

# Farmersville Junior High School



## Supplemental Student Handbook 2022-2023

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## Farmersville Junior High Bell Schedule

Period	Time		Minutes
1st	7:45	8:35	50
FFT	8:35	9:04	29
2nd	9:07	9:57	50
3rd	10:00	10:50	50
4th	10:53	12:23	60
Announcements: 10:55 - 11:00			
A Lunch	11:00	11:30	30
B Lunch	11:53	12:23	30
5th	12:26	1:16	50
6th	1:19	2:09	50
7th	2:12	3:02	50
8th	3:05	3:55	50

## Pep-Rally Schedule

Period	Time	Lunch	Minutes
1st	7:45	8:35	50
2nd	8:38	9:28	50
3rd	9:31	10:21	50
4th	10:24	11:54	60
Announcements: 10:25 - 10:30			
A Lunch	10:30	11:00	30
B Lunch	11:24	11:54	30
5th	11:57	12:47	50
6th	12:50	1:40	50

7th	1:43	2:33	50
8th	2:36	3:26	50
PEP Rally	3:26	3:55	29

## **Absences/Attendance**

Regular school attendance is essential for student success. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student’s education. The student and parent should avoid unnecessary absences.

Two important state laws—one dealing with compulsory attendance and the other with how attendance affects the award of a student’s final grade or course credit—are discussed below.

### ***Compulsory Attendance***

Ages 6–18

State law requires that a student who is at least six years of age, or who is younger than six years of age and has previously been enrolled in first grade, and who has not yet reached their 19th birthday, shall attend school, as well as any applicable accelerated instruction program, extended-year program, or tutorial session, unless the student is otherwise excused from attendance or legally exempt.

State law requires a student in kindergarten–grade 2 to attend any assigned accelerated reading instruction program. Parents will be notified in writing if their child is assigned to an accelerated reading instruction program based on a diagnostic reading instrument.

A student will be required to attend any assigned accelerated instruction program before or after school or during the summer if the student does not meet the passing standards on the state assessment for his or her grade level and/or applicable subject area.

### ***Exemptions to Compulsory Attendance***

All Grade Levels

State law allows exemptions to the compulsory attendance requirements for the following activities and events, as long as the student makes up all work:

- Religious holy days;
- Required court appearances;
- Activities related to obtaining U.S. citizenship;
- Documented health-care appointments for the student or a child of the student, including absences related to autism services, if the student returns to school on the same day of the appointment and brings a note from the health-care provider;
- For students in the conservatorship of the state,

- An activity required under a court-ordered service plan; or
- Any other court-ordered activity, provided it is not practicable to schedule the student's participation in the activity outside of school hours.

For children of military families, absences of up to five days will be excused for a student to visit a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian going to, on leave from, or returning from certain deployments [See Farmersville ISD Student Handbook page 23 for more information]

## **Advanced Courses**

Honors classes are offered in grades 7-8 for Reading/English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Placement in these classes is according to the previous year's STAAR results, teacher recommendation, parent/student request, and/or administration approval.

Curriculum in these classes is taught at a higher level and faster pace. The Reading/English, Science, and Social Studies classes are taught on grade level but with numerous enrichment activities and extension opportunities. The math classes are taught at a full grade level above the student's placement. Seventh grade students take eighth grade math and eighth grade students take Algebra 1 (for high school credit).

Students in honors classes will receive a five point bonus added to their average at the end of the six weeks grading period. This bonus is given in order to maintain integrity in averaging GPA scores.

Students who average less than an 85 (after the additional 5 points are added) in an honors class at the end of a grading period will be placed on probation. Students on probation must raise their grades to 85 (after the additional 5 points are added) or higher the next six weeks or they may be removed from the class. Students may only go on probation once during the year for each honors class. Once a student is removed from the honors course the removal will be in effect for at least the rest of the school year, and the student will have to apply for readmission to the program. The principal and honors teachers will make the decision on readmission. The following courses are available for high school credit:

- **Algebra 1**
- **Spanish 1**
- **Business Information Management**
- **Computer Data Entry**
- **Robotics**

## **Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided they comply with the following:

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. Any clothes (including but not limited to tube tops, bare midriff or half shirts, halter-type and see-through blouses, visible sports bras, muscle shirts or mesh shirts) that expose skin on the torso will not be permitted.
3. All clothing should cover undergarments (including straps).
4. Shoes must be worn at all times. No bare feet or house shoes will be permitted.
5. Students are not permitted to wear hats, hoodies, bandanas, or other similar headwear while in the school building.
6. Dark glasses, other than prescription glasses, may not be worn in the building.
7. Nose rings, tongue rings, or any visible body piercing jewelry may not be worn. Male students may wear ear studs. Students may wear a clear “spacer” in order to keep a piercing from closing.
8. Inappropriate tattoos are not permitted and must be covered.
9. Any dress, clothing, or jewelry that represent a gang or is a recognized gang symbol will not be allowed.
10. Belts are to be worn with pants that fit loosely. All pants are to be worn at the waist. No sagging allowed. Undergarments should never be visible.
11. Pants, shorts, skirts, etc. shall not have holes or tears above fingertip length. Large holes below fingertip length can be prohibited under administrator’s discretion.
12. 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.
13. Leggings/Yoga type stretch pants/skintight shorts 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.
14. The following items of clothing are not permitted;
  - a. Pajama type clothes of any kind.
  - b. Costumes, including decorative masks and face paint. Special “dress-up” days as scheduled by the campus principal may be permitted.
  - c. Blankets are not permitted in the classroom or hallways.
15. Hair Guidelines
  - Hair must be clean, well-groomed, and non-distracting.

