

# **Lookout Valley High School and Middle School**

*“Small School-Big Opportunities”*

**350 Lookout High Street  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37419**

**Title I School  
2020-2021**



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Assistant Principal  
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# NOTICE TO PARENTS

The drop-off time for those students who do not ride a school bus is 6:40 a.m. Supervision is not provided until 6:40 a.m. The pick-up time for those students who do not ride a school bus is 2:15 p.m. Please comply with the above drop-off and pick up times.

Thank you,

Mrs. McBryar

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## **Lookout Valley High School and Middle School Mission and Vision Statement**

We at LVMHS empower our students to shape and strengthen our community by creating self-sufficient, future-ready, productive citizens. We cultivate the value of education and maximize resources in order for students to reach their full potential.

### **The students will**

- take ownership and responsibility for their learning.
- think critically and creatively.
- embrace technology as a tool for learning.
- collaborate with peers to solve problems.

### **The teachers will**

- create standards-based lessons and units.
- promote independence and critical thinking.
- encourage the use of technology.
- collaborate with colleagues to create engaging and challenging educational experiences.

## **Belief Statements**

1. We believe our school fosters equity and values diversity for all students, regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status while promoting a safe and positive environment.
2. We believe implementing assessments and accountability standards, which include standardized testing scores, end-of course tests scores, increased attendance and graduation rate will foster high academic performance of all students.
3. We believe in the importance of an effective, qualified, and student-oriented teaching staff involved in on-going professional development that support self-assessment, and quality instruction.
5. We believe in a character education program that will foster qualities such as patriotism, respect, integrity, dependability, and responsibility.
6. We believe the students, faculty, staff, parents, and community stakeholders are enlisted as partners to improve the quality of our school through shared decision-making, policy evaluation, and school improvement planning.
7. We believe technology is an integral part of the instructional and learning process, equipping students with vital skills for post-secondary and life-long success.
8. We believe in the fundamental need of literacy embedded throughout the curriculum to foster enhanced performance of the students in the overall intellectual capacity within a variety of academic and work-related fields.

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## **To the Student:**

This handbook contains important rules and regulations pertaining to Lookout Valley HS/MS. You and your parents should carefully read and study this information. Familiarize yourself with the contents and keep this handbook for easy reference during the school year. Ignorance of the rule is not an acceptable excuse for violation.

Lookout Valley HS/MS is your school. You, as a student, will determine the kind of school it will be. The faculty and administration hope you will have an enjoyable and successful year!

### **Make Up Work**

Excused absences (those meeting state attendance rules) shall entitle students the opportunity to make up work missed and this work shall receive full credit. Make-up work for unexcused absences is required and may result in reduced credit. (Reduction may not exceed 10%). Request for make-up work is the responsibility of the student. Students must complete their make-up work at the convenience of the teacher and within an appropriate amount of time.

### **Dismissal of Students**

- (1) All dismissals must be approved by the office.
- (2) The school requires a written request signed by the parent or guardian stating the date, the time of dismissal, the reason for the request and a phone number of the parents or guardian. This must be presented to the office prior to 7:15 a.m. on the day of the dismissal.
- (3) When a parent, guardian or designated person by him/her and is listed on the emergency card picks up a student at school during the day, this person must sign a log book in the school office and indicate the student's name, date, time of dismissal, reason for dismissal, and his/her own name.
- (4) Students leaving the campus without being properly dismissed are subject to suspension. **STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE THE CAMPUS FOR LUNCH.**

### **Withdrawals**

In the event a student needs to withdraw from Lookout Valley HS/MS during the school year, the following procedure should be followed to assure completion of the student's records and release of records to the receiving school:

- (1) The custodial parent or legal guardian must notify the guidance office of the student's intention to withdraw. This should be done prior to the student's last full day in attendance.
- (2) Complete and turn in any outstanding work, tests, etc.
- (3) Return all library books.
- (4) Pay any debts owed to the cafeteria, library, or office (including unpaid fees, fund-raising debts, and/or charges for lost or damaged books.)
- (5) Prior to homeroom of the student's last full day of attendance, pick up a checkout sheet from the guidance office and follow the instructions for completion of the checkout, returning all textbooks to the classroom teachers.
- (6) Before leaving, return the checkout sheet to the guidance office. The student will be given a copy and any refund due at this time.

