tests have been passed;
- All seniors are eligible to be off 6th or 7th period only if all course requirements are satisfied for graduation in May of the current school year;
- Students with excessive absences may have early release revoked by the principal or assistant principal.