- Facial hair is allowed as long as it is well-groomed and not a distraction.
- No extreme or disruptive hair styles and/or colors permitted.

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 and return to the classroom. 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 nose rings, tongue rings, any body piercing item, hats, caps, bandanas, and sun glasses the item may 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.

## **Exam Exemptions**

Students may be exempt from semester examinations based on attendance. Any student exempted from the semester exam may elect to take the semester exam to improve his/her grade. With this choice, a student's semester average may only be increased by the examination grade and may not be reduced by the examination grade. All attendance is based on each individual class period, not for the entire school day. Guidelines for students who are eligible for exemption from semester exams in any course based on the criteria below:

### **1. Attendance Requirements Per Class Period:**

- Semester course average of ninety (90) or above, no more than three (3) absences in that class period, or
- Semester course average of eighty (80) or above, no more than two (2) absences in that class period, or
- Semester course average of seventy (70) or above, no more than 1 absence in that class period
- Grades below 70 are not allowed for semester exam exemption

2. All absences, except for official school business, approved college visit days, death in family, doctor approved medical absences, and religious holy days, will count towards the attendance count (excused and unexcused).

3. Three (3) tardies in a class period will count as one (1) absence for exemption purposes.

Questions or clarifications, please see assistant principal Mrs. Edwards, the Junior High attendance administrator.

## **Grading Guidelines**

Student grades will be weighted follows:

Tests	50%
Quizzes	30%
Daily Work	20%

## **Test Retake Policy**

Students have one week from the time the test grade is given to retake a test with a grade below a 70. Within that one week period the student must attend at least two tutorials with that teacher, prior to the re-take. The retake will be on the same material but may be in a different format. The highest grade a student can receive on a re-take test is a 70.

To be promoted to the next grade, a student must attain an overall average of 70 and must pass 3 of the 4 core curriculum classes (English/Reading, math, science, and history). If a student fails English or Reading, then English and Reading can be averaged to determine a language arts grade, and if 70 or higher, will count as a passing language arts grade. Any class with modified content disqualifies a student from all class rank considerations. A student who attends an extended-year program (such as Summer School) must attend at least 90 percent of the program days and meet the academic proficiency standards of the course or grade level in order to be promoted.

## **Late Work Policy**

Farmersville Junior High places a high level of importance on all work that is assigned to students. It is our belief that students should be responsible for the high academic expectations we place on them.

The first day an assignment is late there will be a 10-point deduction. Once an assignment is deemed late by the instructor, the student will be required to attend an assignment recovery session the following day during the student's lunch period to complete the assignment. In addition, parents will be notified via a text alert system that the student has missing assignments. If the student does not have the assignment turned in by the end of that day, an additional 10 points will be deducted for each additional day, and parents will again be notified of additional days of assignment recovery.

## **National Junior Honor Society**

1. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the seventh or eighth grade class.

2. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester.
3. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must have a minimum cumulative average in core classes of 90.0 percent. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission to candidacy. Students shall then be evaluated on the basis of character, service, leadership, and citizenship.
4. 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 vote 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 Junior Honor Society Responsibilities**

1. Membership in National Junior Honor Society is an honor and a commitment. All members are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, and character by which they were selected. Students who fall below a grading period average of 90.0 will be placed on probation for six weeks. Students will then be removed from the active NJHS roster unless a 90.0 grade average is achieved.
2. All members are expected to attend the induction ceremony for new members.
3. Students who are placed in ISS or suspended will be placed on probation or expelled from NJHS. Students may also be placed on probation after their third detention.

### **School Nutrition**

The district participates in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program and offers students nutritionally balanced meals daily in accordance with standards set forth in state and federal law.

Some students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals based on financial need. Information about a student's participation is confidential. The district may share information such as a student's name and eligibility status to help enroll eligible children in Medicaid or the state children's health insurance program (CHIP) unless the student's parent requests the student's information not be disclosed.

Participating students will be offered the same meal options as their peers and will not be treated differently from their peers.

Visit FISD [Meal App Now](https://www.mealappnow.com/manfrm/splash.php) (<https://www.mealappnow.com/manfrm/splash.php>) to apply for free or reduced-price meal services.

### **Tardy Policy**

Students are expected to be on time, in their seats, and prepared for class when the tardy bell rings. Class begins at 7:45am and we expect all students to be in their 1<sup>st</sup> period class ready to begin. We suggest for parents to continual check their parent portal account to observe tardies and absences. If tardy to class, then the following consequences will be imposed:

- 1st Tardy: Student Warning
- 2nd Tardy: Student Warning; parents contacted
- 3rd Tardy: Silent Lunch Detention; parents contacted
- 4th Tardy: Office referral; parents contacted; decision by administration to assign Monday School; ISS; or any other means approved by administration.

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 possible further discipline consequences.