

Welcome to Harpool Middle School



Home of the Longhorns!

Your Administrators.....



Jeff Smith
Principal



Summer Vasquez
Assistant Principal
7th grade A-L
6th grade



Matt Willoughby
Assistant Principal
8th grade M-Z
7th grade



Your Counselors.....



Mrs. McCloud

Grade Level
Counselor

8th grade M-Z
7th grade

Mrs. Turner

Student Assistance
Counselor

All grades

Ms. Lewis

Grade Level
Counselor

7th grade A-L
6th grade

Resources for Success

- These are people you or your students can go to if you need extra help or assistance. The teachers are wonderful helpers, but sometimes you may need one of these other resources to provide extra support.



Officer Wilkinson
Student Resource Officer
(SRO)

Verification vs Registration

Registration:

Registration is for new students only. If your student is currently enrolled in DISD, they are already registered.

Verification:

- Will occur during the summer via Info Snap (you will need a current email address)
- Go to Denton ISD homepage. Click the Parent tab and it will take you to the information page.
 - ***Verification is a two step process.***
 1. Complete the information as a RETURNING STUDENT (print verification page when completed)
 2. When you come up for schedule pick up, you will need to have a copy of your proof of residency, drivers license, and the verification sheet from Info Snap.

TIME

Classes start at 8:15 sharp!



- Students will change classes/teachers throughout the day
- You will have 8 periods plus+ *(advisory time)*

School ends at 3:35!

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up
is in the back of the school
by the covered awning.



Making the Transition to “Middle School”

Team Concept



* What are Teams?

* Why are they a good idea?



Physical Education



Uniforms will only be sold online. Check out the Harpool website for more information starting in April.

There will be two opportunities to purchase uniforms – once during the spring and once during the summer. During the summer, dri-fit and mesh shorts are not available.

Remember, PE clothes must be appropriate length according to school dress code requirements.

Write student's name on uniforms.

Students must dress out everyday. Grade is based on 70% participation and 30% dressing out.

*****PE WAIVERS ARE NOT AVAILBLE TO 6TH GRADE STUDENTS**

Elective Choices

What your student can choose to take.

- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Theatre
- Arts
- Art
- CTE Wheel



Elective Wheel

What is the CTE Elective Wheel?

Part I – Technology Education

- Students will learn how technology impacts the world around us. You will use the computer to develop knowledge of word processing, spreadsheets, desktop publishing and presentation software. Students will also increase their understanding of digital safety and digital copyright.



Part II – Career Investigation

- This class will focus on the exploration of careers with hands-on activities, research, and projects. A large variety of careers and post-secondary options will be explored, presented, and evaluated. Students will develop an understanding of their personal interests, aptitudes, and abilities. The decision making process will be used to determine and evaluate career goals and training options.



Course Request Sheets

- Course Request Sheets will be coming home THIS WEEK.
- Please look over the elective courses and discuss with your child.
- They will need to be signed by you AND your child.
- Please return them as soon as possible to your child's elementary school (by February 20th).

Harpool Middle School
6th Grade Registration
2019-2020

Registration cards are due to your homeroom teacher by February 20th, 2019.

Student Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
DISD Student ID#: _____
Parent Name(s): _____
Phone #: (____) _____
E-mail: _____
Elementary: _____

REQUIRED COURSES

Sixth grade students will be scheduled to take the following required courses.

- > English Language Arts and Reading
- > Mathematics
- > Contemporary World Societies
- > Science
- > Advisory
(Please choose one of the following)
- > ___ PE Wellness or ___ PE Tennis

ELECTIVE COURSES

Sixth grade student schedules will reflect 2 elective courses.
Please number (3) choices in order of preference, with one (1) being your first choice. See back for elective information.

Your schedule will reflect 2 full year elective courses

- ___ Beginning Band 6
- ___ Orchestra 6
 - ___ Continuing Violin
 - ___ Continuing Cello/Viola
 - ___ Beginning Strings
- ___ Choir 6 Girls
- ___ Choir 6 Boys
- ___ Theater Arts 6
- ___ Art 6
- ___ CTE Wheel (Technology Education & Career Investigation)

*Wavers are available to pay expenses of uniforms and instruments for students who qualify.
**Students must maintain grade eligibility in order to participate in extracurricular or UIL activities.

