

**OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL
CAMPUS POLICY
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FOREWORD

To Students:

This handbook has been prepared by the Administration of Oliver Wendell Holmes High School in cooperation with the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees of the Northside Independent School District. It is for your guidance in understanding some basic policies around which your school functions. Please read carefully and abide by these rules and regulations.

To Parents:

The home is the greatest influence on the child during the formative years; from these influences the child develops his/her first habits and obtains most of his/her ideals and attitudes. The influence of a good home environment cannot be duplicated within the classroom; therefore, it is imperative that the home and school work cooperatively for the maximum development of your child. Please make every effort to encourage your child to attend school regularly and punctually. Failures are often attributed to irregular attendance, while tardiness tends to develop the wrong habits and attitudes toward life and its responsibilities. The purpose of this handbook is to supply you and your child with information about Holmes High School. Frequent reference to this handbook will acquaint you with the functions of your school. Please feel free to confer with teachers and the administration when you deem it necessary. The cooperation of school patrons, based on the knowledge of the functions of the school, will result in a more efficient and successful school program.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, JR.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., son of Oliver Wendell Holmes, a noted poet, essayist, and physician, and Amelia Jackson, a daughter of a chief justice of the Massachusetts Judicial Court, was born on March 8, 1841. Educated at Harvard, Holmes was graduated and commissioned a lieutenant in the Twentieth Massachusetts Infantry in June, 1861. He was wounded three times in three famous battles of the Civil War: Ball's Bluff, Antietam, and Fredericksburg, and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. On leaving the army, Holmes entered the Harvard Law School and took his L.L.B. in 1866. In 1870, he became the editor of the American Law Journal. The following year, Harvard appointed him university lecturer on jurisprudence, and in 1882 he was awarded a professorship in the Harvard Law School. For twenty years, Holmes served on the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, and was chief justice the last three. In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Holmes an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Roosevelt had hoped to put Holmes' rather "liberal" mind to work for his administration. He was proven wrong in this as Holmes demonstrated his independence of mind in many dissenting minority opinions. This led to his title as "The Great Dissenter." Until his retirement in 1932, he continued to demonstrate his originality of thought, his legal scholarship, and his mastery of pungent style.

Philosophy of Oliver Wendell Holmes High School

Education, a lifelong process, is necessary in order for individuals to interact effectively within society. Students should recognize the need for continuing self-evaluation, self-instruction, and adaptation to changing environment. Furthermore, education requires the support of trained professionals who are committed to the process of education. Teachers and administrators execute strategic roles of integrating students and curriculum to produce effective instruction and learning. We are dedicated to providing educational experience which will...

1. Prepare students for further education and/or equip students with occupational skills prerequisite to entering and advancing in the economic system.
2. Prepare students for the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship which include respect for law and government, acceptance of the dignity and worth of the individual, devotion to honesty and integrity, promotion of the universal brotherhood of mankind, and recognition of the importance of human life.
3. Provide a rich and extensive educational opportunity to enable each individual to reach his/her maximum level of self-realization.
4. Stimulate intellectual curiosity, engender satisfaction in intellectual achievement, and cultivate the ability to think logically.
5. Continue to meet the changing needs of both the school and community.

Accordingly, Oliver Wendell Holmes High School provides a comprehensive educational program which meets the needs of all students in our community.

Mission of Oliver Wendell Holmes High School

Unite as a community to transform learning. All Huskies will believe, achieve, and succeed.

Oliver Wendell Holmes High School commits itself to its mission by...

- promoting high expectations for all staff members and students;
- providing each student the opportunity to make significant gains in educational skills commensurate with his/her abilities regardless of his/her educational level;
- establishing an atmosphere where students develop an appreciation of our national heritage as well as an understanding of their responsibilities and rights as a citizen;
- preparing students to adapt to on-going changes in our technological society; and
- guaranteeing a consistently high quality of education for which the school assumes accountability.

PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU:

Principal

The Principal is responsible to the Superintendent of Schools for proper administration of Oliver Wendell Holmes High School. It is the duty of the Principal to organize, supervise, and administer all of the affairs of the school as they affect students, teachers, and patrons.

