

Heaton Middle School

"I AM the Triple Threat!"

Student Handbook

2022-23

"Home of the Hawks"



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PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 60

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To provide a high-quality education that assures each student the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to lead a life of purpose and impact.



Pueblo School District No. 60 does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, marital status, national origin, religion, ancestry, age, disability, need for special education services, genetic information, pregnancy or childbirth status, or other status protected by law in admission, access to, treatment or employment in its educational programs or activities. Additionally, a lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation in activities. The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Eric DeCesaro, EEO/Affirmative Action/Title IX/Section 504 Compliance Officer for complaints involving employees, and Andrew Burns, Title IX Compliance Officer for complaints involving students. Both individuals can be located at 315 West 11th Street, Pueblo, Colorado 81003, (719) 549-7100. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees, and members of the public. (Policy AC, AC-R).

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre esta información, por favor llame a la escuela de su niño.

Welcome! We are excited to be starting a new school year and are looking forward to working with you. The following information is provided to help make your journey at Heaton Middle School academically challenging as well as enjoyable.

Assemblies

Assemblies take place during the school year. Concerts, guest speakers, academic awards, etc. will be presented for the students' educational and entertainment value. Student behavior is important to the success and value of our assemblies. All students are required to follow these guidelines for assemblies:

- Take your seat quickly and quietly. Fill the auditorium seats front to back (fill each seat).
- Be quiet when the speaker/performers approach the microphone.
- Give your full attention to the speaker/performers.
- Remain seated until dismissed.
- The auditorium will be dismissed back to front (follow adult direction).
- No whistling or other inappropriate behavior.

Attendance

The school day begins at 8:30am Monday through Thursday and ends at 4:20 pm.

Absences: Heaton Middle School's staff feels it is extremely important for students to have regular attendance. Attendance directly affects student achievement. The following are acceptable absences, and will be considered excused:

- Illness (Doctor's note required if absent 3 or more consecutive days)
- Death in the family
- Compliance with established religious holidays

As soon as it is evident that a student will be missing school, a call to the attendance secretary should be made by 9:00 a.m. (549-7422-attendance secretary, 549-7420- main office). All phones have voice mail, so messages can be left at any time. If a call to the attendance office has not been made concerning an absence, a note must be presented to the attendance secretary the day the student returns to school. If neither a note nor call is made to the office, the absence will be recorded as "unexcused." In addition, multiple unexcused absences may result in a referral to Truancy Court. Other absences-If a student is to be absent for reasons other than those listed above, parents need to discuss the situation beforehand with the assistant principal to determine whether or not the absence can be considered excused. Classroom assignments must be completed upon the student's return from any prior approved absence.

Tardies — Students who arrive at school after 8:30 a.m. need to report to the office and then get a tardy slip from the attendance secretary. *Students who are tardy will have an excused tardy for the following reasons only: Doctor, Dental, Orthodontic appointments/with a note from the Dr.'s office, or attending a funeral.* All other reasons for tardies will be recorded as unexcused.

Getting up late, parent running late, waiting for a ride, etc. are not excused tardies.

Tardies to classes throughout the day — If a student is detained by a teacher or the office, the student will need to ask for a written pass to his/her next class. The teacher will record tardies to classes during the school day. Repeated absences/tardies will result in disciplinary action and referral to truancy court. Regular hall sweeps will be conducted to emphasize the seriousness of promptness to class. If your student is collected in a hall sweep, he/she will have his/her tardy documented and the appropriate consequence will be given as outlined in school policy (tardy/sweep policy). Tardy sweeps may be regular or random.

Sequence of Consequences for Tardiness Each Quarter (all tardies are documented in writing)

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| 1st Tardy | Student is verbally warned. |
| 2nd Tardy | Student is verbally warned and a call is made home. |
| 3rd Tardy | Student is verbally warned that detentions will be given for future tardies and a call is made home. |
| 4th Tardy | Student is assigned a lunch detention and a call is made home. |
| 5th Tardy | Student is assigned an after-school detention and a call is made home. |
| 6th Tardy | Meet with administration. Consequences shall be determined. |
| 7th Tardy | Meet with administration. Schedule an RTI meeting to determine action plan for tardies. |

Athletics

To be eligible to participate in athletics, a student must be passing all classes with no F's and must be in compliance with attendance. Students who repeat a grade in middle school for any reason will be ineligible to participate in athletics. All students going out for athletics must have school insurance or documentation of private health insurance. This must be done before participation in the athletic program begins. All students must have a physical examination by a qualified physician prior to participation in athletics. All physicals are only good for 365 days. All district and school required athletic paperwork must be submitted on the designated "clearing" date (determined by the school prior to the first practice) – if a student does not comply, he/she will be unable to go out for that sport. To be eligible to participate in the first event, the student must have completed five practices. Each student is responsible for athletic equipment issued to her/him. The following sports are offered at Heaton Middle School:

Girls Softball	fall**	Soccer.....	coed spring and fall*
Girls Volleyball	fall*	Boys/Girl Track.....	spring**
Boys/Girls Basketball.....	winter**	Boys/Girls Wrestling.....	winter**
Cross Country.....	fall *	Football.....	fall*
Cheerleading.....	Year-long*		

*These sports are offered through partners of Pueblo School District 60 – they are not district sports. Fees are determined by the organizations running/organizing the sport.

**To participate in Sports through Pueblo School District 60, a fee of \$50 will be charged.

***Students who are recognized for Free and Reduced Lunch will have the fee waved.

AVID

Heaton Middle School is an AVID school. AVID stands for *Advancement via Individual Determination*. All students are eligible to be in AVID but must apply and interview to be in the class. AVID is an elective class that students take during the course of the school year. The AVID elective class is designed to help students succeed in both honors and on grade level classes by teaching students different strategies that will help them in their classes, such as organized note taking and intense reading strategies. The AVID elective is also geared towards helping students prepare for college and learning about career pathways. AVID applications will be available each spring for the following school year. Please see the counselors or Mrs. Loseke, our AVID coordinator for more information.

AVID Success Advisory Period (ASAP)

All students will be enrolled in a AVID Advisory class (Advancement via Individual Determination). This will be every student's first hour. The AVID Advisory class is designed around the general principles of AVID. AVID's general principals of Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading will be the focus of this class. The class will be a time for student to organize their binders, utilize the school planner, check grades weekly, participate in student lead tutorials, monitor their data regarding district and state assessments, and practice independent reading skills. Additionally, as part of our initiative to implement a Career and Technical Education Academy (CTE), students will be expected to learn and refine their basic work force ready skills or "soft skills." Students will be graded on **attendance**, **dress code**, and **citizenship** along with the other work and skills related to this class. It is important that students learn now that to be employable they need to have basic work force ready skills no matter what career pathway they choose.

Band

If you play an instrument, or would like to, you can sign up for band. The band is involved in parades, performances and other programs in and out of school.

Bicycles/Skateboards

Bicycles are to be parked in the bike racks upon arrival at school and locked up. Bicycles and skateboards are not to be used during school hours, and must be walked on school property. **Skateboarding is not allowed on Heaton Middle School grounds and must be immediately stored upon arrival at school!**

Breakfast Program

Heaton Middle School is involved in a federally funded breakfast program. Breakfast is provided each morning for students at no charge. We encourage everyone to participate in this program.

Universal Meals

Pueblo School District 60 is participating in a Universal Lunch and School Breakfast Program for the current school year at all D60 schools. All students enrolled at D60 schools may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. Snack items and adult meals will be available for sale each day.

Community Eligibility Provision Participating Schools

All students will be served breakfast and lunch at no cost. Families should complete a combined application to provide vital data for school funding.