While every effort will be made to schedule students into the elective courses of their choosing, students are not guaranteed enrollment in elective courses. Enrollment numbers and master scheduling conflicts can result in a student having to be enrolled in an alternative elective choice.

Please be sure to read and sign the Addendum on the back of this card.

Elective Course Selection

6th graders will take the required courses of ELAR-EXPO, Math, Contemporary World Societies, Science, PE/Wellness or PE Tennis and Advisory. There are no Honors classes offered for Denton ISD students enrolled in 6th grade.

DENTON ISD MIDDLE SCHOOLS Full Year Elective Courses for 6th Grade

BAND 6 will provide students the exciting experience of learning to play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. No previous experience is needed, however, previous piano or choral experience is helpful. The 6th Grade Longhorn Band students travel to perform in many exciting concerts, contests, and recitals locally and regionally throughout the year. Please contact Mr. Stone 940-369-1782 or Ms. Staniszewski at 940-369-1783 for an Instrument Selection Appointment.

ORCHESTRA 6 is made up of students who have no previous experience AND students who have been in 5th grade orchestra. If you have not participated in 5th grade orchestra, you may sign up for beginner bass and cello class or contact Mr. Napier at 940-369-1778 for placement into the appropriate 6th grade Longhorn Orchestra. 6th grade orchestra students perform in many exciting concerts and contests throughout the year. Students are also encouraged to participate in Region Orchestra auditions. In addition, there are various extra activities in which orchestra students are invited to participate.

CHOIR 6 is made up of students divided into two choirs based on gender. Students enrolled in the course will begin developing their singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Sixth grade choirs frequently travel to local and regional choral competitions. Enrollment requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts and various community events.

ART 6 will be an overview of the elements of art. A sixth-grade art student will express what he/she sees, feels, and thinks by creating studio projects using these elements. Students will create by painting, drawing and more!

THEATRE ARTS 6 students will explore basics of acting. Classes will focus on pantomime, improvisation, technical theatre and performance.

CTE WHEEL – Students will participate in one semester of each:

- ***TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION** Students will learn how technology impacts the world around us. You will use the computer to develop knowledge of word processing, spreadsheets, desktop publishing and presentation software. Students will also increase their understanding of digital safety and digital copyright.
- ***CAREER INVESTIGATION** This class will focus on the exploration of careers with hands-on activities, research, and projects. A large variety of careers and post-secondary options will be explored, presented, and evaluated. Students will develop an understanding of their personal interests, aptitudes, and abilities. The decision-making process will be used to determine and evaluate career goals and training options.

Instruction to Support Future Academic Success (all grade levels)
Students identified as needing additional math and/or reading instruction will be placed into a math and/or reading intervention class. This class may take the place of an elective class. The purpose of this course is to support individualized student needs in the foundational area of mathematical and reading skills. Texas Administrative Code requires remediation for any student who fails to demonstrate satisfactory performance on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) exam and fall courses until this requirement.

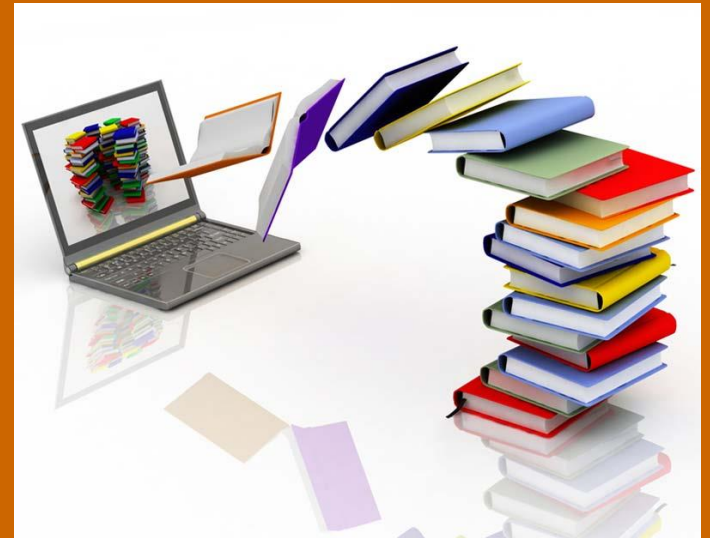
Schedule Changes

Schedule change requests are subject to availability in the class requested, student need, and master scheduling issues. Students need to choose classes carefully. Schedule change requests will be accepted during the first week of school. A schedule change request does not guarantee that a schedule change will occur. All schedule changes must be approved by the principal or principal's designee.

