

Riley County High School
Unified School District No. 378
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Riley County High School. We are very proud of our students, staff, parents, and patrons who together make up our wonderful school district community.

As a new or incoming parent of a student at Riley County High School we wanted to provide you with some helpful general information and FAQ's.

Mr. Harold Oliver is our Principal and is in his 36th year of education. Mr. Ian Peters is our Assistant Principal and is in his 7th year of education. Mrs. Samantha Holloway is our Counselor and is in her 6th year of education.

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Attendance

- 10% of school missed is Chronic Absenteeism (includes both excused and unexcused absences)
 - Absence examples; 17 in a year, 8 in a semester, 4 in a 9 week, 1 every other week
- Kansas State Department of Education - "Being chronically absent means a student is missing 10% or more of school, for both excused and unexcused reasons. This puts the student at a higher risk of not graduating high school and possibly becoming a high school dropout."
- Please always communicate absences with our office!
 - Communication benefits your child, you, teachers, administration, and secretaries.
- Please do not abuse calling in your child.
 - We do have the authority to require a doctor's note in order to excuse the absences and we will enforce that if the 10% mark is causing your child to be at risk.



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- Truancy is defined as unexcused absences for; three (3) consecutive days, five (5) days in a semester, and seven (7) days in a school year. We report any and all truant students to Riley County Youth Court in Manhattan.

Bullying

- Bullying incidents are evaluated at Riley County High School using three general criteria:
 - Repetition – has this happened more than once or is it an isolated incident.
 - Imbalance of Power - is a person using physical, mental, or numbers (group) strength.
 - Negative/Violent in Nature and Unprovoked – did the action inhibit a positive and supportive educational environment for the student.
- We want to assure you we take every situation seriously and investigate using; interviews of students and staff members, hard evidence supplied by cellphones (screenshots, text messages, videos, etc.), or through the 29 total surveillance cameras located inside and outside of campus.

Career Cruising

- Log in through student Powerschool
- Used to complete student individual plan of study
- Career Interests
- Learning Styles
- Explore career and college opportunities
- Will open parent portal in future

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices

- Students are allowed to access them in the hallways, between classes, and during lunch.
- There is very limited use in the classrooms, which is at the teacher's discretion.
- For electronics violations there are two general categories:
 - Using Without Permission
 - 1st Offense – student loss of access for the day and student pickup after school
 - 2nd Offense – parent/guardian will be contacted and parent/guardian pickup
 - 3rd Offense – parent/guardian will be contacted, pick it up, & the student will either serve detention or ISS depending on severity of the violation
 - Using Offensively (Harassment, Bullying, Hazing)
 - 1st Offense – student serves either detention or ISS depending on severity
 - 2nd Offense – student serves either ISS or OSS, a student and parent/guardian meeting is required, and have to take an electronic etiquette course in order to be able to bring your electronic devices to school
 - 3rd Offense – OSS or Long Term OSS and the student loses the right to bring electronic devices to school for the rest of the year.



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Chromebooks

- Students are responsible for their Chromebooks
- Students will turn in Chromebooks at end of school year
- First Accident – school will cover cost of repair
- Second Accident- \$50 charge
- Third Accident- Student responsible for cost of repair up to \$300

Discipline

- Detentions are served either before or after school
 - Before school starting no later than 7:40 am or after school immediately at 3:30 pm
- Students can serve detentions at a minimum of 30 minute increments.
- Important to understand that every decision we make is based off the STUDENTS decisions
- Any suspension you get, you can't participate in anything at the school during your suspension
 - Athletics, Activities, Dances, Organizational Meetings, Attending games
 - Example: A student is sent to the office for being disrespectful/defiant towards a teacher, they receive a detention. 2nd offense is either detention or ISS and parent notification.
 - Example: A students is caught using or possessing any form of e-cigarettes (Juuls, PODS, the new ones that look like inhalers) they receive 3 days of ISS and won't be able to participate in any activities, events, or athletics during that suspension.
 - Example: A student is caught using or possessing drugs/alcohol. They will receive Out of School Suspension for up to 20 days and won't be able to participate in anything during the term of the suspension. School work is expected to be completed during all.

Dress Code

- Neat and clean are the basic requirements
- Nothing with drugs, alcohol, illegal, or sexual references
- Shorts/skirts have to be longer than finger tips at your side and no compression shorts
- Leggings/Yoga pants have to be worn with a shirt that covers your backside
- Clothing must cover chest, midriff, and lower
- No hats are to be worn in the building from the moment students walk in the doors until 3:30

Drug Free School

- Absolutely zero tolerance for bringing, using, and/or possessing drugs and alcohol at school.
- There will be school consequences of suspension and missed participation in activities, athletics and school functions. In most cases, Riley County Police Department will become involved.
- Past practice is to utilize our partnership with RCPD to perform three drug dog sweeps during the course of the school year.



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Dual Credit Courses

- Manhattan Area Technical College
 - Anatomy
 - Advanced Biology
 - Advanced Chemistry
 - Physics
 - College Algebra
 - Ag Mechanics

Graduation Requirements

- 4 units of English
- 3 units of Mathematics
- 3 units of Science (1 must be laboratory)
- 3 units of Social Studies
 - World History, American History, & American Government
- 1 unit of Computer Applications
- 1 unit of Fine Art
- 1 unit of Physical Education
- 12 units of electives

Online College Credit

- Cloud County Community College

Search and Seizure

- We operate under what's known as reasonable suspicion. Police use probable cause.
 - Ours is a much lesser standard.
- If we hear, see, smell, or are informed of information that seems reasonably suspicious, we will be searching for anything illegal or harmful and it will be seized.
- Above all, we are tasked with keeping a safe and orderly educational environment.

Security Cameras

- We have 29 surveillance cameras all over the interior and exterior of the High School building.

Website

- www.usd378.org
- Activity calendar (rschools)– parent quick links on bottom left
- Parent documents- explore/high school/parent links & information



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