



**2023 ~ 2024
NEWCOMERS GUIDE**

WELCOME FROM THE PTO

A BIG Welcome to all families new to the district with students in 5th through 8th grades! We are delighted you are here, and we hope to make your transition to your new school as smooth as possible.

Our New Student Guide addresses the most common questions raised by those who are newly enrolled. Please take time to read this general overview of McCulloch Intermediate School (MIS) and Highland Park Middle School (HPMS). For additional information, please refer to the following helpful websites:

- **MIS & HPMS**

School Website: mishpms.hpisd.org

The PTO website is located under the MIS and HPMS tabs, and is password-protected:

username: hpparent password: plaid

- **HPISD**

Website: www.hpisd.org

We look forward to meeting you soon and encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns...we are happy to assist you!

Sincerely,

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SCHOOL COLORS: RED and GOLD ~ MASCOT: RAIDERS

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ENROLLMENT, SCHOOL POLICY and PROCEDURES

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Please contact Brenda Herrera, MIS and HPMS Registrar, to enroll in school. Contact information HerrerBr@hpsid.org or 214-780-3640.

Documentation required for enrollment includes:

- Proof of Residence in HPISD (three documents):
 1. Copy of a settlement statement /deed of trust or warranty deed/ or current lease of reasonable duration; and
 2. Current electric or water utility bill at the same address; and
 3. Copy of parent or legal guardian's driver's license or Texas ID card at the same address
- Copy of student's Social Security Card
- Copy of student's Birth Certificate
- Copy of student's Immunization Records
- Final report card from current school/or withdrawal form with grades

ADDRESS CHANGE

If you have an address change, you must complete a Change of Address form found on the school's [Counseling](#) tab (mishpms.hpsid.org / Departments / Counseling) and submit three documents to the MIS/HPMS Registrar or Assistant Registrar.

1. Copy of a settlement statement /deed of trust or warranty deed/ or current lease of reasonable duration; and
2. Current electric or water utility bill at the same address; and
3. Copy of parent or legal guardian's driver's license or Texas ID card at the same address

BACK TO SCHOOL SIGN-UP (BSSU)

During the summer, you will receive a letter from the district explaining how to participate in Back to School Sign-Up (BSSU). This does NOT enroll your student in school—please contact the Registrar first to enroll your student. During BSSU, you will pay for the enrichment fee, technology management fee as well as have the opportunity to order school supplies (“wrap packs”), DirectorySpot app, yearbooks, t-shirts, etc. Payment online is by credit card or ACH payment only. You may pay by cash or money order at the HPISD Administration Building at 7015 Westchester Drive.

RECORD REQUESTS

To request records, please complete the [Records Request Form](#) located on the Counseling webpage. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Herrera, Registrar, at (214) 780-3640 or HerrerBr@hpsid.org.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

To submit a withdrawal for your student, please complete the [Intent to Withdraw Form](#) located on the Counseling webpage. Return the completed form to HerrerBr@hpsid.org. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Herrera, Registrar, at (214) 780-3640 or HerrerBr@hpsid.org.

MIS MORNING PROCEDURE

MIS 5th grade and 6th grade students arrive prior to the first bell at 8:05am.

- 5th grade assembles in the cafeteria
- 6th grade assembles in the auditorium

At 8:05am both grades are released to classrooms. An 8:15am bell begins the classes each day.

HPMS MORNING PROCEDURE

HPMS 7th grade and 8th grade students arrive prior to the first bell at 7:50am. All HPMS students can go to the cafeteria or tutorials in the morning depending on their athletics schedule.

MEET THE TEACHER – 5th and 6th Grade Only

5th Grade: Meet the Teacher – Friday, August 11, 1:00 - 2:30pm

6th Grade: Meet the Teacher – Friday, August 11, 3:00 - 4:30pm

All students and parents are welcome.

RAIDER CAMP – 7th and 8th Grade Only

7th Grade & 8th Grade Raider Camp (9:00am – 1:00pm by alpha):

9am – 7th grade last name A-L

10am – 7th grade last name M-Z

11am – 8th grade last name A-L

12pm – 8th grade last name M-Z

- Students will be assigned a Chromebook
- Take Picture for Student ID
- Walk class schedule and meet their teachers
- Parents may drop off their child for this student-only event

HOUSES

Each grade is divided into “houses” of students who share core subject teachers in math, science, social studies, and language arts. In 5th grade, students change classrooms as a class unit, staying together all day. In 6th, 7th and 8th grades, students rotate individually to each of their core classes and electives.

