

Welcome to 8th Grade!

We welcome you to the eighth grade! You have a busy and exciting year ahead of you. The teachers of 8Red look forward to having you in class and working with you this year. As we begin this school year, we want to briefly outline some of our guidelines and policies for our team.

COMMUNICATION

Team 8Red email will be sent in the early part of the week. This email will include the week's updates on assignments, tests, projects, etc.

NOTE: *This is a team-specific email; separate from the email from PowerSchool with grades.*

Team 8Red Web Site:

<http://hms8red.weebly.com/>

Remind App - Sign up information through each teacher given the first few days of school.

You can access information by liking Highland Middle School Facebook page, Twitter Page or the Highland Community Schools App.



Team Goals

Academic Progress

Our team plans to emphasize study skills and reading strategies in all of our classes in addition to our content curriculum. By practicing these skills and strategies, we hope to better prepare the students for high school.

Student Recognition

Individual Awards

These awards will be awarded to students as the team of teachers deems appropriate. We have one specific award called "Starbittles," which recognizes students who complete all their homework each week. Students who complete homework will have their names entered into a drawing for Starburst or Skittles. We also recognize each student the month of their birthday!

Advisory Activities

Advisory activities for this year will focus on developing the VIP curriculum, student involvement, and RTI implementation. We generally have Breakfast on Thursdays & Gym Activity on Fridays. We also host Junk Box Challenge days and NewzBrain during advisory time.



Highland Middle



School

Home of the Bullpups



Team 8Red

Team Policies

Team 8 Red Teachers

Mrs. Hartlieb - Math, Algebra
email - ahartlieb@highlandcusd5.org

Mrs. Meredith - Science
email - bmeredith@highlandcusd5.org

Mrs. Hyre - Language Arts
email - chyre@highlandcusd5.org

Mrs. Athmer - History
email - hathmer@highlandcusd5.org

Mr. Jay Robertson- PE
email - jrobertson@highlandcusd5.org

Mrs. Johnson - Resource
email - djohnson@highlandcusd5.org

Mrs. Holcman- Resource
Email - aholcman@highlandcusd5.org

**Our individual planning time is from
1:03 – 1:56 every day.**

Parents are welcome to contact the teachers
by phoning (618) 651-8800 during this time. You
may choose to email for quicker responses.

We also meet as a team on Thursdays during our
planning time.

Team 8 Red teachers have set up policies that all
students on the team must follow. Make sure you
are familiar with these policies to help you do your
best this school year. These are set up to assist
each student in being successful during the school
year!

Homework

To receive full credit, assignments must be turned
in during the class period in which they are due.
Anything not turned in during the class hour is
late. Percentage received per day late is up to
teacher discretion. Policies change second
semester per class subject area.

Students are responsible for making up any work
missed during an absence (including sectionals).
Work that was assigned PRIOR to the day of an
absence will be due the day of return. Work that
was assigned ON the day of the absence, students
will be given the amount of time corresponding to
the particular assignment to submit the work
(usually two days per absence.) It is highly
recommended that you check Google Classroom to
keep up with school when absent. Please email your
teacher with questions.

Grading Scale

90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
60 & below	F

Agenda Books/ID's

Students at HMS will be issued agenda books.
These books are provided to help you keep
track of important dates and assignments. You
must carry these agenda books with you to all
of your classes. **Your passes to leave classes
are in these books.**

ID's will be issued by the school and must be
readily available at all times in the building. You
must have it on you.

Purses & Backpack/Dress

Purses and/or backpacks will NOT be allowed in
the classrooms of Team 8Red. For your safety
and the safety of the teachers, please keep
these items in your locker. **Please make note of
the district dress code found in the student
handbook.**

Cell Phones, etc.

Cell phones are NOT allowed in classes or
anytime during the school day and should be
OFF and in the student's locker. Devices such
as laptops, tablets, Chromebooks, etc will be
allowed if students register the device and
follow the iLearn guidelines and contract as
issued by the Middle School.