### **Driver's License Certification**

Tennessee Code Annotated states that a student must have satisfactory attendance and academic progress based on end of semester grading. With regard to driver's license certification, a student must

miss no more than 10 consecutive or 15 total unexcused days per semester and pass at least 5 full unit subjects or their equivalency. Absences which are excused with regard to driver's license certification are those which are excused under state attendance rules. These are personal illness, death in immediate family, family illness, religious holiday, personal, and school sponsored activities. Absences which are unexcused are truancy, cutting class, out of town, no excuse submitted, missed the bus, out of school suspension, trouble with auto, unexcused tardy, failure to check in when tardy to school, absent without parent's permission, and not properly dismissed.

## NOTICE OF RULES GOVERNING BUS PUPILS

Students may only ride the bus to which they are assigned. School Board Policy no longer permits students to ride a bus to which they are not assigned except in the case of an extreme emergency.

### TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATES:

"A pupil shall become ineligible for public transportation when his behavior is such as to cause dissension on a school bus or when he disobeys State or Local Rules and Regulations pertaining to pupil transportation."

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stop. Help keep the bus on schedule, as buses will not wait for late arriving passengers.
2. Do not stand in the roadway while waiting for the bus.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter the bus.
4. Do not extend arms or head out of the bus window.
5. Stay in your seat and do not attempt to move about while the bus is in motion.
6. Loud talking or yelling is prohibited as this could divert the driver's attention and cause a serious accident.
7. Profane or immoral language, improper conduct and smoking are prohibited on the bus.
8. Keep books, packages, coats, and all other objects out of the aisles.
9. Do not throw any object on the bus or any objects out of the bus window.
10. Be absolutely quiet when approaching or crossing railroad tracks.
11. Do not damage any part of the bus, inside or out. Persons responsible for damage will be made to pay for cost of repairs.
12. Help look out for the safety and comfort of small children.
13. Driver is in full charge of the bus and pupils. Pupils must obey the driver at all times.
14. Pupils must not cross the road in back of the bus; always cross in front.
15. In case of a road emergency, remain on the bus until instructions are given by the driver.

**Bus transportation shall be conditioned on good behavior and observance of the above rules. Drivers are authorized to enforce these rules, and pupils who violate them will be denied the privilege of bus transportation.** Be courteous to fellow pupils and others riding the bus. Help us keep a safe transportation system by **good behavior and good conduct**. Students are to ride their assigned bus. Drivers are not permitted to allow non-assigned students to ride their buses.

### Regarding Bus Stops:

1. The following link is the bus stop locator. It allows a parent to put in an address and find the closest stop to their home. It gives the bus number and the stop times:  
<https://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=HCS5ANEJIFL3>
2. This next link is for requesting a bus stop. If parents feel like the stop is too dangerous or there is not a stop close to them then they can request a bus stop. Please note that requesting does not mean they will actually receive one:  
<https://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=HCS5ANEJIFL3>

# ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

## Bus Riders

Upon arriving in the morning, bus riders will exit the bus in front of the school and enter the building through the front doors. Middle School students will proceed directly to the cafeteria. No students will be permitted in the instructional areas before the first bell. High school students not eating breakfast are to report directly to the gym or library.

Disciplinary measures will be taken against students who exit the bus before arriving at school. Students leaving campus after arrival in the morning are subject to disciplinary measures.

Dismissal of bus riders in the afternoon will be through the front doors. No one will remain in or reenter the building unless under the direct supervision of a teacher. Students are not to leave the school campus while waiting on afternoon buses. During inclement weather, students will wait inside.

## Car Riders and Walkers

Parents transporting children to school are expected to have them at school by 7:07 A.M. **Parents must use the traffic loop in front for loading and unloading students. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO CITATION BY THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT.** All student car riders must enter the front doors and go directly to the appropriate area (see bus riders).

Parents of car riders should pick up students promptly at 2:15 P.M. in front of the building. No student should be left unattended after 2:30 P.M.

Walkers should arrive at school by 7:07 A.M. All students should proceed directly to the appropriate area. Walkers are to leave the school campus immediately when dismissed at 2:15 P.M.

