



Expectations for Students

Our staff is not interested in discipline for the sake of discipline. We are interested in the subjects we teach and in maintaining respectful relationships. Our small size and unusually close relationships require a commitment on the part of the student as well as on the part of the teacher. We have a few rules and basic expectations that we expect to be cheerfully kept.

Personal Behavior

Treat yourself and others with respect. This includes refraining from inappropriate displays of affection and touching others inappropriately.

Students must refrain from violence of any kind.

Tobacco and illegal substances, matches and lighters are not permitted on campus.

Students may not bring to school or to school activities, any weapons such as pocketknives, guns, fireworks, pepper spray or other dangerous objects.

School commitment forms and expectations apply during school-sponsored activities, field trips, at bus stops and while riding Metro buses.

Academic Supplies

Students are required to have:

- pencils
- several reams of college ruled lined paper
- USB thumb drives (kept at school for daily use)
- a refillable water bottle

To print out their homework assignments at home, students are expected to have:

- A functioning printer
- ink cartridges (black and yellow help in Kael's class)
- paper

School printers are NOT to be used for printing work completed at home. Print your homework at home.

The copier, CD and DVD players and computers are for teacher supervised classroom use only.

Personal Computers and Electronics

Personal laptops may be used at school only for in-class academic work, not such activities as games, personal email, Facebook, or Internet surfing. Access to the Internet is available only under a teacher's supervision. They may be used for homework during Study Hall.

Because we value our community time together, computers must remain off during breaks and lunch periods. Exceptions may be made with permission arranged and signed in advance by the programming teacher for homework related to a programming class.

School Computers:

Students may use Hillside's computers in the event that they do not have their laptops with them.

In order to do so students must commit to following the below requirements:

- No food or drink next to computers.
- Do not change system settings.
- No Instant Messenger use allowed.
- Use Internet only with a teacher present.
- Use headphones, not speakers.
- Save files with your name and a one-word title that identifies it.

Personal Valuables and Electronics:

Please leave electronics at home, except for laptops needed for schoolwork.

Please leave other valuables at home and lock up any money. If money or a valuable is stolen, the owner feels betrayed by his/her classmates, and the school cannot reimburse student losses.

Phone Calls and Cell Phones

Student cell phones (and all similar devices) must be TURNED OFF during school hours.

Students may make brief calls, using the school phone, during breaks or with teacher permission.

Riding School Vehicles

- Student riders should wait in assigned lines for vehicles to stop before loading.
- Drivers are only allowed to drive as long as all seat belts are buckled and the noise level is not distracting.
- Students may NOT sit in the front passenger seat unless directed by the driver to do so.
- No eating or drinking in school vehicles.
- Please do not talk to the driver while he or she is driving.
- Climbing over the backs of the van seats breaks them. Please refrain from doing so.

Classroom Manners

- Please keep all 4 chair legs on the floor to avoid breakage.
- Please keep feet off the desks.
- Notify the teacher before leaving the classroom to use the restroom.
- Be in your seat ready for class to begin on time.

Study Hall

Study Hall is for homework or silent reading, not games, email, Internet surfing, etc.

Lunch Break

Please eat lunch in the Stage and Huckleberry Rooms. Do not eat on pillows or couches. We ask that soda, energy drinks and popcorn not be brought to school.

Lunch periods are short and we encourage students to bring meals that do not require heating. If you must bring a microwaveable meal, please remember that we have only 1 microwave for use by many students. Therefore, please bring items that require no more than 2 minutes to heat.

Please put recyclable items in designated receptacles found in each classroom and in the hall by the copier.

Please separate garbage from compost and recyclables.

PE Classes

Cheering for the good plays done by the opposing team as well as for those done by your own team helps build a supportive community and promotes good sportsmanship. We ask for friendly, enthusiastic sportsmanship in PE.

School Boundaries

Aside from field trips, students must remain on the school property during school hours.

To keep our neighbors happy, the dead-end street and the back (west) of the main building are off limits during school hours.

Dress Code

Shoes and shirts—along with other appropriate clothing—are required at all times.

Clothing should be appropriate for a classroom atmosphere. Please avoid clothing which is distracting such as short skirts without shorts, midriff shirts, extra low necklines or low hanging baggy pants, as well as clothing or decorations that promote violence, drugs or alcohol use.

Please avoid wearing perfumes and hair sprays, as some in our community are sensitive to the chemicals in these products.

Harassment

Students must refrain from harassment, intimidation, or abuse of another person.

Problems and Conflicts

If a student has a problem or conflict with another student, we ask that the student:

- First talk with that person to try to resolve it, and do not gossip about the problem with other students.
- If the student still cannot resolve the problem, s/he should then ask for help from a teacher.
- If the problem persists, then s/he should ask the teacher again for help and/or ask one of the Administrators for assistance in mediating a solution.

If a student has a problem or conflict with a teacher, s/he should:

- First talk to that teacher to try to resolve it, and do not gossip about the problem with others.
- If s/he still cannot resolve it, s/he should ask his or her parents for help.
- If the problem remains, the student is asked to talk with one of the Administrators about mediating a solution.

Changing Plans

Arrangements for after school plans or activities should be made and finalized before coming to school. If planning to ride the van on a day you normally do not, make sure the day before that there is space.

Drop Off and Pick Up

For safety reasons, we ask that parents DO NOT enter the cul-de-sac when dropping off students in the AM or picking them up in the PM. In the mornings, students should get out at the corner (at the dead end sign), then walk the half block to the school. In the afternoon, a staff person will walk students to the same corner to be picked up. This rule needs to be observed even in bad weather or when you are late.

Early Pick Up

When students are to be picked up early for any reason, we ask that either the parent call the school upon arrival at the cul-de-sac so we can send the student out, or that the parent walk into the school to pick up the student. Students may not wait outside for the parent's arrival.

Excused Absences

Parents need to notify the school when a student will be absent for any reason, as well as when they will be arriving late or leaving early. Notification can be done by phone (425-747-6448) or in writing.