

7th-12th Grade School Policies, Expectations, and Incentives

2020/21

Welcome and Welcome back LSA students!

To ensure accountability among our students and staff, we want to share with you the policies and expectations for the new school year. Due to our ever-changing world these days, you will see many changes in our school day. We know everyone is somewhat anxious about returning to school, but we hope to get us all back to some sense of normalcy and have an amazing and positive year.

Like in any situation, our actions have consequences. Should a student make a choice going beyond the boundaries we set, there will have to be accountability, as there is in life, but there will also be grace. Our main goal in setting boundaries is to foster relationships among students and staff by creating a safe space for all. We set high expectations for all students and promise to support you as you reach those expectations.

Below you will find guidelines for our middle school and high school student body.

Attendance - Due to COVID-19 - attendance will be taken online via our app or website. Instructions will be sent to families soon.

Dress Code - Quarter 1 - Due to COVID-19 -Dress down days every day. Quarter 2-4: One way LSA students honor themselves and their school is to abide by the dress code passed by the school board. The dress code did not change this year. Pants and shorts should be loose-fitting, trouser style, khaki, black, gray, or red (not maroon, not burgundy, not pink. School color red.) No stretchy or super-tight fitting pants/shorts. Shorts and skirts must be no more than 3 inches above the knee. Shirts must have sleeves with no see-through material and cannot be low-cut. Jackets and coats are not allowed in class. Students 7-12 may wear slides as long as they stay on the feet at all times. Students making the choice to wear non-dress code clothing will be sent home to change. The first consequence will be a documented warning. Each additional instance will require students to be sent to change, and they will receive a detention. See the full dress code on our website for any other concerns. There can be no exceptions.

Quarter 2-4: Athletic attire should be worn in the gym and locker rooms only. Once students have changed for practice or games, they should not re-enter the high school area.

On game days, teams may wear a selected jersey, shirt, or warm-up and dress code bottoms. Non-dress code athletic wear may not be worn during the regular school day.

Masks - Due to COVID-19 - Facemasks must be worn at all times while inside of the building unless a teacher gives a mask break while within the classroom while all students are seated, facing the same direction, and spaced apart 6 feet. If a student is caught repeatedly not wearing

or improperly wearing their mask, it will be treated as an insubordination/discipline issue. Students who cannot or will not wear facemasks are invited to enroll in off-campus learning.

Passing Periods -

Cell Phones - Cell phones are not allowed in class, lunchroom, chapel, pockets, bags, etc. They must be kept in lockers and can be checked during passing periods only (**Quarter 1 - assigned locker times only**). Students should not be in possession of their cell phone at any time during class periods. Students needing to contact parents should do so by getting a pass to the office. Students making the choice to carry cell phones or use them anytime other than passing periods will be required to forfeit the phone for the remainder of the day, and a detention will be issued.

Backpacks/Purses - One way students honor the safety of our school is not to bring backpacks or purses with straps into classrooms at any time. Students may carry their school-approved laptop or tablet in a protective case that is designated for the device but will not be allowed to carry purses or backpacks into classrooms or in the hallway unless approved for specific reasons.

Detentions - Should a student receive a detention, the student will report to the assigned room on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:20-4:00 pm. Students will have one week to serve their detention. If unserved, another will be issued. Keep in mind that 5 detentions will result in an out-of-school suspension.

Tardies - It is very important to arrive at school and classes on time. When a student is late, it is disruptive not only to their learning but also to the education of others. Tardies are also a distraction to the teacher. Students will be given grace until the 7th tardy. As in years before, the 7th time a student is late to school or class it will result in an out of school suspension. At the end of each quarter, grace is given and we start fresh.

Hall Passes - Students who are granted permission to leave class for the restroom, office, or lab must have their planner with the hall pass page attached. Teachers will initial the appropriate slot and the student must carry the planner when out of class. Students must have their planners at all times when out of class. If a student is called to the office, they do not have to get a signature, but should still have their planner with them. Students may not visit the nurse without going to the office first unless it is an emergency. Students may only leave the classroom one student at a time.

Hallways - Our halls are shared 7th-12th. Though it may not be ideal for all, this is happening and we all must be considerate to others. Please know that any behavior that is seen as unkind will be handled swiftly and appropriately. MS & HS students should at NO TIME be in the elementary hallways. Students should not pass the Bio/Art Lab hallway or the AG room at any time. **Due to COVID-19 - students must follow the flow of traffic arrows/dots to allow for social distancing. Masks must be worn in hallways at all times.**

Honoring School Property - School and PE lockers must be clean, neat, and locked at all times. Restrooms, locker rooms, and common areas must be kept neat and clean as well. Items left out will be removed to the lost & found. Devices will be held in the office.