## Student Parking Policy

Students who drive to school will be assigned a numbered space and issued a parking permit through the bookstore. The cost will be \$25.00 per year. **STUDENTS ARE TO USE ONLY STUDENT DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES.** A good habit to form upon arriving at school is park it, lock it, and leave it. Do not return to your car during the school day without permission.\* Remember that school buses have the right of way. Speed limit -15 m.p.h. **VIOLATION OF PARKING RULES MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES OR THE VEHICLE BEING REMOVED FROM CAMPUS BY A TOWING CONTRACTOR. \*IN THE EVENT THAT A VEHICLE IS REMOVED BY A TOWING CONTRACTOR, ALL EXPENSES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE. Vehicles on campus are subject to be searched by school officials. Students are not allowed to sit in parked vehicles at any time during the school day. This includes before school.**

**\*Please note that arrival / dismissal procedures might differ than above when the school is following COVID-19 restrictions.**

## Inclement Weather Early Dismissal Procedures

Please follow the dismissal procedures in order to

- Dismiss students, faculty, and staff safety in a timely manner
  - Limit confusion and congestion in the loading zones
1. Students riding buses will dismiss and load in the front of the building as always.
  2. Students walking home will be dismissed at school dismissal time.
  3. Student driving cars will be dismissed early to drive home if the emergency dismissal form is on file in the office. They are to sign out in the principal's office with all students authorized to ride with them.
  4. Students picked up in cars will be picked up at the back of the school by the library



entrance. Cars are to loop around the back parking lot until their student(s) loads, then exit campus. Cars will NOT enter the front circular drive, but should proceed to the left side of the school to pick up students at the library entrance.

Please be aware that these are our current plans for inclement weather dismissal. However, a change in the type of weather or the severity of the weather may necessitate a change in plans.

## **CLASSROOM CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**

Discipline is the responsibility not only of the teachers, but also of the parents and the students while attending school. The behavior of students attending our school shall reflect standards of good citizenship demanded of members of a democratic society. It is the parents' obligation, by teaching and example, to develop in the student good behavioral habits as well as proper attitudes toward the school. To ensure student success, parents should, at regular intervals, check with school officials concerning their student's school conduct.

It is impossible for teaching or learning to take place unless good order is maintained. Students must adhere to a code of good behavior not only for their own benefit, but for the benefit of others.

Teachers have the authority to make their own rules of behavioral expectations pertaining to their individual classroom.

### **Please refer to the COAB for specific infractions and their consequences:**

1. The student shall bring all needed materials to class, including assigned homework, enter the room in an orderly manner, be seated quietly and be ready for work when the bell rings.
2. Remember the rules about behavior in the classroom are the same when a substitute teacher is present. Any names left by the substitute will result in disciplinary action by the regular teacher.
3. Cell Phones / Electronic Devices policy - LVMHS has implemented a 1:1 program for all students, so they have access to a school-issued device at all times. We recognize the usefulness of Chromebooks / laptops as a means of supplementing educational instruction.
  - a. Unless it is teacher-directed, **cell phones, earbuds, and headphones** will not be allowed in the academic setting. All cell phones must have sound turned off and placed in the student's backpack or locker during all class times.
  - b. LVMHS will allow students to use their cell phones or electronic devices on campus before school, during lunch, in the hallways between class periods, and after school. Cell phones and devices must remain on silent mode at all times so that no audible ring tones or noises are heard. Recreational usage, in non-instructional areas and times, is restricted to activities such as checking the time, texting, or utilizing apps and general features on the phone / device. Listening to music in non-instructional areas is also allowed but limited to the use with headphones / earbuds covering only one ear.
  - c. Students are restricted at all times within the building and on campus from using their cell phone or electronic devices in the following manner:
    - i. Using any recording feature on a phone or electronic device. This includes all cameras, video cameras, voice recorders, and apps
    - ii. Using real-time audio / video (*e.g.*, Skyping, FaceTime, etc.)