CURRICULUM AND SCHEDULES OVERVIEW

5th and 6th Graders have four 60-minute periods for core academic classes of Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies, and two periods for specials classes of PE, Spanish, and Fine Arts. In addition, 5th and 6th graders are assigned an Advisory that meets during the day for team building and study skills.

7th and 8th Graders have eight class periods including Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, three electives and an advisory period. 7th graders are required to take P.E. as one elective.

RAIDER HOUR (HPMS ONLY)

The time is built around an intervention (“Prep Time”) / activity schedule that allows teachers time during the school day to work with students on skills they’re missing. Below is an FAQ section that may help you understand more about the Raider Hour program.

Click [here](#) for more information and the schedule below for how each grade level is scheduled:

8th Grade Lunch (7th grade activity/intervention)

11:48-12:18

7th Grade Lunch (8th grade activity/intervention)

12:18-12:48

CALENDARS

- There are multiple academic and school calendars available on the school’s website.
- The school year calendar is located on the [Counseling](#) tab (mishpms.hpisd.org / Departments / Counseling)
- The school specific activity calendar is located on the [MIS](#) or [HPMS](#) tab (mishpms.hpisd.org / MIS / MIS Activity Calendar or / HPMS / HPMS Activity Calendar)

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Curriculum Night is held early in the fall for all parents (no students). Parents will meet the teachers and hear about expectations for the school year. Specific schedules for each grade level will be sent via a “News to Know” email to parents.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Individual parent conferences are scheduled as needed and are held with the student’s team of teachers to provide a whole-child perspective.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students in all grades are able to purchase the school supplies requested by their teachers during BSSU. For MIS students (grades 5/6), the supplies will be delivered in bulk to your child’s House. For HPMS students (grades 7/8), the supplies are bundled into “wrap packs” and will be available for pick up during Raider Camp. If you do not purchase your supplies/wrap packs online, you may purchase any available supplies/wrap packs at Raider Camp or Meet the Teacher on August 15th or on the first day of school in the Raider Shop.

CAFETERIA

Our school cafeteria offers a variety of food choices. Menus and price lists are available online. Most students spend about \$8-\$10 per day on lunch. Students may also bring all or part of their lunch from home. The Skyward deposit system allows you to create a lunch account for your child. You may add money into your child’s lunch account online using a credit card or you may deliver cash to the Cafeteria in the morning.

We have four lunch periods:

5th grade lunch is from 10:40-11:10am. All 5th grade students sit together by advisory class.

6th grade lunch is 11:15-11:45 am. All 6th grade students sit together by houses.
7th grade lunch is 12:18-12:48pm.
8th grade lunch is 11:48-12:18pm.

In order to best ensure the safety and security of our students, we do not allow the delivery of lunches from fast food and outside restaurants to students. Parents are welcome to come to school to eat lunch with their student(s), but outside food may not be brought into the Cafeteria.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Website: The school's website, mishpms.hpisd.org, provides a host of information including school calendars, e-mail addresses for all teachers, information about the cafeteria, library, counseling offices, and PTO information ([PTO website](#) username is "hpparent" and password is "plaid").

Email Groups: During BSSU, parents may opt to participate in the school's email groups. It is important that parents sign up for all applicable email groups during BSSU. The school relies on email communication to notify parents of important events and information. The *Raider Weekly*, the MIS and HPMS weekly newsletter, is emailed every week to all 5th through 8th grade parents.

SKYWARD

The Online Grade Book records individual student grades, and can be accessed by logging on to the Skyward system. Directions for logging in to the Skyward system will be sent via email just after school starts.

RAIDER DIRECTORY APP

The MIS/HPMS Raider DirectorySpot App is available for online purchase during BSSU. Student information for the directory app is submitted during BSSU. In addition to family contact information, the directory app contains a school calendar and faculty directory. Access to this directory app does not include the right to use the information for solicitation purposes or political campaigning purposes. **See Page 20 for purchase, download and access instructions.**

RAIDER SHOP

Students may purchase necessary supplies and school spirit items before school and during lunch at the PTO Raider Shop, which is stocked with items requested by both teachers and students. The Raider Shop is located at the red and yellow awning in the Cafeteria.

