



**2016-2017 NEW STUDENT/
INFORMATIONAL PACKET**

Dress for School

Renton has a dress code that is appropriate for an educational setting. Dressing for school is an important factor in student success in the middle school. With this in mind, please use our dress code as you consider back to school shopping:

- Pants must be worn without rips, holes or tears above the knee level. Pajama bottoms or other loosely fitting pants are prohibited.
*****No differentiation will be made between those that have other material sewn behind the “rip, tears, or holes” and those that do not.**
- All pants, shorts and skirts must be worn at waist level and may not expose undergarments of any kind. They must also extend past fingertip length.
- Tops must cover neck to shoulder cap, be closely tapered around the armpit and be long enough to be tucked into pants or skirts. Midriffs must be covered and necklines should not be plunging or revealing. Tops may not be of see-through material and must not reveal undergarments.
- Clothing with obscene or suggestive language or pictures is not permitted. It may also not promote inappropriate messages or represent gangs, violence, drugs, alcohol or tobacco. .
- Hats, hoods and other head coverings may not be worn inside the building.
- Hoodies may be worn, but will be considered outerwear if it has any of the following:
 1. a reinforced liner or made of the “checkerboard” thinsulate material
 2. “fur” around the collar
 3. length extends below the waistline
- Book bags, coats, sunglasses and outerwear must be left in the lockers and not worn to class. Purses are allowed to be carried to class, but cannot be any larger than a textbook. They are to be used for reasonable essential academic and personal supplies. They must be hung on the back of the chair or placed in the rack under the desk. Purses are not to be kept in a student’s lap or in aisle ways. Any student abusing this privilege will be required to leave their purse in their locker.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. Additionally, flip flops are prohibited. However, sports sandals that do not thread between the toes and have a thick rubber sole are seasonally allowable. As the weather gets colder, the sandals will no longer be allowed until the spring.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones and electronic devices are permitted in classrooms only with direct instruction from the teacher. Phones should be kept in locker when not in use. If a student is misusing a phone the following will occur:

1. The phone is confiscated and only given back to the parent/guardian.
2. The phone is confiscated and the student receives a detention.
3. The phone is confiscated and the student receives an out of school suspension for repeated insubordination.

Also in order to have a cell phone on property students should have a signed BYOD agreement on file.

Emergency Contacts and Medical Needs

Please be sure that the school office has an accurate up-to-date emergency card available. These will be sent home on the first day of school. If changes need to be made during the school year, please contact the office to update the information.

All medication that needs to be taken during school hours must be dropped off at the main office. There are strict procedures that must be followed. Medications including aspirin and other non-prescription drugs must be in their original dated containers. All medications must be accompanied by written directions from a medical professional instructing school personnel how to administer the medicine to the child.

****Please contact the building office for a required form to be filled out by your physician.*

MiStar Parent Connect

As a parent of a Renton student you will have the ability to check your student’s grades on-line through the Parent Connect access found on our website. You will receive a pass code and directions on how to do this during our Open House on September 15th at 6:00p.m.

Grading Homework Assignments/Receiving Credit
Homework assignments will have an appropriate due date when assigned. Students will receive credit based on the time allotment listed below:

- Turned in on due date: Student receives full credit
- Turned in 1 to 5 days late: Student receives 70% of earned grade. (Multiply grade by .7 =grade recorded.)
- Any assignment turned in more than 5 days late will not be given any credit.
** Exceptions may be made at teacher’s discretion*

Student Responsibility

Middle school is the perfect time for students to gain more independence and take personal responsibility. All students are expected to keep track of homework and extra-curricular events, however, parents can keep track of assignments and important information via MiStar parent portal. Students will also have their own access to this site, this school year. Students who take on the responsibility of sharing in the educational process with both the parents and teachers have the greatest successes academically.

Making Good Decisions

Making good decisions can lead to rewards and benefits; however, when students make bad decisions and poor choices, they must accept the consequences. One way of helping students at this age is to encourage them to use their problem solving and critical thinking skills. These are essential skills that will enable them to make better choices academically, socially and personally.