- iii. Using a phone / device's speakers for music or any other reason
  - d. This policy is designed to protect the educational program of all students. The use of student cell phones or other electronic devices on campus is a privilege, not a right. Students found by staff members to be in violation of any of the above stated rules or restrictions are subject to the following policy:
    - i. First offense - the teacher will take up the student's phone and keep it until the end of class
    - ii. Second offense - the teacher will take up the student's phone and turn it into administration to be retrieved at the end of the school day without referral
    - iii. Third offense - the student will be referred directly to the administration
  - e. Students using cell phones or electronic devices in any manner that violates our school rules of conduct or using their device for unlawful purposes will be subject to more severe disciplinary action, up to and including extended suspension and / or expulsion.
  - f. **Notice to parents:** Please do not contact or communicate with students during instructional time via cell phones. All emergency contact to the student must go through the main office, attendance office, or nurse's office when necessary. In most cases, a student may be given permission to use a classroom or administrative phone to contact parent / guardian. Students will have ample free time during the day to communicate with parents through cell phones during times deemed permissible.
  - g. Students bringing cell phones or personal electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. Neither the Hamilton County Department of Education nor Lookout Valley Middle-High School will assume any liability for any lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones or personal electronic devices in school or at any school-related activity.
- 4. **Book bags or backpacks** must be placed in the locker before first period and left there during the school day. Students are to go to the locker between sixth and seventh periods to gather necessary items to be taken home. Students may take their book bags to their seventh period class. **Please note that while Hamilton County Schools are in either Phase 2 or Phase 3 due to COVID-19, students will not be issued lockers and be allowed to carry backpacks at all times.**
- 5. **Dress Code:** The appearance of our students reflects the quality of our school, our staff, and our student body. In order to continue providing a safe and neutral environment, Lookout Valley Middle-High School students are expected to adhere to the following dress code:
  - a. **Shirts:**
    - i. Can be polo / golf style, button-down, or t-shirts
    - ii. Shirts may not have any screen-printed, embroidered, or air-brushed messages, symbols, designs, or images; this means that shirts need to be solid-colored or the pattern / stripes need to be a part of the material. The only exceptions to this rule are as follows: Clothing that promotes Lookout Valley Middle-High School; clothing that promotes collegiate institutions

- iii. All shirts must have a modest neckline and be long enough to cover the midriff at all times and completely cover the top of the shoulder.
  - iv. Halter-top, or tank / spaghetti tops are not allowed.
  - v. No sheer or see-through shirts may be worn.
  - vi. Hoodies are allowed but students cannot wear the hood during the school day. If this becomes a chronic issue, hoodies will be banned altogether.
- b. **Masks:**
- i. Neck gaiters, bandanas, or head bands cannot be worn as masks.
  - ii. Masks must loop around the ears per HCS.
  - iii. Masks may not have any screen-printed, embroidered, or air-brushed messages, symbols, designs, or images. This means that masks need to be solid-colored or the pattern / stripes need to be a part of the material. The only exceptions to this rule are as follows: Masks that promote Lookout Valley Middle-High School or masks that promote collegiate institutions
- c. **Pants, Skirts, or Shorts:**
- i. Pants are not to have holes, tears, or frayed / distressed finish even if there is cloth behind the open area.
  - ii. “Sagging” will not be permitted.
  - iii. Leggings are allowed as long as the shirt worn is fingertip length on all sides (i.e., covers the student’s bottom and is the same length all around). In addition, leggings must be a darker color (black, navy, or charcoal gray).
  - iv. Dresses / skirts may be worn as long as they are knee length and the tops meet dress code guidelines.
  - v. Basketball-length athletic shorts may be worn.
  - vi. Pajama pants are not allowed.
- d. **Footwear:**
- i. No flip flops or house shoes are allowed.
  - ii. Sandals may be worn only if they have a heel strap fastened securely around the heel or form-fits to the foot (e.g., Birkenstock-like sandal that has a molded back that form-fits the heel).
  - iii. Closed-toe shoes / tennis shoes will be required for specific classes (Wellness / PE, science, CTE classes); it is the student’s responsibility to be prepared for those classes when needed.
- e. **Headwear:**
- i. Hats, bandanas, caps, sun visors, and sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building.
  - ii. Headbands / hair-bands are allowed as long as they are plain in color and no wider than two inches.
  - iii. No headphones or earbuds are allowed to be worn during the school day unless directed to do so by a teacher. See cell phone / device policy for more details.

f. **Miscellaneous:**

- i. Backpacks / string backpacks are not allowed in the classroom until the last period of the school day. \*This will be disregarded during COVID-19.
- ii. Blankets are not allowed in the classroom.

### **Student Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline**

The Student Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline was distributed to students in **August 2020**. This is a Hamilton County Schools' document. It is consistent with State Board policy, state legislation, and the most recent court decisions. This code is reviewed annually and revised, as necessary, by a committee composed of educators, board members, students, and parents. In essence, the COAB accomplishes the following:

- It is the foundation that will foster a wholesome environment within our schools.
- It affords each student an uninterrupted opportunity to pursue academic excellence.
- It provides substantial guidance for behavior standards and expectations for students.
- It provides rules designed for the safety and welfare of the students.
- It assures due process and fair treatment for every students, giving each an opportunity to be heard.