Families should submit a Family Economic Data Survey* in the school office, online at www.pueblod60.org, by visiting <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>, or scan the QR code to the right.

- Families are encourage to **fill out the Family Economic Data Survey***.
- **You only need to submit one application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in Pueblo School District 60.**

***This form may be used only for schools participating in the federal child nutrition programs. All D60 schools are participating in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), receipt of school meals does not depend on households returning this form. In all schools, this form is also used in connection with other federal, state and local education programs, including determining whether the school district is eligible for state additional funding on the behalf of the student(s). By filling out the form, the parent is ensuring the district will receive the additional state funding to which it is entitled based on the population of students served by the district.**



Families are encouraged to submit an application

Studies have shown that children who are not hungry perform better in school. By providing breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge, we are hoping to support a better learning environment for our students.

The school breakfasts and lunches that we serve follow U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. The School Breakfast and Lunch Programs cannot succeed without your support; please encourage your children to participate in the school meal programs.

Non-discrimination Statement: In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

Bullying

Bullying behavior is defined as cruel or hostile behaviors involving a student who is the bully towards another child who is the victim. The State Legislature has taken a strong stand on preventing bullying behaviors in our schools. Examples of physical bullies are those acts using physical aggression, or taking the victim's property. Verbal bullies use words to hurt or humiliate another child, with the bully often saying, "I was only joking." Relational bullies try to control relationships by persuading some children to reject others. Relational bullies commonly spread hurtful rumors. Cyber bullies use any type of technology or social media to intimidate, humiliate, etc. others.

Heaton promotes a culture of kindness and support for all students. We **DO NOT** condone hatred, violence or bullying at any time on or off campus. We absolutely **DO NOT** condone the use of social media to promote these ugly acts. Please monitor your child's social media accounts and report to the proper authority. Reporting bullying is a social responsibility and benefits the victim, the bully and the entire school community. *There will be disciplinary measures taken towards acts of bullying at Heaton Middle School.* **Reports of bullying can also be made online at www.safe2tell.org**

Bus Policy

- In the morning, students will board their assigned bus only at the proper loading stop and get off only at Heaton Middle School. In the afternoon, students will board their assigned bus only at Heaton Middle School and get off only at their proper bus stop.
- If students need to ride home on a bus with a friend, a note from the parents of the student needing the ride needs to be presented to the assistant principal to be approved and signed. The note needs to be presented to the AP first thing in the morning. If the note is presented too late in the day, there is a chance that the request may not be granted if an administrator is not available.
- When a bus is late, or if a student misses a bus, telephone calls to home from the office telephone will be permitted. The line for phone use will be in the lobby, with only one student at a time allowed in the office.
- All school conduct rules apply to students while riding the bus, and waiting for the bus at the bus stop.
- *****Bus privileges may be suspended for violations of the rules!***

Cafeteria

Students may bring their lunches from home or they may choose from the many nutritional lunches that can be purchased in the cafeteria. Each child is assigned a student number that the student codes in when purchasing items in the cafeteria. Students are not to share their student numbers with anyone. The following rules apply in enjoying lunchroom privileges:

- Deposit all trash in wastebaskets.
- Stack paper trays on desk
- Leave the table and floor around you in a clean condition for others.
- Be sure to purchase all food items as you go through line.
- When finished with lunch, students are to remain at their tables. Students are not to be in the halls.
- Food from outside vendors must be brought to the office and not classrooms to minimize distractions.
- Parents are welcome to have lunch with their children. If parents bring food, please bring food only for your child. Parents may not bring food for children other than their own.
- Parents must sign in at the office before going to the cafeteria.
- There will be no "cutting" in the cafeteria lines. Students cutting, will be assigned to the end of the line.
- Any student violating the cafeteria rules will be assigned lunch in a detention area.

Change of Address/guardianship/emergency Information

Please notify the office of any changes that would affect the school's ability to contact parents in an emergency. All students are required to have an emergency information card on file. This card should have accurate and up-to-date information about student's guardian; address, phone numbers and persons authorized to pick up your child. If you should move, change phone numbers, or guardian information has changed, it is imperative that the school gets this information. We need to have this vital information in case of emergencies to contact parents in a timely manner. Parents are encouraged to keep information updated by logging into Parent Portal in Infinite Campus or coming into the office.

Clubs and Activities

Heaton Middle School offers many opportunities for students to become involved in activities. Listen to the daily announcements regarding the following clubs and activities:

Athletics (See Athletic section)
Gifted and Talented
Marching Band
Student Council
Young Educated Women

Crime Stoppers (Hawk Watch)
MESA (Math Engineering & Science)
Cheerleading (Tryout required)
National Junior Honor Society

Geography Bee
National Academic League
Yearbook
Spelling Bee

Code of Conduct

A handbook that explains the Pueblo School District 60 student code of conduct will be given to each student at the beginning of the school year. A parent/student signature page will need to be signed by both parties and returned to the school.

Conflict

From time to time, students might have a conflict with another student. In most cases, students might resolve the problems on their own. In some occasion, students cannot resolve the problems or conflict on their own. **If this is the case, students are expected to report the conflict to the school office to have an ADULT help resolve the problem.** We believe that students should not be labeled when they are faced with having conflict with another student(s). Heaton Middle School is not an environment in which children should fear being labeled a “tattle tale”, “snitch” or “informant.” Instead, Heaton Middle School will be an environment in which we model the appropriate and mature means of seeking a conflict resolution. Students who take matters into their own hands and engaged in behaviors that are not acceptable may be subject to consequences including suspension. Heaton Middle School believes that students who report the issues to school officials are modeling appropriate behavior. Students who take matters into their own hands, which results in a fight, escalated drama, advocating the disruption of the school environment, or turn to social media to escalate the drama/problem, could face school consequences such as but not limited to conflict resolution, detention, in school or out of school suspension.

Discipline Policy

The staff at Heaton Middle School believes in the philosophy that students are responsible for their own behavior. Rules are necessary to keep Heaton Middle School a safe, respectful environment in which learning takes place. An important part of education is learning to get along with others.

All school rules apply at:

- School-sponsored activities regardless of location
- Going to and from school, including waiting for the bus

The staff, administration, and the school board have developed a discipline code, which emphasizes student responsibility for behavior and consistent consequences of rule violations.

If a student violates classroom rules, that student may be isolated from other classmates until an acceptable plan is devised.

One or more of the following violations will result in disciplinary action. Consideration will be made for the situation and degree of infraction. Disciplinary options will include a talk with the student, a letter or telephone call to parents, parent conference/meeting, an Office Referral, referral to an outside agency, detention before school, at lunch, or after school, community service, out of school suspension or alternative to suspension) or other appropriate consequences. *Disciplinary records are kept on file.*

Type I Behavior

Alcohol Violation
Assault
Dangerous Weapon
Destruction of School Property
Detrimental Behavior
Disobedient or Defiant
Drug Violation
Habitually Disruptive (3rd Type I)
Repeated Interferences
Robbery
Loitering
Tobacco Violation
Other Felonies (Crimes of Violence)
Other Violations of Code of Conduct

Type II Behavior

Absenteeism
Bullying
Cheating
Class Disruption
Fight (Minor Incident)
Forgery
Hourly Truancies
Insubordination
Lack of Class Participation
Leaving Campus without Proper Checkout
Lying/Cheating
Minor Theft
Profanity
Other Inappropriate Behavior

***Interventions for Behavioral Issues**

To assist students and staff in providing optimal educational opportunities for all those at Heaton Middle School, the following interventions are in place:

First offense — The main responsibility for classroom discipline lies with the teacher. When a student misbehaves in class for the first time, the instructor will counsel with the student and document what he/she has done to improve the student’s behavior.

Second offense — Teacher calls the student’s parents.