Student Signature: _____
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

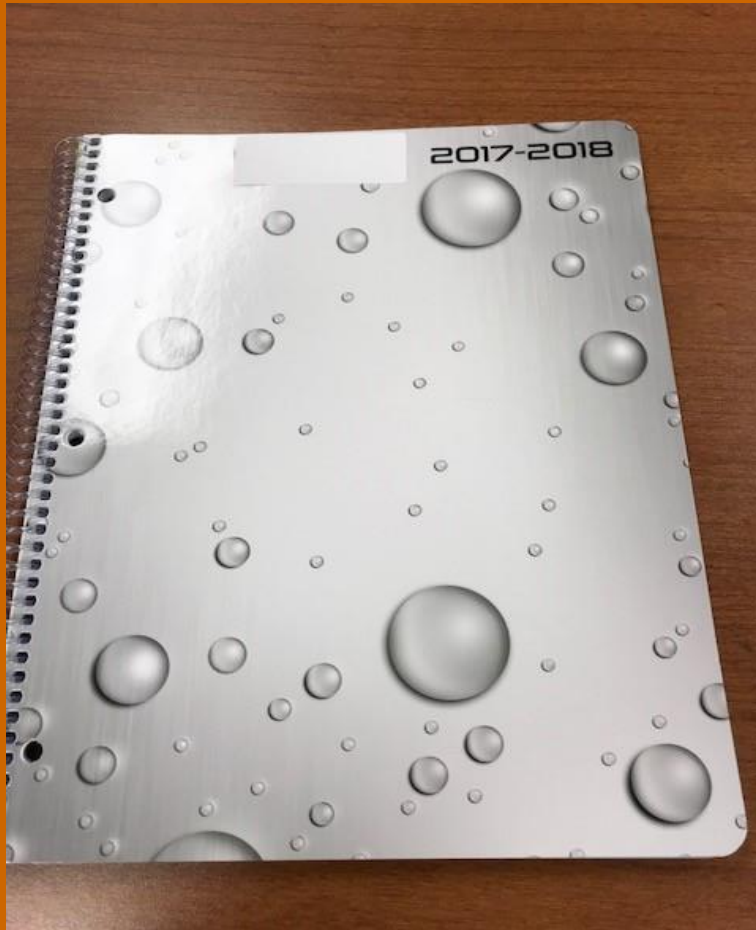
Did you know...?

- Each teacher has a website.
- Many teachers list their daily assignments and sometimes attach homework assignments.
- Go to www.dentonisd.org
- Choose Harpool at the top of the page.
- Choose the team and then the teacher
- This is a great tool to use if your student is absent! If it's not listed, be sure to have them ASK THEIR TEACHER!!!



The 6th Grade Agenda

Agenda



- 6th grade students are required to take their agenda everywhere.
- It is their hall pass and it helps to keep them organized.
- CHECK it every night AND discuss it with your child!
- Tickets are stapled to the back of the agenda.

Lockers



- Everyone gets a hall locker with a combination lock on it.
- Students should NOT share their combination or locker with ANYONE!
- Students should cover their lock when putting in the combination.
- Students should keep lockers closed and locked when they aren't getting something out or putting something in. This helps to keep their stuff **SAFE!**

ID Badges



- Your child will be required to have it with them at all times while at school.
- Your child will get their picture made for their ID at schedule pickup or the first week of school.
- Students can leave it in their locker overnight so they don't leave it at home!

Electronic devices at school



- Students **CAN** bring their own device to school.
- From 8:15 am to 3:35 pm devices should be off and in locker.
- If heard or seen, can be taken up and \$15 fee to get it back.
- Devices are **NOT** allowed in the hallways (except before or after school), bathrooms, locker rooms, or cafeteria.
- Students do **NOT** have to bring a phone. We have devices at school for students to use 😊

School Wide Discipline Policy

We want to "Brand" your child

Tickets



Once a student has lost all tickets and served two detentions, they will be referred to the office. If student behavior is severe, it could result in an office referral on the first offence.

