

Class of 2027

Welcome to Powell County High School!



Meet your teachers...



You can reach your teachers through email by using their first initial and last name @ pchs.dl.k12.mt.us (ex. kcrofutt@pchs.dl.k12.mt.us) OR find their email on our website under the “staff” tab



Powell County High School

Home of the Wardens

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Communication

- Infinite Campus
- Auto Dialer
- Email
- Phone Calls
- Visits

My contact (8-4pm)

Office- 406-846-2757 ext. 223

Cell- 406-560-3027 (call or text)

Email- kcrofutt@pchs.dl.k12.mt.us



Online



- ★ Download the PCHS app!
- ★ Website
 - Please pass on suggestions that you have for information to add to the website
 - [Events calendar](#)- your one-stop shop!
- ★ Facebook
 - Like our page and stay up-to-date with all info
 - If you have questions, feel free to message us here
- ★ Infinite Campus
 - You can stay up-to-date with your child's grades, attendance, and school work using your Campus login
- ★ Google Classroom
 - You can join your child's google classrooms and see their assignments

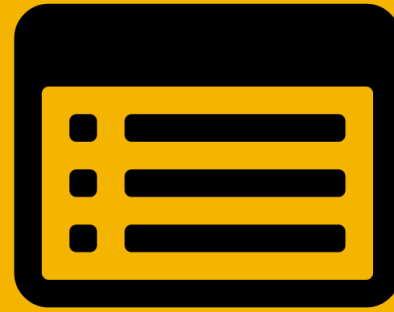


It's everything PCHS,
in your pocket.

Cafeteria Menus · Events · Staff Directory · Alerts · Athletics



Schedules



- ★ **August 18th** is the cutoff date for schedule changes
- ★ To change your schedule, come in and see me 8-4 Monday- Friday or email kcrofutt@pchs.dl.k12.mt.us
- ★ Your locker has been assigned and you can see the number when you log in to Infinite Campus
- ★ Modified block for ELA & Math

Eligibility



★ PCHS:

- Enrolled in 4 classes= 1 F with majority classes at a C or better
- Enrolled in 3 classes= No F's
- Modified block classes will be run the same as block classes
- If you find yourself ineligible during a season, you can petition to regain that eligibility during a 1 day grace period. But you can only do that 1 time each school year!

★ MHSA

- Must pass 2 credits each term (spring & fall)
- If the student only passes 1 credit a term, then that student is ineligible for the following 90 days

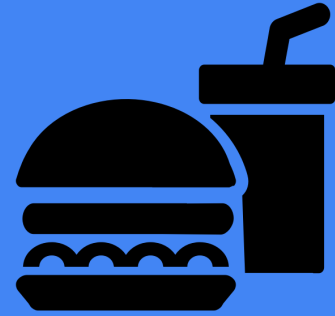
Good news! No matter how you ended last year, you are eligible this year coming in as a freshman. So please join an activity!

Medications



- ★ All medication **MUST** be checked into the office.
- ★ We do provide some OTC medications for students on request. If there is something that your child should not have, please indicate that on the insurance card.

Lunch



- ★ SD 1 provides hot lunch everyday for students. Parents please complete a free and reduced lunch application online. The application runs through Deer Lodge Elementary on the website
- ★ We do have an open campus, so you can leave for lunch as well
- ★ You can also bring your lunch- we have a microwave available for student use



Freshman 101

- ★ All 9th graders take this course
 - You will learn all of the basics you need to be successful in high school
 - Time management, organization, study habits, using your technology, how to cope with stress, how to plan for your future, etc.
- ★ You will earn credit this year
- ★ Adopt-a-freshman

Technology

- ★ Each student is provided with a Chromebook as a freshman. That Chromebook stays with them until they graduate and then they get to keep it. Please treat this Chromebook like it is your's!
- ★ Students may lose their Chromebook for inappropriate use. If this happens, it is their responsibility to work with their teachers on how to complete work without it. No outside technology can be used!
- ★ Mr. McConnaha is our tech guy so if you are struggling with something he is the guy to go to. You can also put in a tech ticket here:



LUNCH SIGN UP



DINING MENU



DISTRICT CALENDAR



SUBMIT A TECH TICKET



MEET WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Handbook Highlights

★ Graduation Requirements- pg.5

★ PE- pg. 5

- You MUST dress in clothing that is specific for PE. Meaning we don't want you to sweat in your school clothes. If you don't dress 5 times, you will be dropped from the class.
- All clothes must follow school dress code
- If you cannot play for more than 10 days due to medical reasons, you will be medically dropped and can retake the class on PLATO or the next time it is offered

★ Semester Assessment- pg. 7

- All courses will have a semester assessment and all students will take them

Handbook Highlights cont.

