

# Hickman County Middle School

## 2023-2024 Student Handbook



On behalf of the faculty and staff, I am delighted to welcome you to another exciting academic year at Hickman County Middle School! In this handbook, you will find information regarding our school as well as policies set forth by the Hickman County Board of Education. This handbook is published so that all students of Hickman County Middle School may have access to information that is necessary to the understanding of the daily operations of our school.

Please read this handbook carefully and refer to it throughout the year regarding expectations, policies, and procedures. Reading and understanding the information will help prevent any misunderstandings. Our dedicated staff members are committed to maintaining open lines of communication. We encourage you to reach out to our teachers, counselor, or administrators whenever you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. Whether it is through face-to-face meetings, phone calls, emails, or online platforms, we are here to listen, support, and collaborate with you.

I am truly excited about the possibilities that lie ahead of us this year! Let's embark on this journey together, nurturing the potential of our students and supporting them every step of the way. I look forward to a great year!

Warmest regards,

Tina S. Thigpen  
Principal

## Our Mission

**Our mission is to protect and build a better future for our students. In partnership with parents and families, we are committed to educating all students to the highest levels of academic achievement while preparing them to become productive, responsible, and ethical members of society.**

## Our Vision

**HCMS: Where everyone is valued, respected, and elevated to the highest levels of academic and personal growth.**

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## **Hickman County Middle School Philosophy and Goals**

The educational team at HCMS recognizes that each student is unique with different backgrounds and needs. We further recognize that the student's concept of education is influenced by the school, the student's family, and the values of the local community. We are aware that the middle school student is in a developmental transition during which he / she will leave childhood and become a young adult.

As members of the educational profession, it is our responsibility to encourage rather than discourage, to include rather than alienate, and through our own example of group support and flexibility in problem solving, to lead as positive role models for our students. We acknowledge that it is our responsibility to encourage in our students an acceptance of responsibility both for themselves and for each other. This shared responsibility will encourage mutual high expectations for achievement, good citizenship, attendance, and a common concern for the overall welfare of the entire student population.

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## **Core Values**



## **CAR RIDERS**

Students may be dropped off at the cafeteria crosswalk at 7:15 when doors open each morning. Parents may pick up car riders beginning at 2:47 at the cafeteria crosswalk.. The car rider lane in the morning is the left outside (singular) lane.

### Car Riders:

The afternoon car rider lanes for all grades are the middle and outside left lanes. Do not block the bus lane (closest to sidewalk) at any time.

If you plan to pick up your child instead of letting him/her ride the bus on a certain day, you must send a note or call the school before 2:00 p.m.; otherwise, your child will be sent home on the bus. If someone else will be picking up your child during school hours, a note must be sent and/or that person's name must be listed on your child's pick-up sheet that is filed in the office.

## **BUS RIDERS**

Bus riders will ride their assigned bus unless the school is notified in writing of a change of plans or a parent calls the school. Students will be issued a bus note once the school has been properly notified.

## **VISITORS**

Any parent, family member, or visitor entering the school must report to the office. Proper identification is required and a visitor's pass is necessary to enter the building. Please call in advance to make an appointment if you need to request a meeting with your child's teacher(s).

## **HCMS GRADING POLICY**

The basic grading system for subject-area grades is expressed by a numerical value. The numerical values are equivalent to the following letter grades:

A.....	90-100
B.....	80-89
C.....	70-79
D.....	60-69
F.....	UNDER 60

Grades given at the end of each nine-week period will be determined from daily work, oral and written assignments, and assessments.

TN Ready/TCAP scores for Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies will be included in the students' final grades as 10% of the last nine weeks for grades 6-8. Algebra I students will take the End of Course Exam. EOC scores will be incorporated into a student's report card using the target score method that compares the student score to the distribution of the class.

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued every nine weeks. They are to be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the homeroom teacher by the date assigned by the homeroom teacher. The district calendar has dates for report card distribution.

### **A- Club or Honor Roll:**

A Club = 90 or above in all subjects for a nine-week grading period.

Honor Roll = 80 or above in all subjects for a nine-week grading period.

### **A-Club/Honor Roll Trips**

After every nine-week grading period, students who meet the requirements for A-Club or Honor Roll....as well as the requirements for attendance (see below) are eligible to attend a reward trip off campus. Letters to parents of eligible students will be sent home at the end of the marking period for approval.

**Attendance Requirements for A-Club/Honor Roll Trips:** Students must be present at school for at least 80% of the nine-week period. In other words, if a student misses 9 or more days in a 45 day marking period, then he or she is not eligible to attend the trip.