SECURITY and VISITORS

All visitors must enter the building at the front entrance of the school or through the back entrance by the cafeteria. Visitors must provide a driver's license that is scanned by our security system. Visitors are provided a name tag to be worn throughout their visit. Students are not permitted to bring visitors to their classes.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES and HONORS

5th GRADE ELECTIVE ROTATION

All 5th graders participate in a rotation of fine arts classes, including general music, theater, and art. 5th grade fine arts offerings prepare students for elective choices students can continue in 6th grade, middle school, and high school. These classes meet daily. In addition, 5th graders participate in a second weekly specials rotation of 3 days of PE and 2 days of Spanish.

ART, BAND, CHOIR, ORCHESTRA, and DRAMA

Fine arts and performing arts are available as an elective to all students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Concerts and competitions are held for band, choir, and orchestra. Three drama productions are staged each year—fall, winter and spring. Tryouts are held before each production and many opportunities exist for new students to be involved. These co-curricular activities fall under the UIL governance rules for eligibility.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

5th and 6th grades: PE class is required for all 5th and 6th graders. Dress is regular school clothes and tennis shoes.

7th grade: Required daily participation. Dress is t-shirt, gym shorts, socks, and tennis shoes.

8th grade: Offered as a daily elective. Dress is t-shirt, gym shorts, socks, and tennis shoes. 7th and 8th graders will be assigned lockers so they can change clothes for PE.

ATHLETICS

Several interscholastic team sports are available at school as an elective for girls and boys in 7th and 8th grades. 7th grade practices are before school and during 1st period. 8th grade practices are 8th period and after school. All athletes are subject to UIL rules of competition and eligibility. There is a required dress code for students participating in athletics. Girls participating in athletics are required to wear a white shirt and black shorts. Boys participating in athletics are required to wear gray shirts and grey shorts. For cooler weather, a neutral colored (black, white, gray or navy) jacket or sweatshirt can be worn. The district requirements for participation in sports can be found [here](#).

Find more information in the links below:

[7th Grade Boys Sports](#) (mishpms.hpisd.org website / PTO section / MIS/HPMS Committees / 7th Grade Boys Sports)

[7th Grade Girls Sports](#) (mishpms.hpisd.org website / PTO section / MIS/HPMS Committees / 7th Grade Girls Sports)

[8th Grade Boys Sports](#) (mishpms.hpisd.org website / PTO section / MIS/HPMS Committees / 8th Grade Boys Sports)

[8th Grade Girls Sports](#) (mishpms.hpisd.org website / PTO section / MIS/HPMS Committees / 8th Grade Girls Sports)

STUDENT NEWSPAPER

The *Granada Gazette* is the student magazine distributed throughout the year. It is produced by HPMS students who enroll in the Newspaper class as an elective.

STUDENT YEARBOOK

The *Legend* is the school yearbook for McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School. The *Legend* is created by HPMS students who enroll in the Yearbook class as an elective. Parents may order the *Legend* during BSSU, and copies are distributed at the end of the school year.

CHEERLEADING

Every 8th grade girl who wishes to be a cheerleader may participate on a cheerleading squad—there are no tryouts. Cheerleading squads take turns cheering at all home football, basketball, and volleyball games. There will also be school pep rallies. There is a fee for summer camp and uniforms. Sign-up is in the spring for the following year, and new students may sign-up in the fall by contacting the cheerleading sponsor.

ACADEMIC UIL COMPETITION

Every spring, MIS and HPMS students participate in the regional Academic UIL Competition for DFW area school districts. Teachers recommend students to represent the school in each category, including Chess, Impromptu Speaking, Mathematics, Music Memory, Spelling, and many others. Many students volunteer to participate and three students per grade level are selected to compete in each event. More information is listed on the [Academic UIL](http://mishpms.hpsd.org) section of the school's website (mishpms.hpsd.org / MIS / MIS Student Resources or / HPMS / HPMS Student Resources).

SPELLING BEE

All students participate in a Spelling Bee in their classrooms. Winners continue to a school-wide competition with the possibility of advancing to the state and national levels.

MATH TEAM

Meetings are held before school once a week beginning in October through April, and the top students travel to contests locally and at the state level. Interested students sign up with their math teacher.

