

HUNTINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
J. TAYLOR FINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
AUGUST, 2019 BACK TO SCHOOL LETTER 2019-2020

Greetings Parents and Students,

We are nearly finished with all the details needed to begin the new school year. The schedules will be posted to the parent and student portals on August 23rd. Student schedules contain the student's locker number and code, as well as the student's academic team and school guidance counselor assignment.

To access schedules, students and parents must log-in to the parent portal from the district website: [www.hufsd.edu](http://www.hufsd.edu). Click on "Quick Links" at the top, right corner and click on "parent portal" and then click on "parent portal registration" at the bottom of the log-in box.

Remember, there will be a student and parent orientation day on **Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**. 7<sup>th</sup> graders from 9-11 AM and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from 12-2 PM. I hope to see you there. Below you will find some very important and helpful information to begin the year. Schedule changes are not made after the schedules are posted unless an error has been made or to balance class size.

**The first day of school is Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Bus and transportation information should have been mailed to all homes and is available on our website. Students will arrive at the building by 7:50 AM to begin the homeroom/period 1 promptly at 8:00 AM. We do expect that all students are seated in their homerooms to begin the day with the morning announcements. Lateness will be addressed by the Assistant Principal. Students should be at their bus stops early during the first week of school to avoid missing the bus. Parents who drive their children to school should follow the direction of our safety staff in the parking lot. The entire school calendar is posted on the district website.

**School Supplies:** Students will need a separate notebook for each subject, including Foreign Language – 5 subjects. They may use a 5-subject binder with designated sections. They will also need pens, pencils and a highlighter marker. Many teachers have posted other supplies on their E-Boards, which can be found on the district website. Go to E-Boards and find the teachers from your schedule.

**Chromebook Devices:** All students should have Chromebook devices to use for the school year. They are to be brought to school every day fully charged for use. It is the student's responsibility to use it properly in accordance with the district rules.

**Dress Code:** The first weeks of school are typically very warm. Parents and students are reminded that students should dress appropriately for school. Length of shorts and skirts should be appropriate for middle school. Blouses and shirts should cover the stomach completely. Parents will be notified by phone if a student is dressed inappropriately.

**Communication:** The parent portal contains all student records, progress reports and grade reports, daily attendance and individual teacher gradebook views for tests, quizzes and homework assignments. Many teachers have E-Boards on which they post lesson topics, homework assignments and post relevant information and dates. Teacher email addresses can be found on the district website. I will also send messages through Blackboard Connect. Parents should ensure that we have current email addresses, cell phone and home phone numbers in our system.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone very soon.

Mrs. Traci Roethel,  
Principal

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