We encourage you to help your students work through both big and small decisions that they face; for example, what to wear the first day of school, missing homework, what activities to participate in, who to hang out with, etc. Hopefully working together and keeping those lines of communication open will be habit forming when faced with making decisions on their own.

Renton PTO

Renton PTO is an active group within the school. Our president is Mrs. Julie Martin. Please feel free to leave your contact information on the sheet found at the back of the auditorium if you would like to participate or help in any way.

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are available every school day. Students have about 15 minutes in the morning prior to school to go to the cafeteria and purchase a balanced **breakfast** for **\$1.50**. **Lunches** may be purchased for **\$3.00** and include a main entrée, vegetable, fruit and milk. Students have the option to buy each of these separately at an ala carte price. A reduced price for breakfast is \$.30 and lunch is \$.40 for the families that qualify. Applications for free and reduced meals will be sent home on the first day of school. If your family qualified during the 2015/2016 year, your student will receive free or reduced prices for the first two weeks of school. If new applications are not turned in by the second week, those students will no longer qualify for the discounted prices.

Class Options for Each Grade Level

Grade 6 –

Required Rotation (one per trimester)

- Physical Education
- Literature
- Math Foundations

Elective Option(s)

- Band (all year) or
- Current Events,
- Computers,
- Art

*** Subject to change due to population change

Grade 7-

Required Rotation (one per trimester)

- Math Foundations
- Career Exploration
- Health

Elective Option

- Band (all year) or
- Vocal Music 7/8 (all year) or
- Art
- Physical Education
- Wildlife Ecology
- Pop History

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Grade 8-

Elective Option

- Band (all year) or
- Vocal Music 7/8 (all year) or
- Physical Fitness
- Art History
- Computer Applications
- Marketing
- Advanced Physical Fitness

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Recommended School Supply List

Personal Items

- ✓ Folders or Binders for each class
- ✓ Spiral notebooks
- ✓ Lined Paper
- ✓ Pens (Black and Blue)
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Colored Pencils
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Erasers
- ✓ Combination Lock for Gym Locker
- ✓ Gym Shoes/Clothes

Donations Appreciated

- Facial Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Individual teachers may ask for specific items throughout the year

Athletics

Only seventh and eighth graders may participate in the sports programs at Renton. Students may participate if they meet the following criteria:

1. If you have one (1) E, the sum of your grades must balance to a 2.0 GPA.
2. If there is more than one (1) E, you are ineligible until the progress report/report card check.
3. All other MHSAA eligibility standards apply.
4. Must have sports physical prior to the first practice

***Admission - Renton is \$ 3.00 per person. Children 10 and under are free.**

VARSITY EVENT

\$5.00/Adult
\$4.00/Student/Senior
10 and under are free

JV EVENTS

\$4.00/Adult
\$3.00/Student/senior
10 and under free

Student pre-sale tickets (\$2.00) will be available in the high school athletic office every Monday 2:45-4:00 pm

Student pre-sale tickets are valid for all Jr. high & high school, Huron league games-home or away (not including MHSAA tournaments/events)

You can purchase as many in advance that you would like

***** All practices are set for specific times. Athletes must be picked up within 15 min. of practice ending.**

****** To see an up-to-date schedule of athletic events check www.highsports.net (we are located under New Boston Huron High School).**

At the Junior High the following sports are available:

- **Fall Sports** – Football, Sideline Cheerleading, Volleyball, Cross Country
- **Winter Sports** - Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, Competitive Cheer
- **Spring Sports** – Softball, Baseball, Track

Renton's WEB Program

This year, we will be year 5 of our student mentoring program called WEB (Where Everyone Belongs). It began with our 6th grade student orientation on the 1st. Incoming students met new mentors or WEB Leaders with whom they will have various interactions throughout the school year. The program is designed to help students transition into middle school and achieve success in many different aspects of being a student. Look for information on upcoming events online and in papers sent home with your students this year.

Calendar Information

After signing into MiStar, you can access calendar information by clicking on the News tab in the right hand column. It is the first option. Important information is also available on the district's website. www.huronschools.com.

Information by Email

To get information sent straight to your email address, including the school's newsletter, Renton Monthly, please send an email to rentonschoolinfo@gmail.com and ask to be added to the mail list.



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