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| Longhorn Tickets | Math Advisory Inclusion Elective | Writing Reading History Science | 6 th Grade Date: _____ | Longhorn Tickets | Math Advisory Inclusion Elective | Writing Reading History Science | 6 th Grade Date: _____ |
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4th & 5th GRADE RESTROOM RESTROOM RESTROOM RESTROOM

Parent Signature for loss of 6th ticket _____

Parent Signature for loss of last ticket _____

1st Detention Date: _____ Reason: _____ Parent Signature: _____

2nd Detention Date: _____ Reason: _____ Parent Signature: _____

- Writing detention after losing the 6th ticket.
- Writing detention after losing the 12th ticket.
- Office referral on 13th (not ticket sheet as teacher has taken up)
- Office referral is issued if the ticket sheet is lost.

Dress Code

- Skirts and shorts must be at least finger tip length- even on “Special Event Days”
- Shirts must be long enough to raise your arms and not show skin.
- Tank tops 3 finger rule.
- No holes in jeans, shorts or skirts above the knee
- No leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants!



Attendance



- In middle school, all absent notes go to the Attendance Clerk's office which is located at the front of the office.
- Notes have to be turned in within 72 hours, or three days, after the absence or it will be considered unexcused. School excuses may now be submitted by email as a convenient option, **hmsnotes@dentonisd.org**
- If you have any questions concerning attendance, please call the Attendance Clerk at: 369-1707.

Attendance Policies

- What is an excused absence, per the state law?
- *medical illness
- *board approved extracurricular activities
- *medical appointments
- *death or serious illness of immediate family member (with documentation)
- *religious holy days
- *family emergencies (approved by admin)
- *weather and road conditions that make traveling dangerous
- All other absences, unless excused by admin, will be unexcused. Failure to turn in notes within 72 hours will result in an unverified absence. Unexcused absences will most likely not be addressed unless they exceed **3 in 4 weeks** or **10 in 6 months**.



Different from Elementary?



- *Attendance is taken EVERY period—8 times a day.
- *Harpool permits 8 parent notes per YEAR. All other absences will need medical documentation.
- *As always, communication is KEY!

4-1 Grading vs Percent Grading

Elementary Grading:

- Standards Based on a 4-1 Grading measure.
- Looking for Mastery of the Content

Percent Grading:

- Standards Based on a 100-1 % Grading measure.
- Looking for Mastery of the Content

For example, a 3 in elementary might be equivalent to a 70-85 in middle school. This is only an example and not meant to be exact. These numbers will slide on a scale depending on the assignment, content, etc.

HMS Grading Policy

*MINOR grades - 40% of final grade
(**Formative Assessment**—quizzes, daily work, independent practice, etc) Homework is assigned but not a grade. Ticket taken if not complete.

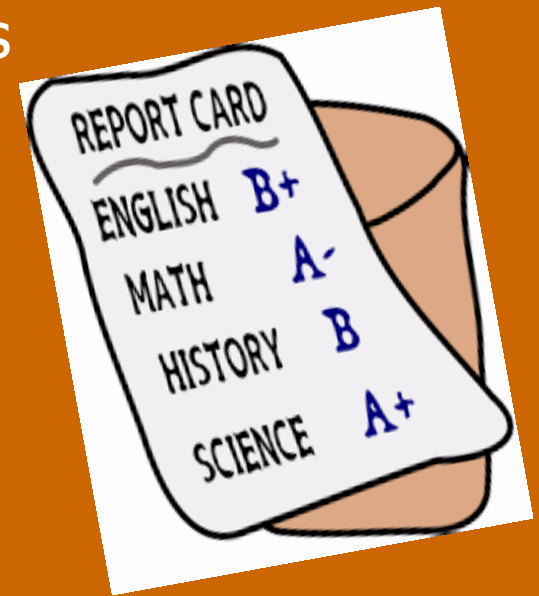
*MAJOR grades - 60% of final grade
(**Summative Assessment**—tests, essays, projects, etc)

A: 90 – 100

B: 80 – 89

C: 70 – 79

F: 69 and below



Home Access Center (commonly referred to as HAC)

The screenshot displays the Home Access Center (HAC) interface for Denton Independent School District. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://denhac.dentonisd.org/HomeAccess/Home/WeekView>. The user is logged in as **Natalie Kent** with a "Change Student" link.