### **Academic, A-Team, & Citizenship Awards**

***(to be awarded during our Awards Day Ceremony at the end of the school year)***

Academic Award = 90 or above average in one subject each nine-weeks.

A-Team Award = 90 or above average in every subject each nine weeks.

Citizenship Award = Students will receive a Citizenship award if they go the entire school year without receiving a minor or major.

### **8th Grade Trip**

A reward trip at the end of the school year will be awarded to any 8th grader meeting the following guidelines. **Any student receiving Two Major Infractions during the school year will not be allowed to attend the trip.**

1. A visit to the Alternative School or a suspension exempts you from qualifying to attend the trip.

2. The cost of the trip may be paid by the student or the student can choose to participate in a fundraiser sponsored by the school.
3. Once a student pays for the trip and then loses his/her privilege to attend, the student will be refunded their money if the money has not been sent in to reserve buses and tickets. If the money has been sent for the buses and tickets, then the student will forfeit his/ her money.
4. Any student who is enrolled at HCMS and misses more than 25% of the school year due to absences will not be allowed to attend the trip. (Example: there are typically 180 days in a school year. If a student misses 45 days or more of school for any reason, he/ she will not be eligible to attend.)
5. Students must be in good academic standing in order to attend the trip.
6. Students who enter our school during the school year must abide by the same guidelines as current students.

### **LIBRARY**

Students are expected to show respect and courtesy in the library at all times. Students should return books on time. Library grades may be affected if books are not returned.

### **Cafeteria**

The following rules are to be followed in the cafeteria at all times:

1. Be courteous and do not make a lot of unnecessary noise.
2. Keep your hands away from other students' food. Do not touch anyone else's tray and do not take food from someone else's tray.
3. Deposit all waste in wastebaskets as you return your tray to the dishwashing area.
4. No food or drink is to be taken from the cafeteria.
5. Enter and leave in a quiet and orderly fashion.
6. Do not run in the cafeteria or the hallways.



The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided waivers for school systems that allowed all children throughout the United States to eat meals at school at no cost to them. At this time, USDA is no longer authorized to provide those waivers, and school meal service will resume through the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, operating as it did prior to the pandemic. Listed below are some of the changes that are expected for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year:

- Meals will no longer be provided at no cost to all students (cost table below)
- To be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, families must submit a household income application. One application per household should be submitted.
- All families are encouraged to submit household income applications. The information from those applications can be used for additional benefits for our schools, including:
  - Additional funding for technology, internet access, and supports for student education
  - Discounts for fees associated with the college application process
  - Scholarship opportunities and discounted fees for SAT, ACT, and AP tests
- Students must be enrolled in a school to receive school meals.
- Meals shall only be provided and served on days when school is in session.

Grade Band	Meal	Cost (full pay)	Cost (reduced)
All Schools	Breakfast	\$1.50	\$0.30
PreK-5 (Elementary and Intermediate Schools)	Lunch	\$2.50	\$0.40
Grades 6-12 (Middle and High Schools)	Lunch	\$2.75	\$0.40

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

P.E. is required of all students in grades 6-8. To be excused, it is necessary to have a doctor's statement. If no doctor's statement is available, parents must call the principal to excuse the student from P.E. Separate gym shoes with non-marking soles are recommended for P.E.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY**

All participants will be expected to follow the rules of conduct set by the school for all students. Since they will be representing the school at public places, students will be expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner.

All participants must maintain passing grades. If a student fails one class for a semester they will be ineligible. Coaches at HCMS can enforce stricter rules for their programs.

If appropriate daily behavior is not displayed in every class, the student will be suspended for one activity.

No one fifteen or older as of August 1 will be allowed to participate in sports. Special consideration will be given to special education students.

If a student is assigned to in-school suspension, he/she will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities during the time they are assigned to in-school suspension.

## **CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Students are expected to help maintain the school environment, preserve school property, and exercise care while using school facilities. Students who damage and destroy school property shall be responsible for the cost of repairs or the replacement of such materials or equipment.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

Students will be given a textbook at the beginning of the year that they will be responsible for throughout the school year. If this textbook is lost, then it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to purchase another one. A textbook agreement form will be sent home at the beginning of the school year for a signature. This form will contain the prices of each book.

## **Chromebooks**

Each student will be assigned a Chromebook each day to use during class. It is the responsibility of each student to care for and maintain this property. Chromebooks should not be placed in lockers, on the floor, taken into the restrooms or taken home. Procedures for checking out and returning their Chromebook each day will be discussed the first few weeks of school. If a student experiences an issue with the device, then it should be reported immediately to their current supervising teacher. We strongly encourage you to bring a mouse for the device if your child prefers to use one.

A Chromebook Agreement Form will be sent home at the beginning of the school year for a parent/guardian signature.

Fees for broken or damaged devices, fees will be applied as follows:

Charger (lost)	\$20.00
Screen Broken/Cracked or Scratched	\$85.00
Keys Missing	\$20.00 (each)
Inside/Outside Case Damage (Extreme Scratches)	\$100.00
Chromebook (Damaged, Non-Functioning, Missing)	\$240.00

### **BACKPACKS, LOCKS, LOCKERS, AND LOCKER INSPECTION**

Backpacks are to be emptied during the first locker bell and left in the lockers or a designated area in the homeroom at all times.

A student is expected to use only the locker assigned to him/her. **DO NOT SHARE LOCKERS.** It is the sole responsibility of the student assigned a locker to secure and be responsible for personal possessions and school property on loan to him/her. The principal or other school official has the right to search a locker, independently or in the presence of the student, to assure that items contained are related to the school program.

Locks and stickers are not allowed on lockers.

### **Water Bottles**

Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school. We no longer have traditional water fountains; however, we do have water filling stations for students to fill their water bottles.

### **Student Rules at HCMS**

- HCMS will enforce the HCBOE discipline policy (6.313). You may view it through this [LINK](#).

### **Guidelines Specific to HCMS**

- All students will enter the school building through the cafeteria in the morning, get their breakfast (if they choose) and eat their breakfast before going directly to their homeroom. Students who do not eat breakfast will go directly to their homeroom.
- Students are allowed to visit their lockers and use the restrooms during the break at 7:55 am.
- Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn in the building. This includes toboggans, visors and the hoods of hoodies.
- Pushing, running, and horseplay are unacceptable.
- Students should enter class prepared and ready to work (Have all supplies including pencils, paper, and books.)
- Restroom breaks are given in-between classes.



- All arrangements for after-school activities should be made before the student comes to school. Parents should write a note for any changes in the child's dismissal and turn it in to the homeroom teacher. The homeroom teacher will send it to the office with morning attendance.
- All adult staff members are responsible for supervision of all students at HCMS and are responsible for seeing that all students comply with school rules and Hickman County Board of Education policies. All students should respect this and follow the instructions and directions from every adult.

### **Zero Tolerance & Other Useful Information**

- Possession of a weapon (knife, firearm, etc..) on school grounds is a felony and considered a zero tolerance offense. See Board Policy 6.309 ([Here is the link.](#))
- Possession of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products (including vapes) is a violation of state law. Violation of any of these laws will be reported to the police. See Board Policy 6.307 ([Here is the link.](#))  
Students taking medication prescribed by a doctor are not in violation; however, they must follow the school medical administration policy or the medication will not be administered.
- Hickman County Board of Education has a Student Alcohol and Drug Testing policy. You can find a copy (6.3071) ([Here is the link.](#))
- Hickman County School Board Policy 6.313 contains more information on student conduct and policies regarding code of behavior and discipline. [Here is the link.](#)

### **Discipline Matrix**

- HCMS has established a minor and major policy. When students acquire enough data points to warrant a major or minor, one will be issued, and HCMS will contact the child's parent/guardian for support. In addition, WIN time (in-school reward times) will be taken for one reward cycle if a student is assigned to detention, ISS, or assigned to Alternative School. The school's administration reserves the right to handle discipline on an individual basis.

**Level 1 infraction** - Minor misbehavior which impedes classroom procedures or the orderly operation of the school. They will be handled by the teacher by giving a warning and recording the warning in a discipline tracking form. Repeated behavior will result in a minor which will be sent home to the parent and MUST be signed by the parent and returned to the teacher who assigned the minor.

**Level 2 Infraction** - Misbehavior which disrupts the learning environment of the school. Depending on the situation, a teacher may assign a minor or a major or make a referral to the principal.

**Level 3 Infraction** - Acts against persons or property but whose consequences do not seriously endanger the health or safety of others. This infraction will result in a referral to the principal.

**Level 4 Infraction** - Acts which result in violence or pose a threat to the safety of others. This infraction will result in a referral to the principal

**Student Discipline when receiving a Minor or Major**

Minor # 1 - (warning)

Minor # 2 - Detention - ½ Day of ISS if you sign up and don't show

Minor # 3 - 2 Detentions - 1 Day of ISS if you sign up and don't show.  
Minor # 4 = Major = 3 Days ISS

1 major = 3 Days ISS  
2 majors in a semester = 5 Days ISS  
3+ Majors in a semester = Alt. School

**\*\*Certain infractions will automatically result in Alternative School.**

## **Detention**

Students assigned their 2nd or 3rd minor during a nine-week period, will also be assigned to after school detention. Detention will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Students assigned a 2nd minor during a nine-week period will receive 1 day of detention, a 3rd minor will result in 2 days of detention. Parents will receive a detention slip attached to the minor, which must be signed by the student and parent. Parents must identify the person picking up the student after detention is served. Rules of detention must be followed or additional days or ISS may be assigned.

## **IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

Any student in ISS (in-school suspension) will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities and will not be permitted on campus for any after school activity while they are assigned to ISS. In-school suspension will be assigned to students who receive a major infraction and any student accumulating 4 minor infractions over the course of a nine-week grading period, Students receiving 3 major infractions over the course of a semester will be considered for Alternative School placement.

## **Cell Phones**

- Cell phones are not to be used during the school day (7:30 am until 3:30 pm). HCMS understands that many students carry a cell phone to school; however, if a student is found using their phone (either texting, calling, playing a game, taking photographs, listening to music, using the World Wide Web, etc...), the following consequences shall occur:

*First Offense:* Phone or electronic device will be confiscated and released to a student at the end of the school day. Warning is issued.

*Second Offense & All Others:* Phone or electronic device will be confiscated and released to the student at the end of the day. A minor will be issued.

- Electronic devices such as tablets, music devices, cell phones and hand-held video games are not allowed to be used at school except during times deemed appropriate by the principal (such as a reward time). ~See School Board Policy 6.312 ([Here is the link.](#)) ~ Students that bring such devices are at risk of having them lost, stolen or damaged. **The school will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.**

## DRESS CODE

All clothing must be school appropriate, even clothing worn in layers.

Students that wear leggings must abide by the shirt, shorts, dress, or skirt dress-code length (see paragraph below).

Sleeveless tops that cover the shoulder are permitted, but tank tops are not.

Skirts and/or shorts must be the appropriate length using the fingertip/extended arm guideline. The trunk of the body should be entirely covered at all times from the shoulders to the point on the legs just below the fingertips when arms are extended at the sides.

Covering the trunk of the body includes making sure that underclothing is not exposed by slits or holes and no part of the body between shoulders and pants/skirt is exposed.

*Any clothing that is disruptive or distracting to classroom routine is inappropriate for school wear. Included as disruptive are the following:*

- excessively tight clothing
- hoods worn on top of the head
- clothing bearing obscene words or pictures
- clothing depicting prejudice, unlawful acts, tobacco, drugs or alcohol
- Clothing denoting students' membership in or affiliation with any gang associated with criminal activities
- see-through clothing
- undergarments worn as outer garments (boxer shorts, long johns)
- sagging pants
- tank tops
- any jewelry which could be considered dangerous or disruptive will not be permitted. This includes tongue rings, nose rings, lip rings, eyebrow rings and body piercing.
- For more information on the dress code, please refer to school board policy 6.310 ([Here is the link.](#))

*Any questionable attire would be at the discretion of the principal.*

Any student violating the dress code is subject to disciplinary action as outlined in board policy.

## HCMS Positive Behavior System

Our teachers and administrators strive to provide disciplinary practices to positively impact all students across all settings. We strive to deliver regular, proactive support and work to prevent unwanted behaviors. One way we do this is by offering reward time every 4 1/2 weeks (WIN time). WIN is an acronym for "What IS Needed." When students do "what is needed," this means they are

well-behaved, following the rules and expectations set forth in every classroom, passing their classes, and have taken care of any unexcused absences with a doctor or parent note.

The core principles guiding our PBIS include the understanding that we can and should:

- Effectively teach appropriate behavior to all children
- Intervene early before unwanted behaviors escalate
- Use research-based, scientifically validated interventions whenever possible
- Monitor student progress
- Use data to make decisions

### **House System**

**HCMS is implementing a House System in an effort to maintain a safe, respectful, and positive environment that is conducive to learning. This System will assist in creating and maintaining a positive culture where high academic and behavioral expectations are achieved.**

### **Bullying/Harassment**

Bullying and harassment of any type will NOT be tolerated. Students who engage in bullying or harassing behaviors on school premises or at a school-sponsored activity off school premises will be subject to appropriate discipline, including suspension or expulsion. Sexual harassment is any activity of a sexual nature that is unwanted or unwelcome. The school's normal disciplinary procedures will be followed in determining the appropriate consequence for the harassment. In the event the administration recommends suspension or expulsion as a result of the conduct, due process will be afforded to the student in accordance with the district's established procedures.

### **STOP!T Bullying Mobile App**

STOPit is a free mobile app that allows students to anonymously report bullying and cyberbullying. The app helps us to provide a safer, more secure environment in which both victims and bystanders may immediately alert the appropriate parties. Download STOPit Today!



STOPit Access Code for Hickman County Middle School

## DAWGS

### CHECK-OUT POLICY

Only parents or legal guardians may authorize a student to leave school during the school day. Any parent who wishes to personally check a student out during the school day must come to the school office to do so. Any person picking up a child must show a valid driver's license before a student will be released. Teachers are not to release a student from a classroom until notified by the office to do so. The student will be required to sign out in the office. If there is a question of legal custody, school officials reserve the right to require proof of custody before releasing a student.

Check-outs by phone will be allowed only in cases of emergency. A school official must speak personally with the parent or guardian before the student will be released. Notes from a parent or guardian will be required to check out for any reason. The note should contain the following information:

- Date
- Student's first and last name
- Phone number where parents can be reached during the day
- Reason for check-out
- Time of check-out
- Parent's signature

School officials will check the validity of any questionable note. Any such note that cannot be verified will not be accepted, and permission to check out will be denied. Any student checking out for any reason must sign out through the office. Students returning to school the same day must sign back in through the office.

### ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Hickman County Middle School follows the Hickman County Board of Education attendance policy. *Please read over this policy (6.200) ([Here is the link.](#))*

Attendance is a key factor in student achievement and academic success, therefore, students, parents/or guardians are expected to assume the responsibility of attending each day that school is in session. **The official school day for students begins at 8:00 a.m. and continues until 2:48 p.m.**

### Hickman County Schools 2023-24 Tiered Truancy Guidelines

On or before the beginning of each school year, the school shall give written notification to the parent, legal guardian, or person having control of a student subject to compulsory attendance that it is a parent or guardian's duty to monitor

the student's school attendance and require the student to attend school. The written notice shall also include language that informs a parent or guardian that if the student is absent from school for an aggregate of five (5) days during the school year without adequate excuse, then the student is subject to referral to juvenile court.†

## TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS

School hours are 8:00 a.m.- 2:48 p.m. All students are expected to arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. Any student arriving after this time must sign in through the office.

Chronic tardiness and early dismissals are considered attendance issues. Students demonstrating an unusual attendance pattern can be required to appear before the school attendance committee. A continued practice of tardiness/early dismissals may require appearing before the Truancy Council.

In order to be counted present, students must be in attendance at school for 3 hours and 16 minutes.

On report cards, tardies will count for every class missed. For example, if a student leaves early one time during the nine-week reporting period and misses 4 of his/her classes in one day, then 4 tardies will be reported on the report card (excused or unexcused).

After an absence, the student will give their homeroom teacher either a parent note or a doctor's excuse for their absence. These notes will be turned into the office with the teacher's daily attendance.

## ABSENCES

Absences shall be classified as either excused or unexcused as determined by the principal or his/her designee.

Excused absences shall include:

1. Personal illness;
2. Serious illness or death of an immediate family member;
3. Doctor or dental appointment;
4. Family emergency;
5. Extreme weather conditions;
6. Religious observances;(2)
7. Driver's license examination (documentation accepted, one [1] time only);
8. Unusual situation approved by the principal; or
9. Military deployment or return of parents or custodian

If a student is absent from class, a parent or guardian must provide the principal's office with a written explanation of the child's absence. Written explanation of absences must be made within three (3) school days of the student's return. Any absence for which a written explanation is not provided within three (3) school days will be considered unexcused.

**Students are allowed to be absent for 8 days of the SCHOOL YEAR and use a parent note to excuse those absences. All other absences must be excused by some other method (ex: doctor's excuse, obituary notice, etc...)**

## **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

1. If a student is at school for 3 hours & 16 minutes (half day), he/she will be counted as having attended that day.
2. Unexcused tardies and unexcused early dismissals.... when accumulated ...will add up to one or more days absent and may result in that student losing his/her Perfect Attendance status.
3. A student who has been home-schooled or transferred from another system which would have started after our school year starts will not be eligible for Perfect Attendance (if he/she did not start school in his/her old system and enrolled with us after Oct. 1.)
4. Students who transfer into our system from another system will be counted as having Perfect Attendance if documentation is provided from the previous school system that he/she had Perfect Attendance at his/her previous school.

## **HOMEWORK REQUEST**

If your child is absent, you may call the school to request your child's homework before 11:00 a.m. You may pick up the homework assignments by 3:30 p.m. in the school's front office on the grade-level shelf.

## **MAKE-UP WORK**

A grade of zero will be recorded for any work missed until the work is completed. A student may have up to three (3) days to make up work from a single absence and up to five (5) days to make up work from an absence longer than a single day. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for makeup work, and if not completed in the allotted time, a grade of zero (0) will stand.

For school-sponsored activities, the student will be required to make up all work missed and will receive full credit for the assignment or upon completion of a test. The student will not be counted absent for a school sponsored event (school planned, school-directed, and teacher supervised).

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Student attendance records are confidential. Only authorized school officials with legitimate educational purposes may access student information without the consent of the student or parent/guardian.

## **CHANGE OF STUDENT INFORMATION**

Please report any change of address, phone numbers, or email address to the school office immediately upon the change.

## **TRANSFER POLICY**

A withdrawal form should be filled out by a student intending to transfer. All books need to be returned to school and all bills paid before records will be forwarded to the new school.

## **FAMILY LIFE PLANNING CURRICULUM**

Tennessee requires schools residing in school districts with pregnancy rates above 19.5 per 1,000 females ages 15-17 to implement family life education. Because Hickman County exceeds this threshold, an age-appropriate family life planning course that emphasizes abstinence until marriage and includes instructions for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases will be implemented. Parents and legal guardians have a right to examine the grade level instructional materials and confer with school leaders regarding any or all portions of family life. A parent or guardian who wishes to excuse a student from any, or all, portions of family life shall submit a request, in writing, to the student's principal. A student who is excused from any or all portions of family life shall not be penalized for grading purposes if the student satisfactorily performs alternative health lessons.

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## **EMERGENCY DRILLS**

Emergency drills are held at irregular intervals throughout the school year. Students and teachers will practice drills for fire, tornado, earthquake, and safety lock down. Classrooms have directions posted for procedures to follow. Students will follow the teacher's directions.

## **TRANSPORTATION OF MEDICATION POLICY**

**No medication may be transported on school buses or kept on a student's person unless directed by a physician. If medication must be taken at school, a parent or guardian must bring it to the office.**

**Check Out Our Website!  
Find us at [hickmank12.org](http://hickmank12.org)**



Our website contains lots of information! You can find email addresses of our staff members as well as sports' schedules and pacing guides for our academic classes! In addition, you can access this handbook in its entirety. Links to board policies are embedded along with additional information that includes: our State and Local Assessment Calendar, Board Policies on Attendance, Medication Guidelines, Title IX & Sexual Harassment, Student Discrimination/Harassment & Bullying/Intimidation and Cyberbullying, Use of Personal Communication Devices, Tobacco-Free Schools, Grading System, Promotion/Retention, Notice of Nondiscrimination, and Meningococcal Vaccines.

## Hickman County Middle School Extracurricular Activities and Student Clubs

### Sports

Football	Occurs in Fall
Boy's Golf	Occurs in Fall
Girl's Golf	Occurs in Fall
Cross Country	Occurs in Fall
Volleyball	Occurs in Fall
Cheerleading	Occurs in Fall & Winter
Girl's Basketball	Occurs in Winter
Boy's Basketball	Occurs in Winter
Girl's Soccer	Occurs in Fall
Boy's Soccer	Occurs in Spring
Baseball	Occurs in Spring
Softball	Occurs in Spring

### Student Activities

Band	Taken as a class throughout the year
Choir	Taken as a class throughout the year
Student Council	Elections in fall; activities throughout the year
*Beta Club	Activities throughout the year; induction in the spring *Specific academic requirements must be met
Tennis Training	Camp offered in the Spring
Drama Club	Occurs after school with a performance in the spring
Art Club	Occurs after school with a gallery exhibition in the spring

### Community Activities

4-H	Activities throughout the school year
Centerville Jr. Pro Football	Occurs in Fall
Centerville Jr. Pro Basketball	Occurs in Winter
Centerville Baseball	Occurs in Spring and Summer
Centerville Softball	Occurs in Spring and Summer

*Tryouts for athletic teams are held before the season begins. For more information about our athletic program, please contact our Athletic Director, Tony Roder.*