Subjects addressed in the COAB are as follows:

1. Extracurricular Programs
2. Students' Rights and Responsibilities
3. Attendance Policy
4. Digital Citizenship Statement
5. Student Code of Conduct for Virtual / Online Classes
6. Dress and Groom Policy
7. Zero Tolerance Offenses
8. Searches
9. Locker Use
10. Student Vehicles on School Property
11. Discrimination / Harassment / Bullying / Cyberbullying / Hazing
12. Parent Grievance Procedure
13. Unacceptable Conduct and Consequences
14. Student Disciplinary Procedures and Appeals
15. Disciplinary Procedures for Students Receiving Special Education
16. Alternative School Program

As stated by Dr. Bryan Johnson – Superintendent of Hamilton County Schools –

*The Student Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline has been established to maintain a climate conducive to learning. The Hamilton County Board of Education supports measures that promote a safe, respectful environment where teachers can teach and students can learn.*

*Please read this code, discuss it with your child, sign the attached Parental/Student Notification Form, and return it to your child's school. Students in grades 6-12 are also asked to read the code and sign the attached form before returning it to your school.*

The COAB can be located on the HCDE website at the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L-V7nsTXFFpxkOVaE\\_kV1S6bwuvyjfJrqMx1H8kR6o/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L-V7nsTXFFpxkOVaE_kV1S6bwuvyjfJrqMx1H8kR6o/edit#)

Please assure that your student has returned the signed document to the main office; print another copy of the signature page from the link above if needed.

**In addition to the consequences outlined in the COAB, please note that students may not attend extracurricular activities while under suspension (this includes both ISS and OSS) or expulsion.**

### **EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY:**

All high school students will take final exams (some of these will be State-created EOC's) with one exception. Second semester seniors will be exempt from final exams if they meet all the following criteria:

1. A 75 or above average for the second semester.
2. No more than two days absent for the second semester.
3. Having no suspensions or adverse disciplinary issues.

Each class stands alone with reference to exemptions. Evening school counts against perfect attendance and exam exemptions.

### **GRADING POLICY**

Grades are used as a method of communicating academic progress to the parents from the student's teachers. Parents will receive a grade card every nine weeks informing them of the student's progress for that grading period.

All parents and students may log in to Power School to monitor grades, assignments and attendance. Anyone not having Internet access to Power School may request a printed copy of a student's progress from the Guidance Department. If the parents have questions or concerns as a result of these reports, **THEY ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THEIR CHILD'S TEACHER.**

### **GRADING SYSTEM** (subject to changes as made in Minimum Rules and Regulations).

In grades 1 – 12, numerical grades will be used to report student progress. The grading scale to be followed in awarding credit is as follows:

A	93 - 100
B	85-92
C	75-84
D	70-74
F	69 and below

### **CAFETERIA RULES**

Most students have been taught appropriate table manners at home. Therefore, we believe it is reasonable to expect the following minimum standards of behavior from them:

1. Students must remain seated.
2. No wandering (visiting) from table to table.
3. Absolutely no throwing food or objects.
4. No pounding, drumming or banging on tables.

5. Each group is responsible for leaving its area as clean as it found it.
6. Students are not to break line. If caught breaking lines the second time, disciplinary actions will take place.
7. Students are to speak in an appropriate voice level and not horseplay in the cafeteria.
8. High school students may go to the library or to the gym if they do not wish to eat lunch during their lunch period. Middle school students must remain in the cafeteria during their lunch period.
9. Food and drink outside of the cafeteria will only be permitted with prior administrative approval. Lunch dismissals are not allowed for purchasing outside lunch.
10. Students will not be allowed to charge any meal or extra items.