Third offense — Principal/Assistant Principal meets with student to review past discipline infractions and interventions. At this point, parents will be contacted by the Principal or Assistant Principal to determine appropriate disciplinary action.

After two (2) suspensions, an individual remedial discipline plan is developed to address the student’s disruptive behavior, educational needs, and the goal of keeping the student in school. Parents, student, and administrators will be involved in the development of a remedial discipline plan.

Habitual Disruptive Behavior

Any student who has been suspended three times during the course of the school year for causing a material and substantial disruption in the classroom, on school grounds, on school vehicles, or at school activities or events, because of behavior that was initiated, willful and overt on the part of the child, is a “habitually disruptive student”. A student who is habitually disruptive may be suspended or expelled. This is in accordance with Colorado State Law.

Alternative To Suspension

Alternative to Suspension provides students the chance to be educated about the school or district policy they have violated. While certain infractions may suggest suspension, school administration “may” recommend an alternative to suspension rather than an out of school suspension. An Alternative to Suspension is done through educational opportunities and work with (but not limited to) teachers, behavior interventionist, assistant principal, principal, etc. Depending on the situation, an Alternative to Suspension opportunity may be offered to students. School administration has the final decision as to whether a student might be eligible for an alternative to suspension. This opportunity is provided to students in lieu of In School Suspension.

Detention

Heaton Middle School holds after school detention from 4:20 p.m. to 4:35 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Lunch detentions are held during the student’s assigned lunch period (Monday through Thursday). Students may be assigned detention for various infractions. Students who are assigned after school detentions are given written notice and/or a call home to parents the day before the assigned detention(s). If a student receives detention on Monday, he/she will serve it on Tuesday. A student can be assigned lunch detentions on the day the detention(s) are to be served. If a student fails to show for detention, a second detention is assigned - the student then has two detentions. The school administration will meet with the student. If the student misses detention again, he/she will be suspended from school. If a student can’t stay for a detention, a note or call from the parent explaining the reason to miss detention will be needed so the administrator can change the date. If a student fails to do an assigned detention, “good student” activities for the quarter will be missed.

Discovery/Rediscovery Day

At Heaton, students are expected to be successful and productive students in both their behaviors and their academic progress. As part of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support program, we expect student to be H.A.W.K.S every day. They are expected to **Have** all materials, **Arrive** on Time, **Work** at all times, **Keep** hands and feet to self, and **Show** Respect. Additionally, we expect students to maintain a **3.0 GPA**. If students maintain the HAWKS and GPA, they are allowed to experience field trips to learn about topics that are beyond the traditional classroom setting. For example, students have taken trips to Pueblo Community College, Steel Work Museum, Raptor Center, etc. Students who are not maintaining the 3.0 GPA remain at Heaton to receive intervention in the core subjects which will additionally help improve the overall academic achievement and growth.

Disruptive Devices – NOT HEARD OR SEEN

Although we recognize the benefit of technology or other items that might enhance the learning environment, we also recognize it can be a distraction to the learning environment. Students will NOT be permitted to use cell phones (or any electronic device such as iPod, MP3, hand-held games, etc.) throughout the school day. If a student has a cell phone or other electronic device out or is using one, the phone/device will be confiscated and given to the Assistant Principal and will **only be released to a parent**. Also students will not be allowed to use items such as “fidget spinners” or other devices deemed disruptive by school administration. Students are also not permitted to bring electronic items or other to sell or trade. HMS and its staff members are not responsible for lost, stolen, and/or damaged items. *If a teacher gives consent for a student to use an electronic device in a classroom it will be for educational purposes only. If a student needs to call home to speak with a parent, the student will always be allowed to use the phone in the school office. Again, staff members are not responsible for lost, stolen, and/or broken devices!*

District Short Check Collection Procedures

For a personal check to be an acceptable form of payment, it must include the payer’s current, full accurate name, address and telephone number. When paying by check, the check writer authorizes checks returned “unpaid” to have fees collected electronically or by draft (as allowed by the State). Alternative forms of payment may be used instead of a check payment (cash or money order). Payment by check may be denied when multiple checks have been returned from the same account and/or check writer.

Dress Code (at all times while on Heaton property)

Heaton Middle School believes that coming to school each day DRESSED FOR SUCCESS supports the vision of the College and Career oriented culture. The dress code for the 2019-2020 school year addresses the need for success, safety, and modesty, which helps support the sanctity and consistency of the learning environment.

- All Students will be required to wear the uniform while on campus!
- Sweatshirts, hoodies, and jackets may be worn at lunch, coming to school, and leaving school. No hoodies, sweatshirts or jackets will be allowed in the classrooms/common areas. All of these items must be kept in a student's locker (students are **not** permitted to carry them with them during the school day). **Students are permitted to wear long sleeve shirts and/or undershirts that are uniform approved.**

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bottoms</u></p> <p>ALL BOTTOMS MUST: Be Khaki/Tan in color ONLY. Be Twill fabric/material ONLY.</p> <p>Cargo shorts, Bermuda shorts, skorts and Capris may be worn as long as they meet the previous stipulations. Skorts may or may not have pockets or belt loops.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tops</u></p> <p>ALL TOPS: Must be polo shirts with Heaton logo (Monday through Thursday). May ONLY be gray or maroon in color. Undershirts may be worn but must ONLY be Black or White with no logos or print.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bottoms</u></p> <p>May NOT be made of ANY stretch or form fitting material. <u>NO yoga pants.</u> May NOT be any color other than Khaki/Tan. Should NOT have rivets of any kind on seams or pockets (rivets are found on jeans).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tops</u></p> <p>May NOT have any logo other than approved Heaton Middle School Logos. Must NOT be excessively LARGE or SMALL. This includes both boys and girls shirts. May not be tied or otherwise altered from natural drape on one's body.</p>

Special Dress Days

- Approved by the Principal first.
- Jean Days: blue or black colored jeans only! Shorts and jeans cannot have any rips, tears, or holes above the knees.

Not Allowed!

- NO Skirts, or short shorts
- **NO Yoga pants!!!!**
- **NO Leggings!!**
- Excessive Bracelets **CAN NOT** be worn. Students may wear **one or two** on each arm.
- NO High socks, mismatched socks
- No Gauges, spikes, body piercings (only ear piercings allowed) – **Piercings MAY NOT** be covered by band aids! If a student chooses to wear a “plug” or “holder” in a piercing, it must be **clear plastic and not protrude** out of the skin/piercing hole(s) – **cannot be seen!**
- NO Adding to uniform -
 - Such as sunglasses, suspenders, scarves, neckties, bandanas, etc.
- NO Large colored head bands that cover the head.
- NO HATS while on school campus (before, during or after school)
- NO headbands larger than ½ inch or colors other than black or white.
- NO Oversized clothing of any kind.
- NO Holes, tears, or rips in pants or shorts and shirts/undershirts.
- NO Sagging pants/shorts – below the waistline.
- NO Unnatural hair color (purple, blue, green, etc.).
- NO Belts hanging down – entire belt must be through the loops
- NO Chain belts
- NO Mohawk over 2 inches long/tall and unnatural hairstyles
- NO Gang colors (red, brown, royal blue, etc.), logo's (ANYTHING gang affiliated)
 - Such as gang colored shoe laces or belts, bandanas, etc.
- NO Visible tattoos related to gangs, drugs, weapons, etc.
- NO Safety pins, rubber bands, or hair ties, etc. can be used to tie back shirts.
- NO Bracelets with inappropriate sayings/symbols (i.e. Boobies)
- NO Jewelry resembling weapons of any kind
- Dress code sweeps will be conducted periodically. Students **MUST** correct any dress code violation before returning to class.

Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco, Weapons and Battery Policy

Any student who violates the policies set forth by School District #60 in the student conduct codebook will be suspended for up to five (5) days by the Principal or Assistant Principal. A recommendation will be made to the Director of Pupil Personnel for extended suspension time, adjustment transfer, or expulsion.

A copy of the District 60-conduct code will be distributed to each student at the start of the school year, Parents and students should read and understand the policies set forth. It is the responsibility of students and parents to be knowledgeable of the rules. If you do not understand any part of the rules, please contact the school for clarification.

Elective Classes

We offer a variety of elective classes for students to choose from that help them explore different career options as part of our CTE programs. The Elective courses provide students with hands on opportunities, which require the purchase of materials and supplies. Generally there is a \$25 fee for most of our electives. This fee covers the year.

Emergency and Disaster Plan

Safety drills are held at regular intervals. It is essential that everyone take immediate, appropriate action when emergency signals are given. The evacuation site for students and staff of Heaton Middle School is Belmont Elementary or Colorado State Fairgrounds. If evacuation of our school becomes necessary, we will relocate to one of those locations. Each classroom teacher will provide specific instructions for students.

Enrolling and Withdrawing from School

Please see the attendance secretary if you are enrolling/or withdrawing from school.

Field Trip Policy

Field trips are considered “**good student**” activities. Any student that has been suspended out-of-school once, or has had two separate instances of in-school suspension, or three instances of detention will not attend “good student” activities for those nine-weeks. Grades and attendance may also be considered when determining if a student is allowed to attend a field trip. When students are out of class due to a field trip, they need to check with their classroom teachers to see what assignments they will miss and will be required to make up.

Fund-Raisers

The only fundraisers students may solicit for at school are those specific to the programs at Heaton Middle School. **Any outside group or agency fundraiser will not be allowed at Heaton Middle School.** Fundraisers are to raise money for the programs at HMS and involvement in the fundraiser is optional. If a student wishes to be involved, the responsibility for the product and the money lies with the student.

General Rules

- Before school, the earliest a student should be dropped off is 7:50 AM (there will be no adult supervision before that time). Students will not be allowed into the building until 7:50AM. Students will stay in cafeteria /auditorium until the first bell rings. Students may not loiter in the hallways until the bell rings. If students are here for tutoring, they are to report immediately to their destination. **No students are allowed to wander the hallways!**
- After school, the latest student should be picked up is 4:30. Security staff is available until that time.
- Excused from class: teachers may excuse a student from attending their class to access the media center or computer lab. Only the teacher of the class that the student will be missing may grant this permission. Students who fail to secure permission in ADVANCE will be considered truant, will have the absence recorded as unexcused, and will be subject to disciplinary action/loss of "good student" activities.
- **QUALIFYING STUDENT ACTIVITIES:** Examples of these are dances, assemblies, and field trips. Students are encouraged to participate in these fun activities. Any student suspended out-of-school during those nine-weeks will not be eligible to participate in the “qualifying student” activity. If a student has two instances of 2 or more referrals, he/she also will not be involved in any “qualifying” activities for those nine-weeks. One unexcused absence or truancy will also make the student ineligible for those activities for the nine-weeks. Excessive tardies will also prohibit a student from attending the activity. Academics will also be considered when determining eligibility for these activities. Alternative activities will be provided for students who are not eligible.
- Hall passes: students must have a hall pass filled out in the hall pass section of their planner, and have their planner in their possession, if they are out of the classroom during class time.
- Locks and lockers are issued to each student. If a student loses a lock, a new one will be issued for \$5.00. Only school-issued locks will be allowed on lockers. Students are not to share their locker or combinations with any other students! Students are also not allowed to share lockers!
- Planners will be available to purchase for \$5.00. Students must have their planners on them at all times (except lunchtime). If lost, a new one can be purchased.
- Physical Education uniforms are required. They consist of plain maroon shorts and a gray or white t-shirt (no logos). Students must have gym shoes with non-marking soles. PE uniforms may be purchased through the PE department.
- Students may not leave school during the day without permission from the office and signing out (a parent must come to the main office to sign out his/her student before leaving).
- Students should always be prepared and have materials for class.
- Textbooks will be assigned to students. If they are lost or damaged, the student will be required to pay for them. Students may only have their assigned book(s) in their lockers or in their possession.
- Unexcused absences: These account towards the number of days a student is allowed to be absent from school. Students with multiple excused absences could be in jeopardy of being filed for truancy. Please call your child’s absence into the office.

Grading System

Heaton Middle School students receive grades of A, B, C, D, F or S, U. Our teachers also give students grade checks at the mid-term of each nine-week section. If parents would like grade checks any other time, please contact your child's teacher (request teacher's phone number or email address from the office). Students are responsible for picking up grade checks to take home to parents. To access the Parent Portal through Infinite Campus, which gives up-to-date student grades, call 719-549-7422.

Hall Courtesy

Walk on the right side. Help to maintain efficient movement through the halls. Avoid congregating in clusters that block traffic. Use quiet conversational voices and avoid any noise louder than quiet conversation. A "delayed-passing" is instituted for students who have problems adhering to the social norms at Heaton Middle School.

Hall Passes

All students must have their planner with them while they are in the hallways. If students are doing an errand for a teacher, they may use the "teacher designated hall pass". The planner pass must be filled out by student and signed by a Heaton Staff member. Hall passes are not to be abused or forged by students. Students are to use hall passes to go to the approved location quickly and then return to class. Failure to comply with these expectations may result in an unexcused truancy and/or school consequences

"Hands-off" Policy

Students are to refrain from pushing, grabbing, pulling, tripping or otherwise touching other students. Students are also not to hold hands, hug, or show any display of affection toward other students. Violators of this policy will be referred to the office and parents will be contacted.

Hawk of the Month-"I AM the Triple Threat!"

Every month, deserving students are nominated Hawk of the Month. Teachers nominate and vote on students that display good citizenship, helpfulness, honesty and integrity within our school. Helping someone who needs it - helping a student who has dropped his/her books - would be an example of a worthy "Hawk of the Month." It is an honor to be a "Hawk of the Month," and many of our students strive for this award and honor.

Homework Policy

If a student is absent due to illness and is absent more than two days, parents are to call and request homework on the third day. One-day makeup for each day absent will be allowed. Homework may be picked up after 4:00 on the day it was requested. Please call 549-7420 to make a homework request. It is the student's responsibility to request missed homework and assignments.

Honor Roll

Students who attain a 3.5 grade point average for a semester while at Heaton Middle School will be placed on the HMS honor roll. Any student attaining a 4.0 for a semester while at Heaton Middle School will be awarded a Heaton "H". Honor roll assemblies will take place each semester and will honor those students achieving academic excellence.

Hours

Students are admitted into the building at 8:20 a.m. on most days. First Hour begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday. School is dismissed at 4:20 Monday through Thursday. **Students are expected to arrive on time to school.**

Immunizations

All students are required by state law to have certain immunizations to attend school. If you have questions about immunizations, you should contact the attendance secretary. All students must have up-to-date immunizations and records. If you do not have your immunizations, you will not be allowed in school, or at school activities, until your records are up-to-date. This includes not attending the "good student" activities until immunization records reflect that a student's immunizations are current. (see attached letter)

Required Immunizations

- **Hepatitis B (Hep B)** – Three doses are required for all students K through 12th grades.
- **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (DTaP/Tdap/DT/Td)** – Five doses of DTaP or DT are required for children under 7 years of age and one dose of Tdap is required for students in 6th through 12th grades. Td is required for children 7 to 10 years of age who have not completed the DTaP or DT series.
- **Polio (IPV)** – Up to 4 doses of the vaccine are required and protects against paralysis.
- **Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)** – Two doses of this vaccine are required to protect against three diseases, Measles Mumps and Rubella
- **Varicella or Chickenpox (Var)** – Two doses are required for children in kindergarten through 4th grade. One dose is required for children in 5th through 11th grade. This vaccine protects against chickenpox disease. To read about each disease, please visit the following website: <http://www.ImmunizeForGood.com/vaccines>

See the Immunizations Letter and Chart on the following pages.