Associate Principal

The Associate Principal works directly with the Principal in the administration and organization of the school. He/she is in charge of attendance and discipline problems, assists in the counseling program, and assumes the responsibilities of the Principal in their absence.

Academic Dean

The Academic Dean works directly with the Principal in the administration of the instructional program of the school. The academic dean works closely with the teachers and department coordinators to ensure student success.

Assistant Principals

The Assistant Principals work directly with the Associate Principal in the organization of the school administration. They assist in handling attendance and discipline problems. In the absence of the Principal and Associate Principal the Assistant Principals will assume the necessary responsibilities.

Counselors

The counselors are responsible for the guidance program of Oliver Wendell Holmes High School. Counselors assist students with educational, career, personal, and social development through group and individual counseling and classroom guidance.

Teachers

Your teachers are specialists in the fields in which they teach and are eager to help you get the most out of your classes. The teachers are charged with the responsibility of carrying out the rules and regulations of the Board of Education and any additional policies set up by the administration. Each teacher is assigned a planning/preparation period as part of his/her teaching assignment. This period is set aside to give the teacher opportunity for carrying out plans for both classroom work and individual guidance with students. Another purpose of this period is to provide a teacher with a scheduled time to confer with parents. To make an appointment to see a teacher, parents are requested to telephone the Counseling Secretary and make their request.

SCHOOL SERVICES

Guidance and Counseling

The Northside School Counseling Program delivers services to students, parents, and staff through the following components: Guidance Curriculum, Individual Planning, Responsive Services, and System Support. Their major responsibilities are as follows:

1. Helping students learn to make decisions and accepting responsibility for them.
2. Guiding students to set realistic educational and career goals.
3. Assisting students and teachers to understand each student's strengths and weaknesses by means of test interpretation and other data.
4. Encouraging students to broaden their experiences by involvement in activities in high school and in the community.

Career Center

The Career Center is available to assist students in learning more about themselves and the type of career they wish to pursue upon leaving high school. The Career Center offers many different types of occupational information designed to help student research the career fields of interest to them. The Career Center offers the following services to each student upon request:

1. Scholarship Information
2. Summer Programs.
3. College Preparation Information

Library

Each campus library supports the curriculum and provides a wide variety of materials suitable to the interest and abilities of students in their pursuit of knowledge and love of reading. Information literacy skills for life-long learning are taught, practiced, and applied. Home access to the online card catalog is available at <https://northsideisd.follettdestiny.com>. In order for each school to maintain a high-quality collection, students learn responsibility in caring for library materials. If library materials are lost or damaged the student is expected to pay for them. The Oliver Wendell Holmes library has a varied collection of books and other materials and is maintained so school life can be more meaningful, enjoyable, and valuable to each member of the student body. The library is to be used for research, reference, and reading. The following will serve as guides for the student's use of the library during the school day:

1. The library is open each school day at 8:10 a.m. and closes at 4:45 p.m.
2. Arrangements to use the library during a scheduled class period should be made with the subject teacher who will issue an individual pass. A student coming from class to do library work must present a pass signed by the subject teacher. No more than one person may be sent on one pass.
3. A student should not check out books for another student who does not have an ID card. The student signing for the book is responsible for returning it and paying any fees.
4. Books may be checked out for two weeks. Students may have three books checked out at one time.
5. When a student checks out a book, he/she is responsible for that book until his/her name has been cleared on the computer.
6. Lost or damaged books should be reported to the librarian promptly and arrangements for payment made. If a book which has been lost and paid for is found in good condition, the money will be refunded.
7. Overdue notices will be sent periodically. Students receiving notices are expected to come to the library to settle accounts as soon as possible.
8. Any student who persists in talking or creating a disturbance in any way will be asked to leave the library.
9. The Northside computers in the library are for student use. Usage is to be for research and educational purposes, as defined in the NISD Acceptable Use Policy. Misuse will result in loss of computer privileges.

ATTENDANCE

Texas State Law

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), a child is required to attend school each school day for the entire period the program of instruction is provided, to include students who are at least six years of age, or who have been previously enrolled in first grade, and who have not yet reached their 18th birthday. (See Section D for more detail)

Arrival at School

Once the students arrive on campus they are not to leave without checking with the attendance office. For permission to leave school refer to Section "D" of this handbook or the Readmission Procedure below.

