FARMERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT



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BELL SCHEDULES 2020-2021

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LUNCH PERIODS

Farmersville High School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave campus during lunch or any other time without properly signing out through the front office. Students are expected to be in the cafeteria during their designated lunch period. Outside food deliveries to the high school during lunch or any other time is strictly prohibited.

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.

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: ② 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. ② The top ten percent of a high school class shall not contain more than ten percent of the total class size. ② 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. ② The Texas school or school district from which the student graduated or is expected to graduate shall determine class rank. ② 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 teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

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. 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" 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

- a. Hair must be clean, well-groomed, and non-distracting.
- b. Facial hair is allowed if it is well-groomed and not a distraction.
- c. 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. 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 sunglasses 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 and make a 90 or better in the prerequisite high school course.

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.

Non-Scheduled Periods (Early Release - Late Arrival)

Pathway (4 credits)

Seniors may be granted up to two non-scheduled periods if meeting the following criteria: Be on track to earn a multidisciplinary and/or arts endorsement; or, Be on track to graduate having completed a CTE program of study; and, Meet indicators for college, career, and military readiness in both English/Language Arts and Math by meeting TSIA thresholds in column OR: Earn a score of 3 or higher on ANY Advanced Placement Test Successfully earn a minimum of 3 Hours of College Credit in an English or Math Course Successfully earn 9 Hours of College Credit in ANY Discipline Successfully earn an Approved Industry Based Certification and complete a CTE

One checkmark in the English/Language Arts column AND one checkmark in the Math column indicates eligibility for <u>early release</u> or late arrival.

English/Language Arts	Math
TSIA 2 ELAR College Ready Classification (CRC) = 945 or Higher, AND 5 or Higher on Essay	TSIA 2 Math College Ready Classification (CRC) = 950 or Higher
TSIA 2 ELAR CRC = LESS than 945 with a 5 or Higher on the Diagnostic, AND a 5 or Higher on the Essay	TSIA 2 Math CRC = LESS than 950 with a 6 on the Diagnostic
SAT Reading & Writing = 480 or Higher	SAT Math = 530 or Higher
ACT Reading = 19 WITH 23 Composite	ACT Math = 19 WITH 23 Composite
Earn a <u>70</u> or Higher in College Prep English and pass the TSIA test	Earn a <u>70</u> or Higher in College Prep Math and pass the TSIA test

OR:

One checkmark below in any area indicates eligibility for early release or late arrival.

Earn a score of 3 or Higher on ANY Advanced Placement Test		
Successfully earn a minimum of 3 Hours of College Credit in an English or Math Course		
Successfully earn 9 Hours of College Credit in Any Discipline		
Successfully earn Approved Industry Based Certification and complete a CTE Pathway (4 credits)		

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 basic 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.

VEHICLES ON CAMPUS

All vehicles parked on the school property are under the jurisdiction of the school. The school reserves the right to search a vehicle. A student has full responsibility for security of his or her vehicle and will be held responsible for prohibited objects or substances, such as alcohol, drugs or weapons that are found in his or her vehicle and will be subject to disciplinary action by the district, as well as referral for criminal punishment. Searches may be conducted at any time, with or without the presence of the student.

Parking Lot Rules:

- 1. A copy of the student's driver license and valid proof of insurance must be on file in order to purchase a \$15 parking permit.
- 2. Once the parking pass has been purchased, it must always be visible from the front windshield of the vehicle during school hours.
- 3. The speed limit in the parking lot is 5 mph. Excessive speed in the parking area will result in suspension of parking privileges or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the principal or assistant principal.
- 4. Student drivers will not skid to a stop or cause tires to spin while at a stop in the parking area. The consequences of such actions will result in suspension of parking privileges or other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the principal or assistant principal.
- 5. Students must park in a designated parking area between the lines.
- 6. Inappropriate bumper stickers or other vehicle décor is not permitted as determined by the principal or assistant principal.
- 7. In the case of an accident the SRO will be notified. Students involved in the accident should not move their vehicle until authorized to do so by the SRO on the scene.
- 8. The school district is not responsible for any vehicle that is left overnight or for an extended period. Any vehicle left unattended for more than 2 days will be towed at the driver's expense.
- 9. Vehicles parked in the lot without a parking permit displayed correctly will be booted or towed off campus at the owner's expense. There is a \$15 charge to have boot removed.
- 10. If a student drives more than one car the permit may be transferred between vehicles with administrator notification.
- 11. Due to future construction, designated student parking may be subject to change.
- 12. Students are not allowed to loiter or remain in a vehicle at any time during the school day.

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.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

All visitors must report and check in through the main office for security clearance. Students are not permitted to allow visitors access to the building by opening secured doors.