Dear parents/guardians of students in Colorado kindergarten - 12th grade schools for the 2022-23 school year:

We know you're thinking of all the things you need to do to make sure your student is ready for school. Getting vaccinated is an important part of their school readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick and potentially disrupt in-person learning. We wish you and your student a healthy school year!

Required and recommended vaccines

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases that vaccines can prevent, unless a *Certificate of Exemption* is filed. For more information, visit cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines. Your student must be vaccinated against:
 - Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap).
 - Hepatitis B (Hep B).
 - Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR).
 - Polio (IPV).
 - Varicella (chickenpox).
- Colorado follows recommendations set by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Students must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and varicella prior to kindergarten entry. Students entering sixth grade must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entry, even if they are younger than 11-years-old. You can view recommended vaccine schedules at cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html.
- Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease, and human papillomavirus, but are not required for school entry.

Exclusion from school

- Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date *Certificate of Immunization*, *Certificate of Exemption*, or in-process plan on file for your student.
- If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and your student has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a MMR vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

Have questions?

Talk with a healthcare provider licensed to give vaccines or your local public health agency (LPHA) about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/FAQs.html>, <https://childvaccineco.org/>, [ImmunizeForGood.com](https://immunizeforgood.com), and cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education.

Paying for vaccinations

If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines and providers who give them, go to COVax4Kids.org, contact your LPHA, or call the Mile High Family Health Line at 303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777 to ask about Medicaid contact information. You can find your LPHA at cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency.

Vaccination records

- Please take your student's updated *Certificate of Immunization* to school every time they receive a vaccine.
- Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). Visit COVaxRecords.org for more information, including directions for how to use the CIIS Public Portal to view and print your student's vaccine record.

Exemptions

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a *Certificate of Medical Exemption* to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.

- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current recommended schedule, you must submit a *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* to your school. Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted annually at every new school year (July 1st through June 30th of the following year). There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption.
 - File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* WITH a signature from an immunizing provider, OR
 - File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* received upon the completion of our online education module.
- Downloadable certificates and our online education module are available at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.

How's your school doing on vaccinations?

Some parents, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest percent of vaccinated students. Schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department annually. Schools do not control their specific immunization and exemption rates or establish the Vaccinated Children Standard described in §25-4-911, CRS. Schools must include their MMR immunization and exemption rates from the most recently completed school year in this letter. Schools may choose to also include immunization and exemption rates for other school-required vaccines. Additional immunization and exemption rates can be found at COVaxRates.org.

School Name	2021-2022 MMR Immunization Rate REQUIRED IN LETTER	2021-2022 MMR Exemption Rate REQUIRED IN LETTER
<i>Schools may also include the rates for the school-required vaccines shown below in this annual letter to parents/guardians</i>		
Vaccinated Children Standard 95% Immunization Rate for All School-Required Vaccines	2021-2022 DTaP/Tdap Immunization Rate	2021-2022 DTaP/Tdap Exemption Rate
	2021-2022 HepB Immunization Rate	2021-2022 HepB Exemption Rate
	2021-2022 IPV Immunization Rate	2021-2022 IPV Exemption Rate
	2021-2022 Varicella Immunization Rate	2021-2022 Varicella Exemption Rate

**KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE IMMUNIZATION CHART
REQUIRED VACCINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2022-23**

VACCINE	Number of Doses	Grades K-12 (4-18 Years of Age)
	<i>Vaccines must be given no earlier than the MINIMUM INTERVALS & AGES in order to be valid. A 4-day grace period applies in most situations.</i>	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/ Pertussis (DTaP) <i>Only licensed through 6 yrs of age.</i>	4 to 5	5 DTaP doses unless dose 4 is given on or after the 4 th birthday. Final dose of DTaP is to be given on or after the 4 th birthday.
Tetanus/Diphtheria/ Pertussis (Tdap) <i>For students 7 years of age or older.</i> One dose of Tdap is required for students in 6th through 12th grades	3 or 4	3 doses of tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccines (DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap) are required, or 4 doses required if 1 st dose of DTaP is given before 1 year of age. Students, ages 7-10 yrs that did not complete a series of pertussis-containing vaccine before their seventh birthday should receive a single dose of Tdap. If needed, they are to complete their series with Td or Tdap. An additional Tdap is required at 6th grade entry regardless of when the previous dose of Tdap was given and the student is at least 10 years of age.
Polio (IPV) <i>With a combination of OPV & IPV, will need a series of 4 doses.</i>	3 to 4	4 IPV doses unless 3 rd dose is given on or after 4 th birthday. Final dose of IPV is to be given on or after the 4th birthday.
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) <i>If 2 live vaccines are not given on the same day, there must be a 28 day interval between the 2 doses.</i>	2	The 1 st dose is not valid if administered more than 4 days before the 1 st birthday. 2 valid doses are required for students entering Kindergarten & through 12 th grade.
Varicella (Chickenpox) <i>If 2 live vaccines are not given on the same day, there must be a 28 day interval between the 2 doses.</i>	2	The 1 st dose is not valid if administered more than 4 days before the 1 st birthday. 2 doses are required for students entering Kindergarten & through 12 th grade. Note: no vaccine required if there is laboratory documentation of chickenpox disease or a disease screening performed by a healthcare provider.
Hepatitis B <i>Administration of 4 doses is permitted when a combination vaccine containing HepB is used after the birth dose.</i>	3 or 4	The 2 nd dose must be administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose. The 3 rd dose must be administered at least 16 weeks after the 1 st dose, at least 8 weeks after the 2 nd dose, and the final dose must be administered no earlier than 24 weeks of age. Note: there is a 2-dose series for ages 11-15 years that uses a specific adult vaccine.

**RECOMMENDED VACCINES FOR THE BEST PROTECTION AGAINST VACCINE-
PREVENTABLE DISEASE**

VACCINE	Number of Doses	Grades K-12 (4-18 Years of Age) <i>Vaccines administered ≤ 4 days before the minimum age are valid</i>
Influenza (Flu)	1 to 2	2 doses initially if under 9 yrs of age with a minimum interval of 28 days between doses, then 1 dose annually, thereafter. (Recommended for all children 6 months of age and older).
Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)	2 doses	Adolescents 11-18 years of age (11-12, 16-18)
Serogroup B Meningococcal (MenB)	2 doses	Adolescents 16-18 years of age
Human Papillomavirus (9vHPV)	2 to 3	Adolescents 11-18 years of age Series initiation age 9-14 – two doses 6-12 mos apart Series initiation 15+ - three doses 0, 1-2 mos and 6 mos
Hepatitis A (Hep A)	2	All children 1 year of age and older, minimum interval of 6 months between doses.

Immunization requirements are strictly enforced for all students. Students who do not meet the requirements will be denied attendance according to Colorado Revised Statutes § 25-4-902. There are three ways to be in compliance with the school immunization law:

1. Student's immunization record shows they are fully immunized with required vaccines. A laboratory report for some vaccines or diseases showing immunity is also acceptable.
2. For students who are not up to date on required vaccines, the school will notify the parent/guardian that the student has 14 days to receive the required vaccine(s).
Parents are to provide a written plan for the remaining vaccines following the minimum intervals of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule. If the plan is not followed, the student shall be excluded from school for non-compliance.
3. Submission of a Certificate of Medical Exemption signed by a healthcare provider, (MD, DO, APN, PA) or a Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption signed by an immunizing healthcare provider or obtained after the completion of CDPHE's online immunization education module. Visit www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption.