Leaving School During the Day

Students who become ill during the school day must be excused by the Attendance Office, by way of the nurse/health clinic. A student who has a documented appointment with a health care professional during regular school hours will be considered present all day for every class if the student returns to school on the same day of the appointment. The parent/ guardian must present a picture ID and sign the student in/ out at the attendance office electronically.

Verification of Absences

When a student is unable to attend school, in order for an absence to be considered excused, the parent is requested to send a note upon return to school. The note should include student name, ID number, date of absence, parent signature, and a day phone number where the parent may be contacted for verification. In order for consideration to be given, the note should be specific regarding the absence.

Readmission Procedures Following Absences

1. On the day following an **all day absence** the student will report to the attendance office before 8:40 am., during lunch or after school and present a note signed by the parent/guardian stating the reason for and the date of the absence. The note will be kept in a file under the student's name and a student can request a receipt for his or her record. The attendance office will be charged with the duty of updating the student's attendance and each teacher's grade book to show the absence as excused or unexcused.
Examples of excused absences are: personal illness, family funerals (with proper documentation), medical appointments, court appointments with a subpoena, church/religious trips with documentation, and family emergencies with explanation.
Examples of unexcused absences are: truancies, car trouble/flat tire, missing the bus/ride, oversleeping, renewing a driver's license, caring for a sibling, heavy traffic, court appointments for traffic violations, family vacations, and notes without all pertinent information.
2. A student attending **only part of the school day** due to a medical appointment or family emergency, etc., needs to have a parent/guardian come into the attendance office with a **picture ID** to sign the student in/out for the day. If the student arrived after the school day starts, the parental/ medical etc. note will be replaced with an **admission slip**. If a student must leave before the end of the day, the parental note will be replaced with a dismissal slip. Upon their return to school, they must bring a parental/medical etc. note or the absence will remain unexcused (UA). **It is advised that students inform their teachers about any planned absences prior to the absence.**
4. **The Attendance Office will retain all notes and slips related to absences for their records.**
5. Student missing **fifteen minutes or more** of any class is considered absent for the period.

Absences and Grades

Students are encouraged to make up work from all absences, regardless of reason. Tests or work not made up could result in a reduced grade for that assignment or test. Unexcused absences and truancies may be made up, although the grade may be reduced. Truancies may void any opportunity for a waiver from the state attendance policy. If the absence is long term, parents are encouraged to request assignments through the Counseling Office.

Extended Absences

Parents are requested to contact campus administration if a student is expected to be absent for an extended period of time.

Waiver for Excessive Absences

There may be times when an extended absence qualifies for a medical waiver. A waiver begins with the guardian requesting to complete a Medical Waiver Request Form from the campus. Guardians must provide all medical documentation for absences during the time to be waived. The medical waiver will be sent to the District Waiver Committee to determine if the waiver is approved or denied. If the waiver is approved, then the attendance will be waived for credit purposes. For denied waivers, the student will be accountable for making up the hours through tutoring.

State Absence Policy

THE MINIMUM ATTENDANCE FOR CLASS CREDIT LAW (Texas Education Code 25.092) STATES THAT A STUDENT MAY NOT BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR A COURSE UNLESS THE STUDENT IS IN ATTENDANCE FOR AT LEAST 90% OF THE DAYS THE CLASS IS OFFERED. EXCEPTIONS PROVIDED IN SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY. (Please refer to Section "D" for a complete explanation of the law.)

Attendance Recovery

The Campus Attendance Committee has designated Attendance Recovery as a way to make up hours due to excessive absences. This will allow for students to remain eligible to receive credit for courses. Students may only recover hours by attending campus tutoring outside of their regular scheduled classes. Students will be denied attendance recovery if they have less than 75% attendance (seat time) per course they seek to recover.