RESPECTFUL RAIDERS

Recognition of student leadership is important at MIS and HPMS. Students are selected once a semester for Respectful Raiders by their teachers. These representatives exhibit qualities and characteristics associated with being a good citizen and displaying leadership qualities at school. The students' pictures will appear in the *Raider Weekly*. Each student will also be recognized during the school announcements and in the district newsletter.

SERVICE LEADERSHIP CLUB

5th and 6th grade students have the opportunity to participate in leadership projects and community service benefiting the school and community. For more information, contact your student's advisory teacher.

7th and 8th GRADE PARTIES

These two events are sponsored and organized by the PTO to provide a fun event for the students. Only HPMS 7th graders may attend the 7th grade event, and only HPMS 8th graders may attend the 8th grade event. Parent volunteers and teachers chaperone both events. Students may register to attend the parties during BSSU. Payment may also be made at the door if the student shows his or her student ID. Typically, the 7th grade party is held in September and the 8th grade party is held in May.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in the HPMS 8th Grade Ambassador program if identified by their teachers and counselors as a student who has strong leadership abilities, is well-respected by teachers and peers, and is inclusive and kind. Students are selected by teachers and counselors in the spring of their 7th grade year.

D.A.R.E. (DRUG ASSISTANCE RESISTANCE EDUCATION)

A member of the UP Police Department is assigned to our school and teaches the Drug Assistance Resistance Education program. This officer also works with the school staff on crisis prevention. Regularly scheduled D.A.R.E. classes are taught in the 6th grade.

PARENT and COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PTO

Membership in the PTO is available during BSSU. Dues support many activities and events that would not otherwise receive funding, including Coffee Talks, Faculty Appreciation, and Spirit Day.

The PTO also schedules the volunteers needed throughout the year for the Raider Cafe, Raider Shop, Library Media Center, and Teacher Workroom. To access the PTO pages from the school website, enter username "hparent" and password "plaid".

Parents are encouraged to attend the PTO meetings, where a guest speaker will present information pertinent to our schools. All PTO meetings take place in the 7/8 Assembly Room at 12:00pm, lunch provided at 11:45am.

The following are the PTO meetings and speakers for the 2023-2024 school year:

- September 12, 2023: MIS & HPMS Principals Dr. Skip Moran and Dr. Kevin Hunt
- November 14, 2023: HPISD Chief Rowden and MIS/HPMS Counselor Panel
- January 9, 2024: HPISD Superintendent Dr. Rockwood
- February 6, 2024: and HPISD Director of Accountability and Assessment
- April 16, 2024: MIS/HPMS Raider Student Panel

DADS CLUB

The Dads Club has three main goals. (1) Connect dads with the school and its staff. (2) Connect dads with other MIS/HPMS dads via social events. (3) Support the school, staff and community through volunteer opportunities and fundraising. Dads have an opportunity to serve in the cafeteria once a month, host staff appreciation events, organize social events, and serve in leadership roles within the organization. It's all good fun, and it's all for the kids! Find out more at www.raidersdadsclub.com.

CAFETERIA

Our cafeteria volunteers provide 300 volunteer-hours per week, allowing the cafeteria to operate with very little overhead. Parents of all grade levels are encouraged to volunteer in the schools' cafeteria, serving one shift per month. The shifts are from 10:40 am to 1:00pm and are followed by a complimentary lunch with fellow volunteers. Proceeds from the cafeteria are returned directly to MIS and HPMS for critical funding of classroom instructional materials. Please sign up to volunteer at <https://mishpms.hpisd.org> under the volunteer opportunities tab

RAIDER SHOP

Volunteer parents staff the Raider Shop, which is located at the back of the cafeteria. The Raider Shop sells Raider spirit wear and school supplies. Daily hours of operation are: 7:45am - 8:30am and 10:30am - 1:00pm. The PTO runs the Raider Shop, and all proceeds are returned directly to MIS and HPMS. Sign up to volunteer at <https://mishpms.hpisd.org>.

LIBRARY

Volunteer opportunities are available for parents to assist students with checking out books and working on computers. Shifts are two hours long, Monday through Friday. The Library also holds a Book Fairs that allow students and parents to purchase books and other materials with profits benefiting the Library. Sign up to volunteer at <https://mishpms.hpisd.org>.

TEACHER WORKROOM

Volunteer opportunities are available for parents to assist in the teacher workroom. Volunteers help with making copies and other needs as indicated by the teachers. Sign up to volunteer at <https://mishpms.hpisd.org>.

ROOM PARENTS

In 5th and 6th grades, each advisory class has (2) Room Parents who help organize class parties, field trips, etc. Interested parents may sign up for Room Parent at the beginning of the school year during BSSU. Room Parents who are selected will be notified around the start of school.

SAFETY VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are needed to help ensure that all of our students come and go safely to school each day. Volunteers and crossing guards keep our students safe at the numerous crosswalks and queue lanes surrounding the school. Shifts are available 7:45 – 8:15am and 3:15 – 3:45pm the first two weeks of school. Sign up by emailing safety@mishpmspto.org

SOUNDING BOARD

Designated parent representatives meet four times a year with the principal to provide feedback regarding current school activities and issues. You may contact any representative listed on the PTO website to express your concerns or provide input. MIS and HPMS have a joint Sounding Board.

FAMILY and COMMUNITY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

RAIDER CHALLENGE

Raider Challenge is an opportunity for parents to give to MIS/HPMS to help fund the ongoing needs at the school that aren't met due to shortfalls in public school funding. Our goal for the 2023-2024 school year is to raise \$750 or more per student. ***All donations given through Raider Challenge benefit MIS/HPMS and HPISD.*** Donations can be made online during back to school sign up or anytime at www.raiderchallenge.com.

BUY A BRICK OR STONE

Families are invited to purchase a brick paver or a stone to honor a student, celebrate a graduate, or recognize a teacher. Bricks and stones are available for purchase during BSSU or by emailing the PTO Bricks & Stones Chair at bricks@mishpmspta.org. Engraved bricks and stones are visible on several walkways and in the courtyard areas of our campus, allowing your student to leave their mark on the school for years to come. Proceeds from brick and stone sales are returned directly to MIS and HPMS to meet the needs of students and faculty.

MAD FOR PLAID

Mad for Plaid is the Annual Campaign benefiting all of HPISD. Your Mad for Plaid donation impacts every student in HPISD through a large contribution to teacher salaries K-12. Mad for Plaid letters are mailed in October and the campaign wraps up December 31st. For more information, please go to www.madforplaid.org.

HPISD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PARENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Parent Education Committee is a district-wide organization that presents several speakers each year addressing topics of importance for HPISD parents. For more information, go visit the [Parent Education Committee](#) website (www.hpisd.org / Parents/Students tab).

HP ARTS

All parents are encouraged to join HP Arts to support the fine arts in our district. For more information contact the Fine Arts Office at 214-780-3881.

HP SPORTS CLUB

All parents in HPISD are encouraged to join. The club supports and promotes student athletes in interscholastic sports at all schools. For more information, call the Athletic Office at 214-780-3030.

HPS FOOTBALL

Season tickets to high school football games are available by digital ticketing. For more information about the digital ticketing process and to download the app please visit hometownticketing.com/resources/hometown-fan-app/. General admission seats for all home games will go on sale through Hometown ticketing the Monday before the Home Game. All sales will be through Hometown ticketing. There will be no ticket sales through the HP Athletics Department. This is a very popular activity for the entire community on Friday nights.

HPISD SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

School Board meetings are usually held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm in the William P. Clements Jf. Leadership Center Board Room located at 6900 Douglas Avenue. Agendas may be accessed from the [School Board's](#) website (www.hpisd.org / Board tab), or you may call 214-780-3006.

EXPECTATIONS

ATTENDANCE

In accordance with state law, students are required to attend 90% of the school year in order to receive course credit. The School Board may grant credit if extenuating circumstances exist as determined by a committee they have appointed. Contact your counselor if you need help with this issue. For normal absences of 1-2 days, the student must come to the office with a note from his/her parent explaining the reason for the absences. The student is then issued an admit slip to take to his/her first period teacher. Absences of 5 consecutive days or more must be accompanied by a doctor's note. Make-up work is available in the Counseling Office upon request, after 3 consecutive absences.

If your student will be absent for the day, please send an email to the school's attendance email box.

MIS: misattendance@hpsid.org

HPMS: hpmsattendance@hpsid.org

CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In order to best preserve the learning environment, while also eliminating unnecessary distractions, we are asking students to leave all cell phones, Apple watches / smartwatches, or other communication/personal electronic devices at home.

If such devices are brought to school we will expect they are powered off and remain off **and** "parked" until the end of the school day.

MIS students will park their cell phone or smart watch in their advisory classroom before the day begins and will not be able to pick up their phone or smart watch until the end of the school day from their advisory classroom.

HPMS students will leave their phones off and in the bottom of their backpack or in their athletics locker.

Again, no cell phone, smart watch, or personal electronic device is to be on, in use, or visible while in the building.

CHECKING IN/OUT OF SCHOOL

All students must sign out with the attendance secretary in the MIS or HPMS attendance office to leave campus for a doctor's appointment or other parent request. When returning or when arriving late, students must provide a parent-signed or doctors note to the attendance secretary to be admitted to class.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The State requires that our District have a written Discipline Management Plan, called the Code of Conduct. Each family can access a copy online at www.hpsid.org/ (Parents/Students tab / Handbooks). Each student and parent must sign the acknowledgement form in the Code of Conduct Handbook, which outlines policies and consequences for violations.

DETENTION

Detention may be given by any member of the faculty to a student for tardiness or inappropriate behavior. A form is used to notify the student of the date, time, and location where he/she is to serve the detention and a copy is kept on file in the office. For more information see the Code of Conduct Handbook.

DRESS CODE

Appropriate dress that avoids distractions to the learning process is the guiding principle of the dress code at MIS and HPMS. Below are some of the highlights for each school, but please see the district website at www.hpisd.org for current guidelines. (Parents/Students tab / Handbooks).

MIS Dress Code:

1. Shorts, including athletic shorts, may be worn at MIS if they are **visible below a t-shirt or sweatshirt**.
2. Skirts and dresses should also be similar length.
3. Caps and hats are **not** to be worn in the building and may only be worn outside.
4. If you are uncertain about proper attire, please check with your teacher or counselor.

HPMS Dress Code:

1. Opaque (no see-through or mesh) clothing must cover all undergarments.
2. Tops must have shoulder straps and meet the band of your pants/leggings (with arms raised).
3. Clothing must cover all undergarments and may not be excessively tight.
4. **All bottoms worn must cover backsides fully when resting or moving.**
5. Shoes must be worn at all times.
6. Hats, sunglasses, and hoodies (hoods up over the head) are not allowed unless for religious, medical, or other reasons approved by HPMS administration.
7. Clothing may not have, imply, advertise, or advocate:
 - inappropriate words, language, or slogans
 - alcohol, drugs, tobacco or sex
 - illegal, violent, or lewd conduct
 - weapons
 - hate speech or imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification.

Final say and discretion of appropriate and inappropriate dress lies with the HPMS administrative team.

Situations not covered by the above guidelines will be evaluated on how they affect the learning environment.

Students who are not dressed appropriately will either call their parents for a change of clothes or be sent home if appropriate attire is not found at school.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Each grade is assigned a counselor for guidance and assistance. 5th graders are assigned a counselor who stays with students through the 8th grade. Services include educational planning, test interpretation, career information, study help, and assistance as needed with home, school, and social

concerns. Students should not hesitate to talk with their counselor about any concerns they have as a newcomer. The phone number for the counseling office is 214-780-3640.

The District has a Child Find system for identifying, locating and evaluating all children with disabilities (from birth through 21) residing in the District, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services. For more information, contact the Special Education office at 214-780-3091.

MEDICATION AND THE CLINIC

Students may not be in possession of any medications (prescription or over-the-counter) unless they are kept in the Clinic. The nurse must administer medication taken during school hours. The Clinic is located in the school atrium, on the 7/8 side. All medications must be kept in the Clinic and must be in their original container. In order for the nurse to administer non-prescription medications such as Tylenol, written parental permission must be on file in the clinic. The form may be found on the school website under the Department tab on the Clinic page. The Clinic also conducts all state required screenings of students. Please contact the Clinic at 214-780-3520 for more information.

MAKE-UP WORK

Students who are absent due to illness have a period equivalent to the number of days missed to complete make-up assignments. Please note that one day's absence does not excuse a student from responsibility for the previously assigned work or tests due on the day of his/her return. It is the student's responsibility to check with teachers concerning make-up work upon returning after an absence.

TUTORIALS

Time is designated before and after school for extra help with homework, make-up tests and tutoring. Teachers will inform students of designated tutoring times and post them to their webpage.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued every 9 weeks for MIS and HPMS using a numerical system. The lowest passing grade is 70.

Citizenship grades are also used: E (Excellent), S (Satisfactory), N (Needs Improvement), or U (Unsatisfactory).