Please refer to the ACIP Immunization Schedule, Table 1, 2 and notes:

cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf

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Inciting a Fight

Unfortunately, some students find it “entertaining” to start a fight by relaying negative communications between individuals or starting rumors. To tell another student that “someone wants to fight you,” or “watch your back” or any other variation of negativity, would be considered an attempt at inciting a fight, and grounds for suspension. If a student hears that an individual wants to fight one of our students, he/she must immediately tell an administrator or teacher. The person reporting this will be kept anonymous.

Internet Policy

As required by School District 60 Policy, any student using the Internet must have a district Internet permission form on file in the media center. These can be obtained from the media specialist. Student’s who do not return this form will be blocked from using the computers. Misuse of computers, software, and/or the internet, will result in a student losing computer privileges.

Kind Words or No Words

At Heaton Middle School, we expect students to treat one another with the utmost respect. We ask student to pledge their support to treating one another with respect by signing a pledge to stamp out bullying. We don’t expect everyone to be the best of friends, but we do expect students to treat each other with dignity, respect and consideration. “If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all.” We want students to use “kind words or no words.”

BULLY PREVENTION

1. Students will not bully other students.
2. Students will help others who are being bullied by speaking out and by getting adult help.
3. We will use extra effort to include ALL STUDENTS in activities at our school.

TYPES OF BULLYING BEHAVIOR

1. Physical Aggression — hitting, kicking, destroying property
2. Social Aggression — spreading rumors, excluding others from a group
3. Verbal aggression — Name calling, teasing, threatening, mean phone calls
4. Written aggression - Note writing, graffiti, slam books
5. Cyber Bullying – Use of technology or social media to intimidate, humiliate etc.

Lockers

Lockers are the property of the school. Students will be issued a lock and locker. We strongly urge students not to share their locker combinations as this is how things get stolen. Lockers privileges are just that a privilege not a right. Locker privileges can be revoked based on the situation. Students will have access to their lockers before and after school and before and after lunch ONLY.

Lost and Found

Please check in the office if you have lost something, or if you have found something and are turning it in. The lost and found is located in the office.

Media Center

Students may access the media center before or after school with permission from the media supervisor. The media center has print media and also has the internet lab available for research. Computers are also available for student and staff use. Students may use the computers with permission and supervision of staff.

Medication

Any and all medication is to be brought to the office in the actual container it was prescribed in. Parents need to give the attendance secretary the medication with the Doctor’s note for dispensing. Parents must also fill out a district form for dispensing of medications. The container should give specific directions for dispensing. Over-the-counter medications for headaches, coughs, etc. are not be carried at school by students. Also, over-the-counter medications cannot be given to students by staff. Parents are welcome to come to the school to dispense these medications to their children.

To the parent/guardian of students that have/had an IEP or IFSP

**Colorado Department of Education
School Health Services Program
Notification to Access Benefits**

The Department of Health and Human Services sponsors a program allowing our district to seek reimbursement for health-related services provided to children with Medicaid health insurance. This program helps our district to maximize federal funds for support of additional health services in our schools.

The Colorado Department of Education and the District will request parental permission to provide health related services to each child and to release and exchange medical and other confidential information, as necessary, to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Medicaid), whether directly or through a contracted billing agency, for health services provided to each child after the date of this notification. Information released may include personally identifiable information, records, or information about the services which may be provided to each child. The purpose of the disclosure is to access the child's public benefits to receive Medicaid reimbursement for said services.

The District, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, and the contracted billing agency, if any, require my permission to send claims to Medicaid and receive payment from Medicaid for health related services as set forth in my child's IEP or IFSP.

Medicaid reimbursement for health related services provided by the district and the Colorado Department of Education will not affect any other Medicaid services for which a child is eligible. Each child will receive the services listed in the IEP regardless of whether or not a child is enrolled in public benefits. If a parent refuses to allow access to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, it does not relieve the District of its responsibility to ensure that all required services are provided to the child at no cost to the parent.

The granting of consent is voluntary and may be revoked at any time. If a parent later revokes consent, that revocation is not retroactive (i.e., it does not negate an action that has occurred after the consent was given and before the consent was revoked).

The District and the Colorado Department of Education will operate under the guidelines of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to ensure confidentiality regarding each child's treatment and provision of health related services.

Messages to Students

The school cannot take messages for students during the day unless it is an emergency. Students will be given the information in an expedient manner. **Transportation arrangement to and from school for extra-curricular activities is not an emergency and need to be made in advance.**

Morning Announcements

Announcements will be made over the intercom or classroom TV's each morning. It is important that students pay attention to the information given over the announcements. Most school information is communicated through the announcements.

National Jr. Honor Society (NJHS)

Students being considered for selection, must have at least a 3.7 GPA for the quarters leading to selection (during the current school year). He/she must meet with the advisor, complete a student activity form, obtain one letter of reference and write a personal piece indicating why he/she should be selected and how he/she would be an asset to the organization. He/she must also participate in the induction ceremony. Requirements for active membership include scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship.

Office/Teaching and Support Staff

The staff is here to support our goal of academic achievement for all students. As professionals working together toward this goal, the staff is to be treated with respect and courtesy at all times.

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will take place twice during the school year. Parents are encouraged to meet their child's teachers and discuss their student's academic achievement. Exact dates and times will be listed in the monthly newsletter.

Parent/Grandparent Volunteers

Heaton Middle School always welcomes parent and grandparent volunteers. Please contact the office if you wish to volunteer in any number of ways to support our goal of academic achievement for all students.

Parent's Right to Know

Parents of all children in all Title I schools have the right to request and receive timely information on the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers.

Whether the teacher has met state qualifying and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher is teaching; Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, including the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Physical Education

Physical education classes require a PE uniform. Uniforms consist of a gray T-shirt and maroon shorts. If you need more information, please talk with a PE teacher.

Report Cards/Mid-Term Reports

Quarter/semester report cards and mid-term reports available on the Infinite Campus portal after the end of each grading period. Mid-term reports are issued each 4¹/₂ weeks. Please refer to the district calendar for grading periods. Please call 549-7111 for

School Counselor

If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the School Counselor, please schedule an appointment in the office (#719-549-7420).

School Closures

If the school must be closed because of inclement weather, or other circumstances, information will be given over the radio and television stations that serve the Pueblo area. In addition, school closures will be reported on the district website: www.pueblocitieschools.us

School Resource Officer

Heaton Middle School has a Pueblo Police Department officer in the building full-time. This officer can help students with issues as well as enforce the law within our school community. Our officer also is in charge of Crime Stoppers (Hawk Watch) within our building. See this officer if you have concerns or issues.

Social Media

Most social media sites require individuals to be at least 13 years of age to participate. Social media websites like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat etc. are not acceptable forms of communicating a conflict that a student might have with another student(s). Students who engage in drama, antagonizing, harassment or bullying via social media may face school consequences IF THE ISSUES TRANSFER TO SCHOOL which may include suspension. Also, students may face consequences from law enforcement. Heaton Middle School believes that students should NOT use social media as a means to solve problems. Please report issues to the school office.

Student Council

Heaton Middle School has student council, and any student may participate. Student council officers will be selected in the fall, and individual representatives will be chosen. Information regarding student council will be announced at the beginning of the year. Students in student council must maintain a "C" average in all classes.