Withdrawing from School

A guardian will report to the Attendance Office with their identification to begin the withdraw process for their student(s). A member of the Attendance Office will ensure that the student(s) are clear of all fines and fees and any other campus obligations before the withdraw can be completed. Failure to follow procedures will delay the student's transcript from being sent to other schools. Guardians will be asked to provide a forwarding address, current phone number, reason for withdraw, and information about where the student(s) will be attending school. As soon as the withdraw paperwork is complete, the student is withdrawn from campus and is no longer allowed to continue the day on campus. Please allow time in your schedule for this process to take place.

Tardies

(Tardies Are Not Permitted)

Students who arrive late to class will be counted tardy. Students who are excessively tardy to any class will be issued consequences as deemed necessary by administration for excessive tardiness. Students who feel they have a verifiable reason for a tardy must see an administrator. The halls and the campus will be monitored throughout the school day. All students not in their classroom or without a proper hall pass may be referred by the teacher to the office and disciplinary consequences could apply.

Early Release/Off Campus Students

Early release students must wait at the main entrance to the campus or at the benches near the "I" building to avoid being issued a tardy. Only a reasonable wait time will be allowed. Early release students should be off campus within the first 15 minutes of the period. Early release students that have not left the campus within the first 15 minutes could receive disciplinary consequences and/or additional classes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cellular Phones/Personal Electronic Devices

During the school day Personal Electronic Devices (PED's) must be turned off and not visible during instructional time unless your teacher has approved use for instructional purposes. Students who violate this policy may have their electronic device(s) confiscated and secured until a parent/legal guardian picks the item up. Additionally, students who repeatedly violate this policy may be subject to escalating consequences. Students should follow specific guidelines regarding Personal Electronic Devices in and Section D of the Student-Parent Handbook which includes the Acceptable Use of the Districts' Technology Resources.

Dress and Grooming

As you begin your back to school shopping, please assist us in creating a conducive learning environment where all students can be successful. We appreciate your support and understanding. Holmes High School will adhere to the NISD Dress Code Policy. Please refer to Section "D" in the Northside handbook found at NISD.net for the district policy concerning dress and grooming. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the principal or designee. Dress code infractions will result in administrative action.

Skateboards

Due to safety concerns skateboards are NOT allowed to be used on campus. Skateboards brought on campus must be turned into the AP office for storage during school hours.

Metal Detectors

The use of metal detectors will be used randomly throughout the school year. Their use will allow the random checks of students, staff, or visitors, and will be coordinated by NISD police and campus administration. This will also support the work of our police canine unit on campuses.

Corridor Passes

Students out of any class will be charged with the responsibility of having in his/her possession a corridor pass signed by a member of the faculty or staff. Time leaving the class will be noted on the pass.

Deliveries

Per NISD policy there will be no deliveries allowed of any kind. This includes food, flowers, balloons, gifts, etc..

Class Dismissal Bell

The dismissal bell in the classroom is not a signal for students to leave. It is a signal for the teacher to conclude that particular class. The teacher, not a bell, will dismiss the students from class.

BELL SCHEDULE

1ST Period	8:57 (2 minute warning bell) 9:00-9:48 48 minute class
WIN (In 2nd Period)	9:51 (2 minute warning bell) 9:53-10:14 30 minute advisory
2nd Period	10:14-11:02 49 minute class
3rd Period	11:15 (2 minute warning bell) 11:07-11:55 48 minute class
4th Period (Lunch)	12:08 (2 minute warning bell) 12:00-12:48 48 minute class
5th Period	1:01 (2 minute warning bell) 12:53-1:41 48 minute class
6th Period (Lunch)	1:54 (2 minute warning bell) 1:46-2:34 48 minute class
7th Period	2:47 (2 minute warning bell) 2:39-3:27 48 minute class
8th Period	3:40 (2 minute warning bell) 3:32-4:20 48 minute class

Elections

Students are encouraged to run for leadership positions on the campus. Each organization adopts rules and guidelines for their elections to ensure fairness. Please see the club/organization sponsor(s) for election details and requirements for holding an office.

Finals

Finals will be during the last 5 days of the semester. NO finals will be given early. Make arrangements to be present for these days. In event of an emergency, the fall finals can be taken at the beginning of the spring semester, and spring finals may be taken during the summer with the Academic Dean's approval.