The navigation menu includes: Home, Attendance, Classes, Grades, Student Support, and Registration. The current view is "Week View" for the period **Monday February 13, 2017 - Friday February 17, 2017**. There are "Today" and "View Full Schedule" buttons.

| Class | Current Average | Monday 02/13 Day: M | Tuesday 02/14 Day: T | Wednesday 02/15 Day: W | Thursday 02/16 Day: R | Friday 02/17 Day: F |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Science 6 (406002 - 6) Per: 1 Cocost, Emily | 91.98 | | | | | |
| Choir 6 Girls (606522 - 1) Per: 2 Ice, Alaina | 100.00 | | | | | |
| English 6 (106002 - 7) Per: 3 Leatherwood, Aar | 86.90 | Poetry Book 90/100 | | | | |
| Theater Arts 6 (606003 - 4) Per: 4 Buck, Erin | 100.00 | | | | | |
| Contemporary World Societies 6 (506002 - 8) Per: 5 Harmon, China | 98.00 | | | | WORLD RELIGIONS QUIZ | |
| Math 6 (306002 - 10) Per: 6 Meads, Kell | 88.60 | | | | | |

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text: "Home Access Center - a Power 2000 Application" and "© 1990 - 2017 SunGard Public Sector Inc. All Rights Reserved." There is also a "Privacy Policy" and "Terms of Use" link.

Reassessment Policy

- Students have the opportunity to reassess within 4 days of receiving feedback
- All **MAJOR** summative grades below a 70 **MUST** be reassessed if the student is failing
- Students must complete all required components of the reassessment process:
 - *all formative assessments related to work must be completed
 - *student engages in additional learning opportunities as designated by teacher
 - *teacher selects the time for reassessment

Discipline



- Students receiving a 69 or below on a major assessment will be required to reassess if they are failing.
- They will have to follow all teacher guidelines (tutorials, extra practice, etc.) to be able to reassess.
- Students who do not reassess within the given time frame (4 day maximum) will be assigned a discipline consequence.

Big Changes Are Coming...

The only thing constant in lifeis change.

- Emotional
 - I won't be able to find my classes.
 - I won't be with my friends.
- Disorganized
 - I'll have 8 classes to keep up with.
- Forgetful
 - I'll forget which class to go to next.
 - I won't be able to get my locker open.



Social Media



- Positive vs Negative Effects
- Know what sites your students are using and check them regularly
- Know your students' log-ins and passwords
- Don't be afraid to read texts and check their accounts

Social Media



- Snapchat, Instagram, and Tik Tok
 - Require users to be 13 years old
 - Each app allows for direct messaging
 - May show your child’s location to others
 - May have explicit content
 - May default their posts to being public
- Check the settings to reduce safety risks
- These apps are often used to bully
- If your student is having issues with social media – ***delete the app!***

WEB

Where Everybody Belongs!



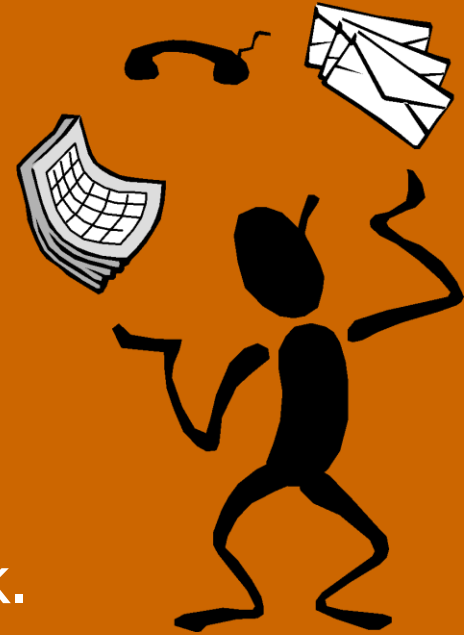
- WEB is a middle school transition program that welcomes 6th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience.
- From 8:30 – 10:00, counselors will host a parent meeting to discuss common middle school issues and concerns.

August 12th, 2019

8:00-12:00

Remember

- Don't worry too much.
- It's okay to be nervous.
- Solutions for Students
 - Practice using a combination lock.
 - Come to WEB day, August 12th.
 - Get involved & make friends!
 - Ask questions.
 - Ask for help when you need it.
 - Bring supplies to class.
 - **Get organized and stay organized!**



Stand Up Crew



- The goal of Stand Up Crew is to promote a positive culture among HMS students.
- Our students work to promote inclusiveness, kindness, and standing up against bullying.
- The club is open to all 3 days. We will be reaching out to the elementary schools to recruit incoming sixth graders to join us.

We are looking forward to
seeing you next year at



HARPOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL!