GO LIONS!!!
Benefits of Independence High School

- After-school tutoring
- Everyday Connections for grade tracking and credit recovery
- After-school enrichment (guitar, cooking, sports)
- Smaller class sizes – Only 2 halls
- Closed campus - more likely to be in classes and pass them. (Parents must sign students out)
- Caring teachers and staff
Ways to Gain Credit

● Pass your classes!!!

● Do a packet during connections *(when you finish one, do another)*

● Purchase packets

● Independent Study class

● Summer School

● English credit - see pages in your planner. (Example on next slide)
# Advisory Reading List for Credit

## How Do I Earn Reading Bonus Credit?

Read a book from the list. Write an excellent paper using the writing scoring guide provided by your advisor. The paper should be written outside of the regular school day and advisory. The paper must score a 3 or 4 on the scoring guide and must be received no later than 12/16 on the last day of the mini-term for you to be eligible to receive the Advisory BONUS credit of .325 per completed book and essay. No late or incomplete papers will be accepted for credit. NO EXCUSES.

### BOOK
- The Pact
- They Poured Fire on Us...
- Soul Surfer
- My Name Is Joe
- Pay It Forward
- What Now?
- The Last Lecture
- Within Reach: My Everest Story
- The Chosen
- Tuesdays With Morrie
- Touch the Top of the World
- The Book Thief
- Johnathan Livingston Seagull
- The Power of Positive Thinking
- The Art of Happiness
- Man’s Search for Meaning
- The Greatest Salesman in the World
- How to Win Friends & Influence People
- Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance
- The Help
- Never Fail: Success Strategies
- The Creative Fire
- The Champion in All of Us
- Life on the Color Line
- One Good Dog
- You Can Heal Your Life
- The Faithful Gardener
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower
- The Christmas Jars

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Hard Work + Persistence = Success

- At HIS we endeavor to facilitate progress of all students towards graduation

- **Homework/Assignment Policy**
  - Each Friday all class assignments will be checked on powerschool.
  - Any student missing 3 or more assignments in a class will be expected to stay after school the following week from 3 - 4:15pm to complete the missing work.
  - Tutors and necessary supplies to complete assignments will be available at school during this time, as well as a snack.
  - A bus will be provided for students who regularly ride the bus to school.
  - Parents will be notified by phone on Friday evening if their student will be required to stay after school the following week to complete assignments.
  - If a student refuses to stay, he or she will be suspended from school pending a parent conference.
Tardy Policy

DON’T BE TARDY! 😊

- In the halls after bell with no hall pass = lunch detention or...
- 3 tardies in 1 day = lunch detention

Per term based on 1st period attendance reporting:

- At tardies 5, 6, and 7 a student will receive a **lunch detention**
- At tardies 8, 9, and 10 a student receives **lunch detention plus a 1/2 day of In School Suspension**
- At 11 - 1st period tardies students receive **1 day of In School Suspension and a meeting is required with parent.**
CLOSED CAMPUS INFO

- During the school day, students must remain in the building. The parking lot areas and the Paul Reams Wilderness Park are OFF limits.

Only students whose guardians check them out of school may leave the building.

If you leave, parents are called and attendance is marked with a truancy; you also receive one strike toward disorderly conduct.
Hall Passes Policy

When you want to use the hall pass make sure you:

- ask for permission
- use it wisely (don’t go every period)
- always **WEAR** the orange vest with the Room number showing on the back
- go directly to your destination and directly back (no tours of the school or picking up friends)
SLURP!

GET A ROOM!

SHLURRRP

SHLURRRP!!

AND TAKE THAT SLURPEE MACHINE WITH YOU!
PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION POLICY (PDA)

School Policy prohibits public displays of affection more than a quick hug, holding hands, or an arm around the shoulder. Other behavior such as kissing, long hugs, etc is not appropriate in the school setting.

A student will be given one warning and parents will be notified. Other consequences may be given as deemed appropriate by administration for further infractions.
LET ME CALL YOU BACK, THE TEACHER IS DISTRACTING ME.
Electronics Devices

- This includes Cell Phones, iPods, Headphones, Computerized Games, Digital Cameras, Video Cameras, Cell Phone Chargers, Personal Computers, Tablets/iPads, etc.

- **THEY ARE NOT TO BE SEEN OR USED DURING CLASSTIME** (including while using the hall pass)

- Policy – when devices are turned in to the office:
  1. 1st offense, item returned to student after school
  2. 2nd offense, item returned to parent after school
  3. 3rd offense, item returned to parent after 6 days.

Each time, a logbook is signed in the office and the policy re-explained.

(Even in public movie theaters we are asked to not use phones. It’s a matter of respect for others.)
Language Policy

● Use of foul language will not be permitted on school grounds

● Continued use of foul language will lead to discipline referrals and eventually a disorderly conduct charge

● There will be NO WARNING for using the f-word. Students choosing to use this word will receive an automatic lunch detention that day or the day following.

● Continued use will lead to further consequences and/or Administration Conference with Parent
Hats okay…
Headwear

● Hats **ARE** allowed to be worn throughout the school

● Within classrooms teachers will determine their own hat policies (that means if a teacher says to take off your hat...take it off with no complaint/comment)

● Hats are under the same policy that determines clothing; gang, inappropriate, or other violations will lead to hats being taken

● We have not allowed hats in the past, if hats become a problem **we will return** to a no hat policy
NO Gloves!!

- Gloves are **NOT** allowed to be worn throughout the school during school hours.

- Gloves are not appropriate and will be taken if seen wearing on school campus

- Gloves are under the same policy that determines clothing; gang, inappropriate, or other violations will lead to gloves being taken
Clothing - Modest, neat and clean

Shorts and skirts can only be 5” above the knee, and skirts must be this length even with leggings.
**RED** X’s mark the spots to keep covered
No **NO** tank tops, shoulders must be covered for both male and female students.
No short shorts or mini-skirts

No grungy, dirty or torn clothing
NO clothing which displays, represents, or suggests obscenity or items students cannot legally possess
Shoes

Must be worn at all times. Slippers are not appropriate.
Gang related clothing

Any clothing that promotes or suggest gang activity is not allowed. No bandanas, tagging, gang-signing or symbols, jerseys or portrayal of illegal acts is allowed (this includes weapons, drugs, alcohol, etc)
NO TEAM Style Sports Wear

Any clothing that has Professional or College Team sports logos on them are not allowed to be worn on school campus. This includes jerseys, shirts, hoodies, coats, hats, bandanas, lanyards, etc.
IN Review:

YES!

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Modest
Neat and Clean
Covers undergarments
Non-disruptive

NO ☹

Bare Midriffs
Tank tops
Sagging
Short shorts
Mini-skirts
Gang related
Grungy or torn
Obscenity/Sexual
Illegal items
Dirty
Jerseys
Illegal acts
Violence/death
Example of dress code violation form

- Dress and cell phone violations are under the same consequences as other violations

- this means that 3 infractions will lead to a “disorderly conduct charge”
Disorderly Conduct Policy

RESPECT AND LISTEN TO ALL ADULTS! 😊

- According to the law, a person is guilty of Disorderly Conduct if:
  - He refuses to comply with the lawful order of the police to move from a public place, or knowingly creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition, by an act which serves no legitimate purpose.
  - ...or intending to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, he:
    - Engages in fighting or in violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior.
    - Makes unreasonable noises in a public place.
    - Make unreasonable noises in a private place which can be heard in a public place.
    - Obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

- 3 referrals to the office will lead to a Disorderly Conduct Infraction written up and filed with the officer in addition to school-based consequences:
  - Further infractions will lead to increased levels of consequences.
“So…what get’s me a referral?”

- Insubordinate behavior (defiant to adult)
  - refusal to follow directions
  - will not sit in assigned seat
  - not working in class
  - consistently unprepared

- Disruptive behavior
  - disruptive and distracting to others
  - Excessive talk-outs
  - Pulling others off task

- Dress code violations

- Damaging school property (vandalism)

- Leaving campus without permission (truant)
Independence students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects self-control and concern for others. A student who is unable to control his/her behavior in school will be referred to the office.

DID YOU KNOW?

As per the law, students are expected to follow any instructions, rules, or directives directed from any school official to include teachers, administrators, counselors, custodial, secretaries, lunch workers, and trackers.
HINTS FOR SUCCESS

- Be respectful
- Be on time
- Be in class
- Be on task
- Ask for help
- Complete and turn in homework
- Use after school homework help
- Say NO! to sluffing
- Keep track of your assignments, use powerschool and a planner
- Use a hall pass to leave class

LET’S WORK TOGETHER!!!