Exam Exemptions

All students will take semester exams at the end of each semester of a course. Second semester exemptions, when appropriate, will be determined by the following guidelines. Below is the policy for spring semester exam exemptions for students 9th – 12th grade:

1. The student must have 3 or fewer absences for the second semester excluding school business absences in the exempted course.
2. The student's final average for the spring semester is 80 or higher.
3. The student's conduct grade in that class is "S" or better.
4. The student must attend during the schedule exam time.

Financial Obligations

Debts and obligations could occur from clubs, class, or organization dues; spirit, fine arts, and athletic organization supplies and activities; uniforms; textbooks; fundraising events; restitution charges; calculators; library books; and any other financial debt or obligation from school owned items checked out to the student.

Senior Financial Obligations

In order for a senior to participate in senior related activities, including but not limited to prom, announcement distribution, cap and gown distribution, and graduation, the student must be in good standing financially with the campus and the school district. Seniors must clear all debts and obligations prior to these events. Any student not being in good financial standing will result in a student's diploma being withheld.

Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Financial Obligations

In order for a student to participate in Prep-Day activities, students must be cleared of all financial obligations from the previous year(s).

Fire Evacuation Bell System

Fire Alarm — Move out of the building quickly and quietly.

Administrator Guided— Move back into the building

Students will leave the building in the manner prescribed for each classroom; these procedures will be posted on the wall by the exit in each classroom. Students are to move in an orderly and quick manner, refrain from talking, and walk independently of others during the drills.

Graduation

The graduation ceremony is a school function, and being such is part of the school year. The school year for a senior ends with the completion of the graduation ceremony. Therefore, a graduating senior who violates the Student Code of Conduct, and as a result is assigned to an alternative placement for a period of time that extends through the date of graduation, may not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Graduation is a formal and dignified ceremony. Students should dress as if they are preparing to interview for an important job. Students are expected to observe proper etiquette during the entire graduation ceremony. While they are on the stage and receiving diplomas, students must keep their hands at their sides at all times. The only time hands may be lifted is when students are receiving diplomas from school board members and shaking hands with the superintendent. Students that raise their hands above their waists for any reasons other than receiving the diplomas or shaking hands will be removed from the graduation ceremony. Students demonstrating any other behaviors that serve to lessen the dignity of the event may be removed from the graduation ceremony. All students are expected to demonstrate a high degree of maturity and behave appropriately. Don't cause embarrassment to yourselves, your parents, and your fellow classmates by being removed from this very special event.

I.D. Cards

Upon enrollment, all students will be issued a student identification card by Administration. Students are to wear their school I.D. card while on campus at all times. I.D. 's are to be visible and on their person. The first card is issued free of charge. Lost or stolen cards will be replaced for a \$5.00 fee. A student must present his/her I.D. card to any staff member upon request.

Lost and Found

If anything of value is found on the grounds or in the building, please turn it in to the Assistant Principal's Office, which will attempt to find the rightful owner. If you have lost anything, check in the Assistant Principal's Office.

Lunch

There will be three (3) lunch periods. Students must remain in the cafeteria and courtyard area. Students are expected to properly dispose of trash and disposable items.. Lunch periods are on the closed campus concept. Only seniors and juniors who meet specific criteria may leave campus for lunch. (See Off Campus lunch policies.)

Medical Emergencies

Students must report to the CLINIC if they become ill or are hurt in any way during the school day. STUDENTS ARE NOT TO LEAVE SCHOOL, WITH OR WITHOUT A PARENT/GUARDIAN, UNLESS THEY HAVE SIGNED OUT THROUGH THE CLINIC. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to provide the school with an emergency phone number so that parents may be notified immediately should such a need arise.

Leaving Campus Without Permission

If your child leaves campus without permission, he/she is not allowed to return to the campus to ride the bus

Parking Cars on Campus

Students in the 11th and 12th grade with a valid driver's license, proof of automobile insurance, no outstanding fines or fees and \$20 (CASH) are permitted to apply for an on campus parking permit. Approved students shall ONLY park in their assigned parking space located in the Student designated lot adjacent to the football field. All vehicles must have a current school parking decal affixed to the vehicle. The decal must be visible and located in the lower left corner of the windshield on the driver's side of the vehicle. Parking privileges may be revoked for violation of the parking policies/terms of Holmes/NSITE High School. ALL vehicles parked on NISD property are subject to inspection from the K-9 units.