Report cards are uploaded to the Skyward account. They can be printed under Portfolio in the Skyward account.

RETAINING ELIGIBILITY FOR UIL

In order to participate in any UIL extracurricular activities, a student must maintain passing grades of 70 in all courses at the end of the reporting period. A grade below 70 in any course makes a student ineligible during the following three weeks.

STATE TESTS

STAAR tests are the standardized tests given throughout Texas. See the district calendar on our website for dates and grades tested. This test measures a student's progress on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Students enrolled in Algebra I will also take the state STAAR end of course (EOC) exam.

DIRECTORY SPOT APP INSTRUCTIONS

WHAT IS DIRECTORY SPOT

Directory Spot is an app and a website that lists all MIS and HPMS students along with parent contact information. There is a breakdown by Advisory class along with an alphabetized list of students and teachers. With app versions for both iOS and Android devices and a website, you can access the directory wherever you go.

HOW TO PURCHASE DIRECTORY SPOT

You can purchase Directory Spot App during Back to School Sign-Up (BSSU). If you did not purchase the Directory Spot app during BSSU, you can purchase it at any time from the [PTO website \(mishpms.hpsid.org\)](http://mishpms.hpsid.org) / MIS or HPMS menu / PTO / Directory)

FOR IPHONE USERS

- Go to the iTunes App Store and search “Directory Spot” or go to <http://goo.gl/5U2Tzq>.
- Download to your iPhone (or other Apple device).
- Launch DirectorySpot, enter your email address as your Username and click on “Reset Password”.
- An email will be sent to you with a link to set your password.
- Once you have set your password, launch DirectorySpot and enter your password (*Remember to select “Save Password”*).
- Click on “Login” and you can start using the app.

FOR ANDROID USERS

- Go to Google Play and search “Directory Spot”.
- Download to your Android phone.
- Launch DirectorySpot, enter your email address as your Username and click on “Reset Password”.
- An email will be sent to you with a link to set your password.
- Once you have set your password, launch DirectorySpot and enter your password (*Remember to select “Save Password”*).
- Click on “Login” and you can start using the app.

FOR WEB USERS

- Go to www.directoryspot.net and click on “Login” in the upper right-hand corner.
- Enter your email address as your Username and click on “Reset Password”.
- An email will be sent to you with a link to set your password.
- Once you have set your password, log in to the website (*Remember to select “Save Password”*).
- You will now be able to see the web version of the directory.

TRAFFIC and SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR MIS & HPMS

1. Traffic flow around the school will be clockwise one-way going east on Granada, one-way going south on Key, and two-way traffic on both Normandy and High School.
2. Between 7:15—8:15 a.m. and 2:30—4:00 p.m., no left turns are permitted on to High School from Binkley or Shenandoah to ensure crosswalk safety.
3. The front circle drive has restricted access for cars during school zone hours to allow school buses to safely enter and exit the driveway. If you need an access tag, please see Julie Goodwin in the 5/6 Office.
4. Right lanes on Granada, High School and Key are designated queue lanes. The center lane is for moving traffic—NEVER drop off from the center lane, even if traffic is stopped.
5. NO PARKING in the queue lanes from 7:30—8:30 a.m. and from 2:30—4:00 p.m. Parking is allowed from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
6. Parking is allowed all day in the outside lanes away from the school and in the parking lots. The curb of the front circle drive is five-minute parking only, and a no parking area during school zone times.
7. No standing or parking on crosswalks or yellow traffic bumps. State Law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians within the crosswalk.
8. The back parking lot behind the cafeteria also has a queue lane for students dismissing out of the cafeteria and gym doors.
9. During drop-off and pick-up, slowly pull all the way forward in the queue lanes as the traffic moves and be extremely careful when pulling out. Remind your children NOT to dart into the street or between parked cars. Load only in the queue lanes—do not load in the middle lane of the street. Center lanes must keep moving.
10. Remember that you may not touch cell phones in the school zone during school zone hours. You may talk on a headset or speakerphone, but texting or checking e-mail in the active school zone is against the law.
11. Bicycles are parked in the racks provided and should have locks. Bicycle riders observe safety regulations, including walking their bikes while on school grounds, walking their bikes across crosswalks, and coming to a complete stop at STOP signs. We highly encourage helmets.

A Safety map is located on the Committee portion of the PTO page of the website.