**Prices for Cafeteria Meals:**

<b>Students:</b>	<b>Full Pay:</b>	<b>Reduced:</b>
<b>Breakfast:</b>	\$2.00	\$0.30
<b>Lunch:</b>	\$3.00	\$0.40

<b>Adults:</b>	<b>HCDE Employee:</b>	<b>Visitor:</b>
<b>Breakfast:</b>	\$2.75	\$3.00
<b>Lunch:</b>	\$4.25	\$5.00

**Due to COVID-19, all students in HCS will receive breakfast and lunch free of charge until the end of December 2020.**

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Middle School – Beta Club, Archery, STING Team, Recycling Club, Robotics

High School – National Honors Society, Archery, Student Council, Prom Committee

**ATHLETIC TEAMS**

**Sports eligibility will be determined by the previous year’s grades. A student must have 5 credits per year to remain eligible as per TSSAA guidelines. Individual teams may require more stringent eligibility requirements.**

<b>High School:</b>	<b>Middle School:</b>
Football	Football
Basketball (boys and girls)	Basketball (boys and girls)
Volleyball	Volleyball
Baseball	Baseball
Wrestling (co-op)	Track (co-ed)
Softball	Cross Country (co-ed)
Tennis (boys and girls)	Softball
Cheerleading	Cheerleading
Soccer (co-ed)	Soccer (co-ed)
Track (co-op)	

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

### **FEES**

Lookout Valley HS/MS charges a nominal fee to cover costs not covered by the Hamilton County Department of Education. The fee for 2020-2021 will be \$20.00. This fee is used to provide additional postage, printed materials, workbooks, computer paper, etc.

### **LOCKERS**

Hall lockers are assigned by homeroom teachers. Damage or defacing will be handled as per #4 and #6 of Principal's Suspension Code. STATE LEGISLATION ENACTED IN 1981 MAKES SCHOOL LOCKERS AND OTHER SCHOOL STORAGE AREAS SUBJECT TO SEARCH BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES. *Lockers are not to be* rigged to open without the combination and should be kept locked. Combinations should not be given to anyone. Sharing of lockers is prohibited. Any problem with lockers or combinations should be reported to the homeroom teacher immediately. **Due to COVID-19 restrictions, students will not be assigned a locker while in Phase 2 or 3.**

### **LIBRARY**

The library resource center is open for use by students from 7:00 A.M. until dismissal time in the afternoon. Books are checked out for 2 weeks. Students are expected to return all materials, in good condition, on or before the due date. Fines are levied for overdue materials. These fines increase each additional school day the books are overdue. If a book is damaged or lost, the student is expected to pay the cost of repair or replacement. Encyclopedias and other reference books may be checked out overnight with special permission. They must be returned immediately the following school morning. Fines for late overnight materials increase daily. If a student brings an excused absence with late books, there will be no fine.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

If books, clothing, or other items are found, turn them in to the office. Check there first for lost articles and textbooks. After a reasonable amount of time, unclaimed articles will be disposed of or donated.

### **P.T.A.**

Parents and teachers meet periodically during the school year and all are urged to attend. Communication between home and school promotes better understanding.

### **SCHOOL YEARBOOK**

The yearbook is published in the spring. Orders are taken in the spring. Other information will be given as appropriate.

### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

423-825-7352	General Info	Extension 51502	Principal
		Extension 51503	Assistant Principal
423-821-7951	FAX	Extension 51501	Secretary
		Extension 51504	Attendance Clerk
		Extension 51505	Bookkeeper
		Extension 51524	Registrar, Guidance Office
		Extension 51525	HS School Counselor
		Extension 51526	MS School Counselor
423-825-7355	Cafeteria		

## **TEXTBOOKS**

Textbooks are furnished without charge. The teacher in each class will issue the necessary books to students. Each book will have an identifying number in the proper space. Students are responsible for taking care of the books and keeping them in their own locker. Books damaged beyond normal wear will be assessed for such damages. Lost books must be paid for before a replacement book can be issued. Refunds will be made for books found.

## **VISITORS**

We welcome parents and other visitors to our school. All visitors must have administrative approval before visiting classes or areas of the school. Visitors must check in the main office and receive a visitor's pass. Students may not bring relatives or friends to visit during the school day. **Due to COVID-19, we are limiting the number of visitors to the school; please contact the main office prior to arriving.**

## **NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO PRIVACY ACT**

This school will release directory information to such agencies as police, courts of law, educational institutions, and the various military branches. If you would like to exclude the release of this directory information for your son/daughter, or if you are 18 and in control of your records, please let the school know.

Directory information includes only name, address, and phone number. The release of any other information from a student's files must be with parental consent unless ordered by a court of law. (See form at back of book.)