** Decals are non transferable.**

Parking and Traffic Regulations

I. Responsibilities

- A. All students, faculty and staff members who park their vehicles on the campus must secure and display a parking permit.
- B. Strict adherence to rules pertaining to speed and parking will be required to protect pedestrians and vehicles and to provide access to firefighting equipment and ambulances.
- C. Texas laws governing motor vehicle operation are effective on all campus locations.
- D. Cars parked illegally or without permits may be towed at the owner's expense or be ticketed.
- E. Students with on-campus parking privileges may not transport students who do not have off-campus privileges. Disciplinary action may be taken, to include but not limited to, loss of parking privileges.
- F. CARS PARKED ALONG THE RED FIRE LANE MAY BE TICKETED BY THE NISD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND/OR TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.

II. Parking Regulations

- A. Cars must be parked within the stripes on paved surfaces.
- B. Drivers will refrain from parking in places that may obstruct traffic. It is a violation of these regulations to park in the following manner and may result in a citation and/or being towed at the owners expense:
 - 1. on any curb, sidewalk or island;
 - 2. by a red curb;
 - 3. in front of a fire hydrant;
 - 4. in any place designated as a loading zone or marked "no parking";
 - 5. in front of a movable barrier;
 - 6. in any driveway, entrance, or exit;
 - 7. double parking;
 - 8. parking without a permit fixed to the windshield;
 - 9. parking in two spaces;
 - 10. parking in reserved areas (visitor, **faculty**, etc.);
 - 11. parking on lawn areas;
 - 12. Cars parked illegally or without permits may be towed at the owner's expense.

III. Traffic Procedures

- A. When dropping off or picking up your student (s) in the front circle before 9:00 AM or after 4:20 PM please use the lane closest to the interior of the campus or the visitor parking area adjacent to the Administrative "I" building.
- B. For the safety of all if your student(s) is not picked up in a timely manner after the 4:20PM bell you will be asked to move to a parking lot in order to avoid traffic congestion.
- C. Please do not block fire lanes. Violators may be towed or cited.

Posters and Signs

All posters and signs:

- 1. Must be approved by the Associate Principal before the sign is posted.
- 2. Posters/Signs must be posted in approved designated areas only.
- 3. Students and clubs displaying posters are expected to remove them within one day after the event.

School Events

School events may be held by a financially solvent school organization of Holmes High School. The sponsoring organization must abide by the following regulations:

- 1. Decorate the area after school on the day of the activity.
- 2. Pay for custodial and any damages incurred during the activity.
- 3. Be responsible for all conduct and decorum of everyone who attends the party or dance.
- 4. If a contract for a band, an entertainer, or any other service is entered into, the contract must be approved by the Principal or the Associate Principal.
- 5. Any student organization that enters into a contract must show how they expect to pay for the services for which they intend to contract.
- 6. Adequate security must be arranged and paid for by the sponsoring organization.
- 7. Sponsors of the event must stay until all students are picked up from campus.

School Pride

Students at Holmes High School have the privilege of attending one of the most beautiful schools in the country. Please take pride in the school and campus. Let's keep the school clean.

School Sponsored Events

Holmes High School students, while on the school campus or attending a school sponsored event, will abide by the laws of the Federal Government and the State of Texas as well as the policies and regulations of Holmes High School and the Northside Independent School District. Rules to be observed during the activity will include:

- 1. Once a student has arrived at the event he or she is NOT to leave the activity until ready to depart for the remainder of the evening.
- 2. Planned events are to be for the use and enjoyment of Holmes High School students ONLY, unless requested and subsequently authorized by an administrator to include guests.
 - a. Guests, where permitted, will be invited by special invitation, and they will be required to abide by all school rules and regulations.
 - b. The student asking to bring a guest will be responsible for the dress, conduct, and behavior of such guest.
 - c. Applications for guest permits will be issued and approved by an administrator.
- 3. Each organization which chooses to sponsor an event will obtain its own Faculty Sponsors. These names must be reported on the event form.
- 4. If admission to the event is charged, the price must also be approved.
- 5. If refreshments are to be served, this will also need prior approval from the Principal or Associate Principal and be stated on the Facilities Request Form.
- 6. If a band or floor show is to be presented, the format or program must be approved by the sponsor and the Principal or Associate Principal.
- 7. Adequate security must be arranged and paid for by the sponsoring organization