★ Attendance- pg. 10 & 11

- Excused
 - Parents have called or sent a note ahead of time or within 24 hours of the absence.
 - These absences still count against a student's total attendance
 - Unavoidable: Illness, bereavement, emergency
- Unexcused
 - No excuse was provided for a student's absence within 24 hours of the absence
 - Work assigned during the absence cannot be made-up
 - May have further consequences for the student if the student can be proven truant
- Medical
 - A doctor's note has been provided for the absence and the absence will not count against the student
- Tardy
 - A student who is comes in after the bell but within 5 minutes of the start of class
 - On the 3rd tardy in a class, the student will earn a detention for that and every subsequent tardy
 - The total will reset on a semester basis.

Handbook Highlights cont.

★ Dress Code- pg. 11

- No hats, hoods, bandanas, etc.
- No exposed boobs, bellies, or butts
- No vulgar, obscene, suggestive, etc. clothing
- No clothing that makes reference to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other illegal activities
 - I have a stash of clothing in the office and if you wear something that is inappropriate you will be given the option to change, cover the offending part, or go home and change
- Shoes must be worn at all times
- No sunglasses in the building

★ *Parents, please help us out by checking your child's outfit before he or she leaves for school*

Handbook Highlights cont.

★ Hands-on- pg. 12

- Holding hands only at school
- Please report to a teacher or to me if you see anything beyond that

★ Code of Conduct- pg. 12

- Must ALWAYS sign-out in the office if you are leaving during the day.
- Please call home from the office, not your cellphone
- Fighting= immediate suspension and law enforcement will be called
- Respect the other humans in the building

Handbook Highlights cont.

★ Harassment/Bullying

- Talk to a teacher or me right away!
- Not all meanness is bullying
 - Sustained or repeated
 - Imbalance of power
- What bullying is not
 - A single episode of social rejection or dislike
 - Single episodes of nastiness or spite
 - Random acts of aggression or intimidation
 - Mutual arguments, disagreements, or fights
- Even if it isn't bullying, that doesn't make it ok! Make sure you talk to an adult if you are experiencing things you know are wrong.

*Fill out a bullying form, even if you aren't sure, and that will stay on file

Handbook Highlights cont.

★ No drugs, alcohol, or tobacco on campus- pg. 13

- This means vapes too!
- Law enforcement will be called if you are caught with these on campus

★ Contraband Inspections

- The drug dog will be in periodically to search for drugs, alcohol, and firearms. Everything in the building is fair game for those searches. Dog will also find prescription drugs, so it is crucial that those are always checked into the office.

★ Drug Testing

- If you are in an activity, you will be required to be in the drug testing pool.
- You remain in the pool all year, even if your activity is over

Handbook Highlights cont.

★ Extracurricular & Co-Curricular Participation- pg. 15

- We will go more in depth into this at the athletic meetings, but please take time to read the rules!

★ Cell Phones- pg. 17

- Cellphones are not allowed in class unless the teacher has given you specific permission
- Each teacher has a shoe organizer in their classroom and when you enter the classroom, you will put your phone into that.
- If you are using a cellphone without permission, it will be confiscated. If you refuse to give it up, you will be suspended.
- If you are found to be using your phone inappropriately on school property there will be consequences as well

Handbook Highlights cont.

★ Study Halls- pg. 17

- In order to be eligible for senior privileges, you must pass all study halls for your whole high school career
 - Have not earned an F for the semester in any course while enrolled in a study hall
 - Have not had more than 3 referrals in SH in a semester for cellphone use
 - Have not had more than 3 referrals in SH for any other reason
 - Have not had more than one unexcused absence in a study hall

Handbook Highlights cont.

★ Grievance Procedure- pg. 19

Try to resolve any issues on the lowest level possible

1. Student → Teacher
2. Parent & Student → Teacher
3. Parent & Student → Principal

If there is an issue of safety with students or staff, please report that ASAP to any staff member or the principal.

***Please review the rest of the grievance process in the handbook**

Final Thoughts



- ★ You get what you give in HS. Make this a memorable experience
 - Step outside of your comfort zone
 - Do something that scares you, but challenges you
 - You are surrounded by adults who have chosen to spend the majority of their time with you. You are loved.
 - This is a time and a place to be who you want to be and explore what interests you in a safe environment. Lean in.
 - Parents, we appreciate you trusting us with your most valuable assets. We strive to be partners with you in getting them prepared for life. Thank you for the trust you are placing in us.

Questions?



Next Steps

1. Turn in any paperwork that you are missing
2. Get your Chromebook
3. Come see me if you have questions or need a schedule change
4. Find your locker (NHS kids are here to help!)
5. Find your classrooms
6. Make a friend
7. Talk to your teachers
8. Talk to a coach and join a sport
9. Eat a(nother) burger!
10. Take a quick survey to help us improve freshman orientation
11. See you August 23rd & 8:15am back here in the gym