## **INTERNET USE POLICY**

A signed parental permission slip must be on file each year for any student having Internet access. (See registration packet online.)

## **IMMUNIZATIONS (See registration packet online.)**

## **PROMOTION AND RETENTION GUIDELINES - MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

Promotion requires that a student pass math and English (or language arts if taught as a block of English and reading) and any two of the following academic classes: science, social studies, and reading (if taught as a separate subject from English). (Foreign language taught for a full year may also count as an academic class, but will not be taught in summer school. Language arts encompassing both English and reading shall count as two academic classes.)

1. Passing is based on the year's average.
2. A minimum score of 70 for the year's average in each academic subject must be obtained.
3. With one failing grade, a student may be promoted without summer school, unless that failure is in math or English (or language arts if blocked).
4. With two or three failing grades, a student may attend summer school with the principal's permission and upon satisfactory performance, be promoted. (English and reading taught separately may be remediated in one language arts block in summer school.)
5. With four or more failing grades, a student may not attend summer school and will be retained.
6. At the conclusion of summer school, a copy of summer school grades indicating satisfactory performance will be placed in the student's cumulative record as documentation for promotion.
7. Exceptions may be made for students who score at the 50th percentile or above in the failed curriculum area on the state mandated standardized achievement test.
8. The Light's Retention Scale may be administered as a guide in considering retention and/or promotion.
9. **THE PRINCIPAL HAS THE FINAL DECISION ON PROMOTION OR RETENTION.**



## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INCOMING NINTH GRADERS**

To meet the requirements for graduation in the Hamilton County School System, a student must:

- Earn a minimum of 22 units of credit for traditionally scheduled schools or 27 units of credit for the block scheduled schools.
- Have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct

A Diploma of Special Education will be awarded to the student who has satisfactorily completed an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) and who has a satisfactory record of attendance and conduct.

A student who *has not completed* the required work *shall not participate* in graduation exercises.

An exchange student who meets Hamilton County's graduation requirements may graduate and receive a high school diploma.

## **HIGH SCHOOL GRADE CLASSIFICATION**

Grade	Traditional Schedule
10	5 credits
11	11 credits
12	16 credits

**HAMILTON COUNTY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS  
Beginning with the CLASS OF 2021**

**"All students will pursue a focused program of study preparing them for postsecondary study. While all students may not enter postsecondary training immediately following high school, they must be prepared for lifelong learning."**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Course/Credit</u>
English	4
Math	4 (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and 1 Advanced Math,) Students must take math each school year.
Science	3 (Biology, Chemistry/Physics, and 1 other lab science)
Social Studies	3 (World History/World Geography/World Cultures/ World Studies/American History/American Studies, and American Government and Economics)
Wellness	1
PE	.5
Personal Finance	.5
Foreign Language	2 (same language)
Fine Arts	1
Capstone experience such as a senior project or service learning required.	
Elective Focus	3
<b>REQUIRED</b>	<b>22 CREDITS - TRADITIONAL 27 CREDITS - BLOCK</b>

## VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

The valedictorian must have the highest numerical average, rounded to the nearest hundredth. The salutatorian must have the second highest numerical average, rounded to the nearest hundredth. The valedictorian's and salutatorian's course selection for their four years of high school must include core courses from the highest level offered in English, mathematics, social studies, and science at each high school. The valedictorian and salutatorian must be enrolled in the school from which he/she graduates at the beginning of the junior year.

## REPEATING COURSES TO IMPROVE A GRADE

Students may repeat courses to improve their grade average, provided that this is not for Valedictorian determination. For determining valedictorian, only ninth grade students may repeat a course to improve their grade point average. The highest grade earned in a course, which has been repeated, will be used in determining a student's grade point average and class rank for all other purposes other than determining valedictorian. There is not a time limit on repeating courses for the single purpose of improving GPA.

## STUDENT HONORS

Recognizing academic excellence is a dynamic, ongoing process at Lookout Valley HS/MS. Students are recognized for their achievement in academics by honor rolls, star rolls, Superintendent's academic Letters, Beta Club and National Honor Society.

1. Students earning A's and B's and no U's in conduct will be named to the Honor Roll. This includes all grades.
2. Students earning all A's and no U's in conduct will be named to the Star Roll. This includes all grades.