School-Sponsored Clubs and Organizations

Holmes High School has a large number of academic, service, and social organizations which enhance the school program, develop school spirit, and, in general, offer a diversity of opportunity for self-expression and development. All information concerning school activities and organizations may be obtained from the sponsor of the organization. Every student is strongly encouraged to take part in at least one of the clubs/organizations sponsored by the school.

Requirements for Students Holding Offices and Positions of Honor

In order to obtain the best possible student leadership, and to prevent interference with scholastic achievement, all students must have the approval of the faculty/administration before consideration by the students for election or appointment to a student office.

The areas suggested to the teachers for consideration and approval are:

1. SCHOLARSHIP
2. CITIZENSHIP
3. DEPENDABILITY
4. COOPERATION
5. CONDUCT

Causes for Dismissal / Disqualification of Students Holding Offices and Positions of Honor

Class officers, club officers and organization officers may be disqualified from seeking or removed from holding office for the following reasons:

1. Failure to comply with rules and regulations of the school.
2. Lack of interest in fulfilling duties of the office.
3. Lack of cooperation with sponsors.
4. Lack of grade average required by the organization.

Removal from office may be subject to administrative review.

Off-Campus Lunch (Junior/Senior)

Seniors/Juniors of Holmes High School participating in off campus lunch may be released for off campus lunch privileges if they meet and maintain the following criteria each grading period:

1. Students must maintain good academic standing, have acceptable attendance and tardies be clear of all fines and fees and comply with the policies laid out in the Holmes High School handbook at all times.
2. Status of students will be checked each grading period.
3. All students, regardless of age, must have a signed parent/guardian permission form on file.
4. Students who come back late from lunch will lose off campus privileges.
5. Students must be classified as a senior/junior. Mid-term seniors/juniors may be eligible for consideration for off campus lunch privileges in January.
6. All students must have a current sticker for that grading period placed on the back of their ID card and must present it to school personnel in order to leave campus.
7. Students without an off-campus lunch sticker may not leave campus or be transported off campus. Drivers are responsible for knowing the status of any passengers regarding off campus lunch privileges. Drivers will lose off campus lunch privileges if this rule is violated.
8. Students may not visit any other campus. Students caught on another campus, without prior school permission will have off campus lunch privileges revoked.
9. Parents may revoke their child's privileges at any time.

Seniors/Juniors may lose their off-campus lunch privileges for any violation of the above rules and may be subject to further disciplinary actions determined by campus administration.

Sitting on Ledges

Under no circumstances will any student be allowed to sit on the outer ledge of the outside corridor of any building. Some of the ledges are as high as 35 feet from ground level and an accident could bring about permanent injury or death.

Social Behavior

Public display of affection is not condoned in the school environment. Lack of cooperation regarding this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Students Selected for Popularity Courts

Students are elected to courts in conjunction with various events held on the high school campus. Examples include but are not limited to homecoming court, dance and ball courts, and prom court. It is the position of the district that these selections are based on popularity. However, if these court representatives are involved in activities that are extracurricular, or if the activity is held in conjunction with another activity that is considered extracurricular (i.e. Homecoming Court), then the students must meet all eligibility rules relating to extracurricular activities. Student participation in courts that are not considered extracurricular (i.e. dances, ball courts, prom court) must follow the guidelines as specified by the activity sponsor, or the campus principal. Student's participation on any popularity court will ultimately be at the discretion of the campus principal.

Visitors

All Parents and Visitors are required to register with the front office secretary located in the administrative ("1") building immediately upon arrive on campus and indicate the reason for visiting the campus. They are also required to sign-out prior to leaving the campus. Upon sign-in, all parents and visitors must show a valid ID and receive a Visitor's Pass. All visitor passes must be visible while on the Holmes campus.