Visitors

If you would like to visit with a teacher, please call ahead and make an appointment during that teacher's planning time. Teachers need 24 hours to schedule an appointment. All visitors to the building will be required to state their name, the reason for their visit, and present their ID when entering the main office. This is done for safety of the students and the staff. Parents WILL BE escorted to their designated site. Please sign in at the office, and you will given a visitor's pass. **School-age visitors (elementary, middle or high schoolers) are not allowed during the day or on campus; this is to ensure the safety of all students.**

Weapons

Using, possessing or threatening to use a dangerous weapon at school, on district property or at any school sponsored event shall be grounds for suspension and/or expulsion. If you realize that you have a weapon with you once you get to school, notify the Administrators, the Security Guard or the School Resource Officer immediately. In that case, expulsion is not mandatory. Heaton Middle School is one of the safest middle schools in our area, because our students care about the safety of our school and notify us when they see something that isn't right. **Students can remain anonymous when reporting unsafe conditions.**

Weekly Grade Checks/Missing Assignments

Students will begin checking their grades weekly in their ASAP classes beginning the 3rd week of each quarter. The grade check will come home for parents to review and sign for a grade in their ASAP class. Also, if students are missing assignments in their classes, a call will go home each Friday to inform parents of the missing work. Please contact the classroom teacher for specifics about individual grades.

Yearbook

The yearbook is sold throughout the year and contains individual pictures of students, teachers and staff. Photographs of extra-curricular activities and other school events are also included. Students should buy their yearbooks as early as possible. Students are to keep a receipt of their yearbook purchase. Yearbooks will be distributed on the last day of school. No exceptions will be made on early issuing of yearbooks. If a student moves, checks out early, is suspended through the end of the year, he/she will not receive the yearbook early. Yearbooks can be picked up on the last day of school, or mailed if postage has been paid.



GO HAWKS!!

Policies and Regulations (School District 60)

***District Policies and Regulations are available on the District website at: www.pueblod60.org/policies or from the school office.**

All District policies and regulations apply

regardless of whether they have been specifically highlighted in this handbook

*See also the District's **Student Code of Conduct** also available on the District's website at: www.pueblod60.org.*

JJJ: Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

All students meeting eligibility requirements are entitled to participate in extracurricular activities at their school of attendance. Subject to the same eligibility requirements, the district shall allow students enrolled in any school (including charter schools, online education programs, nonpublic schools and home schools) to participate on an equal basis in any activity offered by the district that is not offered at a student's school of attendance. *See complete policy.**

JJJ-R: Rules governing participation in all school-approved extracurricular activities. *See complete regulation.**

JQ: Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

Students shall not be charged an instructional fee as a condition of enrollment in school or as a condition of attendance in any class that is considered part of the academic portion of the district's educational program except tuition when allowed by law. However, the district may require students to pay textbook fees, fees for expendable materials and other miscellaneous fees as more fully set forth in this policy. *See complete policy.**

JRA/JRC: Student Records/Release of Information on Students

In recognition of the confidential nature of student education records, no person or agency may access student education records without prior written consent from the student's parent/ guardian or the eligible student, except as set forth in law and this policy.

The superintendent or designee shall provide for the proper administration of student records in accordance with law, including the implementation of safeguard measures or procedures regarding access to and disclosure of student education records. *See complete policy.**

JRA/JRC-R – Student Records, Notification to Parents and Students of Rights Concerning Student Education Records (Review, Amendment and Hearing Procedures): This regulation contains the procedures to follow when a parent or eligible student seeks to review or challenge the content of student education records. *See complete regulation.**

JRA/JRC-E-1– FERPA Notice: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Colorado law afford parents/guardians (parents) and students over 18 years of age (eligible students) certain rights with respect to the student's education records, as follows:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within a reasonable time period after the request for access is made (not to exceed 45 days). *See JRA/JRC-R.*
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. *See JRA/JRC-R.*
3. The right to privacy of personally identifiable information in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA and state law authorize disclosure without consent. *See JRA/JRC.*
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-8520.
5. The right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the categories of directory information. *See JRA/JRC.*
6. The right to request that information not be provided to military recruiting officers. *See JRA/JRC and JRA/JRC-E-2.*

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JS: Suspension/Expulsion of Students

While using district technology or personal technology on district property, in district vehicles and at district-sponsored activities, students shall act in an appropriate manner and in accordance with Board, school, and district policies and procedures, and applicable law. It is the joint responsibility of district and school personnel and students' parent(s)/guardian(s) to educate students about their responsibilities and to establish expectations when students use or access district and personal technology. *See complete policy.**

JS-E: Acceptable Use Agreement. *See complete exhibit.**

JKD/JKE: Student Use of Internet and Electronic Communications

The Board of Education shall provide due process of law to students, parents/guardians and school personnel through written procedures consistent with law for the suspension or expulsion of students and the denial of admission. *See complete policy.**

JKE-E: Grounds for Suspension/ Expulsion

The following may be grounds for suspension or expulsion from a public school: 1) Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority. 2) Willful destruction or defacing of school property. 3) Behavior on or off school property which is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other pupils or of school personnel including behavior which creates a threat of physical harm to the child or other children. 4) Declaration as a habitually disruptive student. 5) The use, possession or sale of a drug or controlled substance on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or at a school activity or sanctioned event. 6) The commission of an act on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or at a school activity or sanctioned event that, if committed by an adult, would be robbery. 7) Possession of a dangerous weapon. 8) Repeated interference with a school's ability to provide educational opportunities to other students. 9) Carrying, using, actively displaying, or threatening with the use of a firearm facsimile that could reasonably be mistaken for an actual firearm in a school building or in or on school property. 10) Failure to comply with the provisions of Part 9, Article 4, Title 25, C.R.S. (immunization requirements). 11) Making a false accusation of criminal activity against an employee of an educational entity to law enforcement authorities or school district officials or personnel. *See complete policy.**

JKE-R: Suspension/ Expulsion of Students

Through written policy the Board of Education has delegated to any school principal the power to suspend a student for not more than five or 10 days, depending upon the type of infraction. Pursuant to policy JKD/JKE, the superintendent has been delegated the power to suspend a student for additional periods of time. However, the total period of suspension will not exceed 25 school days. As a general rule, a suspension will be 10 days or less. *See complete regulation for procedures.**

JEA: Compulsory Attendance

Every child who has attained the age of six years on or before August 1 of each year and is under the age of 17 is required to attend public school with such exceptions as provided by law. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure attendance. *See complete policy.**

JH: Student Absence/Excuses

One criteria of a student's success in school is regular and punctual attendance. Frequent absences may lead to poor academic work, lack of social development and possible academic failure. Regular attendance is of utmost importance for school interest, social adjustment and scholastic achievement. No single factor may interfere with a student's progress more quickly than frequent tardiness or absence. According to state law, it is the obligation of every parent/guardian to ensure that every child under their care and supervision receives adequate education and training and, if of compulsory attendance age, attends school. *See complete policy.**

JHB: Truancy

"Habitual truant" shall be defined as a student of compulsory attendance age who has four total days of unexcused absences from school in any one month or 10 total days of unexcused absences during any school year. Absences due to suspension or expulsion shall not be counted in the total of unexcused absences for purposes of defining a student as "habitually truant." *See complete policy.**

JICA: Student Dress Code

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The Board recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school. This policy is designed to ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance or body type/size *See complete policy.**

JLCB: Immunization of Students

The Board directs the superintendent or designee(s) to annually provide parents/guardians of each student enrolled in the district a copy of the standardized immunization document developed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The standardized immunization document includes a list of required and recommended immunizations and the age at which each immunization should be given.

No student is permitted to attend or continue to attend any school in this district without meeting the legal requirements of immunization against disease unless the student has a valid exemption for health, religious, personal or other reasons as provided by law.