Restrooms - The only restrooms that should be used by 7th & 8th graders are the bathrooms nearest the cafeteria. 9th -12th graders may only use the HS bathrooms. The Atrium, gym side, and locker room bathrooms are off-limits to students during the school day. Students may only enter the locker rooms when they have PE class or for practices (**Due to COVID-19 - locker rooms are closed until further notice**). Students caught using the gym side or locker rooms during the school day will be given a detention. We have had vandalism, theft, and issues of inappropriateness in these areas and therefore that freedom is no longer available. This will be strictly enforced.

Service Dog - We have a student in the elementary that has a service dog. Remember that the dog is there to focus on and serve that student. We should not talk to or pet the dog at any time.

Food and drink brought in - Due to COVID-19 - the only food or drinks permitted into the building are a water bottle and those items inside of a lunchbox or lunch bag. No food items will be brought into the school other than a cold lunch. Visitors may not have lunch with their students until further notice. Treats are not permitted until further notice. Students may not keep any drink except for water in their school lockers. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Lunch - Due to COVID-19 - cold lunch is encouraged for quarter 1. Hot lunch will be a grab and go lunch until further notice. Students will sign up for lunch via the LSA app or website. Instructions will be given to students.

Leaving campus - Students may not leave campus without permission from the office and a parent.

School Day Schedule - The school day begins at 8:15 and ends at 3:15. **Due to COVID-19** -Students should not arrive before **7:45 am** and must enter through the HS entrance for a temperature check. They will then visit their lockers and report to their first hour classroom and be seated. Until further notice, students will not be permitted to socialize in the halls, commons, or atrium before or after school. Students should plan to leave campus at the end of the day unless they are working with a teacher or staying for a sport. **The halls should be clear by 3:30pm due to COVID-19** (unless students are working with a teacher or are with their coach). **Students who remain at school after 3:30 pm will be sent to ABC and parents will be charged a fee.**

Parking Lot - Please keep in mind that our lot will be very busy in the morning and afternoon. We will have small children and their parents in the lot during drop off and pick up times. High school students must enter and leave through the back entrance to Moundford. Everyone should be driving slowly and cautiously. Parents of small children will report erratic or fast driving. Do not rev your engines, do not peel out, drive too fast, and do not text and drive. Students who do not follow these safety guidelines will lose their privilege to drive and park at LSA. The safety of our students, families, and staff is crucial.

Homeroom/Prides - HS Homeroom will be used as a period of communication with your pride leader. At times, students may need to finish a test or get extra help from a teacher. Students must report to their pride classroom each day and remain there for the period. **Due to COVID-19 -MS will have recess one day per week during this period unless an**

announcement is made. Recess/MS lunchroom teachers decide whether the recess will be indoor or outdoor on a given day. **Due to COVID-19 - Chapel messages will be given in Homeroom/pride classrooms until further notice.**

Choices that could result in the consequence of a detention: dress code infractions, repeated facemask infractions, cell phone, horseplay in class or halls, parking in an undesignated spot, having drinks other than water in their locker during the school day, speeding/reckless driving on the property, not locking lockers, leaving the building without permission, backpack/purse in class, talking in class, distracting others from learning, bringing food in class, using vending machines during the school day other than lunch, not honoring teachers or those around you, public displays of affection. This is not a comprehensive list, but merely examples.

Choices that could result in the consequence of a suspension: disrespect to a teacher, staff member, or administrator, bullying, cyber-bullying, inappropriate social media posts or messages, theft, skipping class/leaving campus without permission, excessive instances of unsafe driving on campus, being under the influence of or bringing to campus/selling anything involving drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vape oils or paraphernalia, or medications not stored with the nurse. Students can also be suspended for excessive choices of negative behavior where detentions were given as warnings.

Positive Behavior Incentives - Students who exhibit positive, compassionate, and honoring behaviors will be able to participate in our Incentive Days. These might include free dress code, dodgeball tournaments, popcorn & movie afternoons, kickball, water-wars, etc. Students who choose to be late to class, wear non-dress code items, earn detentions or suspensions will not be able to participate in the upcoming incentive day but can earn the chance to be a part of the next.

Student of the Month - Each month, teachers and students may submit the name of a student whom they have witnessed showing leadership or compassion to others, showing excellent work ethic, doing something above and beyond the expectation, etc. These names will go into a drawing at chapel each month and will be rewarded with front row parking, free dress code pass, or a special gift.

We are glad you are here. We pray for you. We care about you.

We want the absolute best for you.

Our job is to help each and every one of you become the best version of yourself.

Let us know if there is anything you need.

Give us your ideas.

Let your teachers help you if you need it.

Make a new friend. Restore a relationship with someone.

LSA faculty and staff are here to prepare students for a successful future.

We believe this will be our best year yet!