

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q: Am I required to arrive for verification at 5:00 pm sharp?

A: No. You may come in between the hours of 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Wednesday evening. The entire process should take no longer than 20-30 minutes.

Q: What is the class package?

A: Financially, you are better off bundling several of the items you would normally purchase anyway. You save money on dues, yearbook, and the 2018-19 t-shirt. The package also includes PTA dues.

Q: Is there a school supply list?

A: Yes. Your ninth grader will have seven classes during the day. It always a good idea to have at least 3-4 three ring binders. Each binder can be used for 2-3 classes. Make sure you have some section dividers. Organization is key for high school success. Other items include Notebook paper, pens, pencils, usb flash drive, and a TI-30xs scientific calculator.

Q: What is the dress code?

A: To avoid interruptions to your workday, check your child's attire before they leave the house. Here are some of the most frequent issues we see:

- Camouflage clothing is prohibited
- Bandanas and bandana print clothing are prohibited
- Slides and flip-flops are prohibited
- Holes in pants/shorts should not appear between the waist and 6 inches from the knee.
- Leggings/stretch pants are considered undergarments. Clothing with adequate coverage must be worn over such items.

Q: What is adequate coverage?

A: Skirts, shorts, dresses, and/or tops must be no shorter than 6 inches above the knee.

Q: Are we required to purchase a locker?

A: Lockers are not required, but they are helpful. Students may not carry book bags to classes. Book bags may not be left outside in the hall during class. Lockers are sold for \$5.00. It is a great investment for students.

Q: How much money should I send with my student for breakfast/lunch?

A: Hardaway participates in the Community Eligibility Program so there is no charge for breakfast or lunch. The cafeteria does sell extra items (low calorie soft drinks, juice, chips, ice cream, and cookies.)

Q: Where does my child go when I drop them off at school?

A: Supervision begins daily at 7:50 am. Students should report to the Cafeteria or Courtyard where they will remain until the 8:00 am start bell. Parent drop off is in the front of the school. Students should

make their way to the Café/Courtyard area by using the sidewalk between the Gym and 400 hall. Please do not enter the bus lane at any time (back of school).

Q: Are students permitted to use their cell phone at school?

A: Research has shown that cell phones are a distraction for teenagers. Hardaway is taking a “Hands Free” approach to cell phone use during instructional time and while traveling to and from classes. A student shall not have a cell phone in their hands or use any of its functions during these times. Students may use some features of their device during their lunch as long as they are within the Courtyard or Cafeteria area.

Q: What if my child is ill and has to miss school?

A: Students may miss no more than 15 days of school (excused or unexcused) in order to receive course credit. Following an absence, the student must bring a signed note from the parent stating the date and reason of the absence. This note should be submitted to the first period teacher upon returning to school. Students will have 3 days to make up assignments from an excused absence.

Parents may notify the school of an absence through e-mail. Harris.Felicia.T@muscogee.k12.ga.us

Q: What if my child is late?

A: School hours are from 8:00 am – 3:25 pm. Any student reporting to school after 8:10 am is considered tardy and must check in through the main office for a pass. Acceptable documentation for an excused tardy include a doctor’s note (appointment that day) or court summons.

Penalties for unexcused absences:

1 – 4: warning

5 – 7: admin. detention from 3:30 pm – 4:10 pm (served on next day)

8 – 9: Friday School from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

10 +: level II violation

Q: What if my child is having an issue with another student?

A: We believe in providing a safe learning environment for our students. If there is an issue, we want to know. Please call us at (706) 748-2766 and let our staff know what the issue is. They will direct you to the person that can help. If it is after hours, email us.

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