Students who do not submit an up-to-date certificate of immunization or a written authorization signed by one parent/guardian requesting local health officials to administer the immunizations or a valid exemption will be suspended and/or expelled from school according to regulation JLCB-R.

All information distributed to parents/guardians by the district will inform them of their rights to seek an exemption from immunization requirements.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-140 (annual distribution of standardized immunization document required)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (grounds for suspension, expulsion and denial of admission)
C.R.S. 25-4-901 et seq. (school entry immunizations)
6 CCR 1009-2 (school immunization requirements)

CROSS REFS.: JF, Admission and Denial of Admission
JF-R, Student Admission and Denial of Admission (Procedures for Students in Out-of-Home Placements)
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students
JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students

JLCB-R: Immunization of Students

1. No student may attend school in the district unless the student has presented to the school an up-to-date certificate of immunization or a completed exemption form. [Note: please refer to current standardized immunization documents developed and updated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for a list of immunization requirements and recommendations.] A student shall be exempted from required immunizations only upon submission of:
 - a. certification from a licensed physician that the student's physical condition is such that immunization would endanger the student's life or health or is otherwise medically contraindicated due to other medical conditions.
 - b. a statement signed by the parent/guardian or the emancipated student that the student adheres to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations.
 - c. a statement signed by the parent/guardian or the emancipated student that the student holds a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations.

In the event of an outbreak of disease against which immunization is required, no exemption will be recognized and those students will be excluded from school.

2. The district will provide upon request an immunization reporting form. The school nurse is responsible for seeing that required information is included on the form and transferred to an official certificate of immunization as required.
3. If there is a failure to comply with the immunization requirements, the school nurse will personally notify the parent/guardian or emancipated student. Such notification will be accomplished either by telephone or in person. If this is not possible, contact will be by mail. Emancipated Students must be contacted directly rather than through their parents/guardians.

The parent/guardian or emancipated student will be notified of the following:

- a. that up-to-date immunizations are required under Colorado law.
 - b. that within fourteen (14) days of notification, the parent/guardian must submit either an authorization for administration of the immunization by health officials or a valid exemption or documentation to the school showing that the next required immunization has been given and a written plan for completion of all required immunizations.
 - c. that if the required documentation is not submitted within fourteen (14) days of notification or if the student begins but does not continue or complete the written plan, the student will be suspended or expelled.
4. A student who fails to comply shall be suspended by the principal for up to five days and notice of the suspension sent to the Health Department.
 5. If no certificate of immunization is received during the period of suspension, the superintendent will institute proceedings for expulsion.
 6. Any suspension or expulsion under this policy will terminate automatically upon compliance.
 7. Record of any such suspension or expulsion will be contained in the student's health file, with an appropriate explanation, not in the student's disciplinary file.

Any student expelled for failure to comply with the immunization requirements will not be included in calculating the dropout rate, but will be included in the annual report to the State Board of Education.

Students in out-of-home placements

The following procedure shall apply to students in out-of-home placements, as that term is defined by C.R.S. 22-32-138(1)(e).

Unless the district or school is otherwise authorized to deny enrollment to a student in out-of-home placement, the district or school shall enroll the student regardless of whether the district or school has received the student's immunization records. Upon enrolling the student, the school shall notify the student's legal guardian that unless the school receives the student's certificate of immunization or a written authorization for administration of immunizations within fourteen (14) days after the student enrolls, the school shall suspend the student until such time as the school receives the certificate of immunization or authorization.

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KFA: Public Conduct on District Property

Persons using or upon school district property, including all district buildings, parking lots, and any district vehicle used to transport students, shall not engage in the conduct described below.

Any person considered by the superintendent or designee to be in violation of this policy shall be instructed to leave district property and law enforcement may be contacted. Any person who has engaged or district officials reasonably believe will engage in conduct prohibited by this policy may be excluded from district property.

The following conduct by any person is prohibited:

1. Any conduct that obstructs, disrupts or interferes with or threatens to obstruct, disrupt or interfere with district operations or any activity sponsored or approved by the district.
2. Physical abuse or threat of harm to any person or school district property.
3. Damage or threat of damage to district property regardless of the location, or property of a member of the community when such property is located on district property.
4. Forceful or unauthorized entry to or occupation of district facilities, including both buildings and grounds.
5. Use, possession, distribution or sale of drugs and other controlled substances, alcohol and other illegal contraband on district property, at district or school-sponsored functions or in any district vehicle transporting students. For purposes of this policy, "controlled substances" means drugs identified and regulated under federal law, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, opiates, phencyclidine (PCP) and amphetamines (including methamphetamine). If, however, the administration of medical marijuana is in accordance with the Board's policy on administration of medical marijuana to qualified students, such possession shall not be considered a violation of this policy.
6. Distribution, manufacture or sale of controlled substances or the possession of controlled substances with intent to distribute them within 1,000 feet of the perimeter of school grounds.
7. Entry onto district buildings or grounds by a person known to be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.
8. Unlawful use of any tobacco product.
9. Unlawful possession of a deadly weapon, as defined in state law, on school property or in school buildings.
10. Profanity or verbally abusive language.
11. Violation of any federal, state or municipal law or Board policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: 21 U.S.C. 860 (*crime to distribute or manufacture controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a school*)
 C.R.S. 18-1-901 (3)(e) (*definition of deadly weapon*)
 C.R.S. 18-9-106 (*disorderly conduct*)
 C.R.S. 18-9-108 (*disrupting lawful assembly*)
 C.R.S. 18-9-109 (*interference with staff, faculty or students of educational institutions*)
 C.R.S. 18-9-110 (*public buildings – trespass, interference*)
 C.R.S. 18-9-117 (*unlawful conduct on public property*)
 C.R.S. 18-12-105.5 (*unlawful carrying/possession of weapons on school grounds*)
 C.R.S. 18-12-214 (3)(a) (*person with valid concealed handgun permit may have a handgun on school property as long as handgun remains in his or her vehicle and if, while the person is not in vehicle, the gun is kept in a compartment and the vehicle is locked*)
 C.R.S. 18-18-407 (2) (*crime to sell, distribute or possess with intent to distribute any controlled substance on or near school grounds or school vehicles*)
 C.R.S. 22-1-119.3 (3)(c), (d) (*no student possession or self-administration of medical marijuana, but school districts must permit the student's primary caregiver to administer medical marijuana to the student on school grounds, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored event*)
 C.R.S. 25-1.5-106 (12)(b) (*possession or use of medical marijuana in or on school grounds or in a school bus is prohibited*)
 C.R.S. 25-14-103.5 (*boards of education must adopt policies prohibiting tobacco and retail marijuana use on school property*)
 C.R.S. 25-14-301 (Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Act)

CROSS REFS.: ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools
 GBEB, Staff Conduct
 GBEC, Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace
 JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students
 JICI, Weapons in School
 KI, Visitors to Schools
 JLCDB, Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students

NOTE: *The exceptions in state law that permit possession of a deadly weapon on school property are that the person:*

- a. *has legal authority to carry or possess a deadly weapon. C.R.S. 18-12-105.5 (3).*
- b. *is presenting an authorized public demonstration or exhibition for the school or an organized class. C.R.S. 18-12-105.5 (1).*
- c. *is carrying out duties for the school district which require the use of a deadly weapon. C.R.S. 18-12-105.5(1).*
- d. *is participating in an authorized extracurricular activity or on an athletic team. C.R.S. 18-12-105.5 (1).*
- e. *has possession of the weapon for use in an approved educational program which includes but is not limited to any course designed for the repair and maintenance of weapons. C.R.S. 18-12-105.5 (3)(h).*
- f. *is a school resource officer or peace officer on duty. C.R.S. 18-12-105.5 (3)(e).*