### **National Honors Society:**

#### **Requirements for membership in the Joseph L. Bean Chapter of the National Honor Society**

Junior candidates must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25 earned beginning with the ninth grade thru the first semester of the junior year. Invited candidates must show good character, be respectful to superiors and peers, and abide by all school rules and standards. Prospective members may have no more than one suspension and no suspensions the semester prior to induction. Any instance of civil transgression may eliminate the candidate for consideration. Service requirements considered might include but not limited to church activities, scouts, volunteer work at hospitals, nursing homes, and shelters. Peer tutoring will also be included. Leadership involves taking an active role in school activities, providing a good role model for fellow students, and generally setting a standard for other students to emulate. Selection of prospective members will be conducted by a faculty committee of five high school teachers. The advisors will not be a part of this process.

### **Maintaining Membership:**

- **Scholarship:** To remain in good standing members must maintain a GPA of 3.25 minimum. If a member falls below this minimum level he/she will be placed on probation and have one semester to regain the minimum GPA. While on academic probation, the member will still be required to attend all NHS functions, meetings, and responsibilities. If the grade point average remains below the minimum, the student will relinquish the right to NHS recognition at award ceremonies and graduation.
- **Service:** Members must attend all meetings and or NHS functions. Chronic absenteeism will result in probation or dismissal. Members will be expected to perform 25 hours of service documented per school year.

- **Leadership:** Members will be encouraged to perform in leadership roles such as student government, teacher aides, and other school projects.
- **Character:** Members are to serve as good role models for other students. Members showing disrespect for staff or other students will be warned or placed on probation. Any out of school suspension or other conduct related to discipline that reflects upon the honor society is subject to dismissal by the faculty council.

### **Beta Club (Middle School):**

1. Must have a 3.4 GPA based on final average in core subjects only.
  - For seventh graders: Average based on 6<sup>th</sup> grade year and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 7<sup>th</sup> grade year
  - For eighth graders: Average based on 7<sup>th</sup> grade year and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 8<sup>th</sup> grade year
2. No F's in exploratory subjects 1 year prior to induction.
3. No suspensions in current year of induction.
4. Must have recommendation of core subject teachers.
5. Be a student at LVMHS for at least 2 quarters prior to the induction.

### **Class Officer Election Guidelines:**

All students must show a "C" average and must be on grade level having five credits for sophomore status, 11 credits for junior status, and 16 credits for senior status. The student must display good behavior and have good character. Candidates may have no more than one suspension during their high school years and must have been enrolled at LVHS the prior semester.

### **Mr. and Miss Lookout Valley:**

The senior class will nominate five boys and five girls for this honor. The final selection of Mr. and Miss Lookout Valley is by the vote of the entire high school student body. In order to qualify for court or attendants, students must meet the following criteria:

1. be enrolled at Lookout Valley during his/her entire junior and senior years
2. be in the upper 1/2 of the Senior Class
3. have all S's in conduct their senior year
4. have no more than one suspension, no Alternative Learning Day School, and no Alternative Learning Evening School
5. have no more than 5 unexcused absences per semester their senior year (school service is not included)
6. be recommended by the faculty
7. must be graduating with their freshmen cohort. The Lookout Valley High faculty will review recommendations and extenuating circumstances, and a final list will be presented to the seniors in voting.

### **Underclass Representatives qualifications for Mr. and Miss Lookout Valley Court:**

In order to qualify for the court, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. on grade level and on track for promotion
2. have all S's in conduct for current school year
3. have no more than one suspension, no alternative learning day school, and no alternative learning evening school
4. have no more than 5 unexcused absences per semester for current school year

### **Homecoming Representatives and Queen Candidates:**

1. The candidate/representative must be on grade level and on track for promotion.
2. The candidate/representative may not have been suspended more than one time from the ninth through the twelfth grade.
3. The candidate/representative may not have been expelled from the ninth through the twelfth grade.
4. The person elected Homecoming Queen is not eligible for election as Miss LVHS but is eligible to be on the Miss LVHS court. (This applies only to senior candidate)

### **Superlatives:**

Both senior and underclassmen must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher.

### **Lookout Valley Junior / Senior Prom:**

The junior class sponsors the prom for both the juniors and seniors. All outside dates must be approved by the administration (forms available in the main office). The prom is held for Lookout Valley juniors and seniors. However, juniors or seniors may invite one Lookout Valley underclassman (freshman or sophomore) as their date for the prom.

