

Holly Area Schools

2026-2027 Elementary Student-Parent Handbook



Davisburg Elementary

12003 Davisburg Road
Davisburg, MI 48350
Office: 248-328-3500
Attendance: 248-328-3514
Latchkey: 248-328-3515
Fax: 248-328-3504

Holly Elementary

801 East Maple Street
Holly, MI 48442
Office: 248-328-3600
Attendance: 248-328-3614
Latchkey: 248-328-3615
Fax: 248-328-3604

Patterson Elementary

3231 Grange Hall Road
Holly, MI 48442
Office: 248-328-3700
Attendance: 248-328-3714
Latchkey: 248-328-3615
Fax: 248-328-3704

Rose Pioneer Elementary

7110 Milford Road
Holly, MI 48442
Office: 248-328-3800
Attendance: 248-328-3814
Latchkey: 248-328-3815
Fax: 248-328-3804

Food Service: 248-328-3033

Transportation: 248-328-3090

Please note that the policies and procedures described in the Student Handbook are subject to review and revision at the discretion of Holly Area Schools and/or the Holly Area Schools Board of Education. Revision(s) adopted for effective operation of the school will be posted for public review on the school and district websites.

INTRODUCTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Holly Area Schools believes when schools and parents work together, children feel a consistent level of support and encouragement, and they are given a uniform message about the value of a quality education. Our student, school, and parent partnerships shall be based on civility, the act of showing mutual respect toward one another.

Practicing civility and civil discourse allows everyone to share viewpoints and listen to each other. It does not mean we have to agree, but it means we can disagree respectfully.

It is through this foundation of respect that Holly Area Schools has developed the following Code of Ethics.

Holly Area Schools believes

- all students can reach their highest potential with the support of the entire community;
- effective communication is essential to building and sustaining positive school-family partnerships;
- in maintaining an environment that promotes the safety, dignity and growth of all students;
- in protecting the confidentiality and privacy of all students; and
- in resolving conflicts, whenever possible, privately, and respectfully in accordance with district policy.

Holly Area Schools expects all students, parents and staff

- to work together to promote a positive learning environment that supports continued growth and achievement for all students;
- to respect the dignity, worth, and uniqueness of each individual;
- to exhibit civil discourse, whether face to face, via phone, email, or social media, that supports the best interest of the school community;
- to support all students' educational, academic, personal, and social needs;
- to respect all students' values, beliefs, and cultural background(s);
- to challenge the limits of their academic, athletic, and social potential; and
- to use their knowledge and skills to develop the capacity of others.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

In order to support the beliefs and expectations of Holly Area Schools, our staff and leadership will utilize the Restorative Practices approach to developing and supporting civil and respectful relationships throughout our school community.

School-based Restorative Practices is an approach which engages the school community in positive interventions and behavioral supports. Restorative practices promote a culture of civility by nurturing safety, inclusion, respect, and positive relationships. The use of restorative practices strengthens

relationships between individuals as well as social connections within the community enhancing the school's learning environment. Restorative Practices can be used to address misconduct, student conflict and repair harm. Restorative practices may result in a reduction of disciplinary action.

HAS STUDENT-PARENT SCHOOL COMPACT

Students, Parents, and Staff all share responsibility for student learning. The Student-Parent-School Compact helps to set clear expectations and foster a collaborative environment that supports student success. The Compact is a reminder of how everyone contributes to a student's success.

HAS STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS		
STUDENT - Attend school regularly and on time - Come to class on time, ready to learn, and dressed appropriately - I will get nutritious food and get adequate sleep. - Get involved in extracurricular activities	PARENT/GUARDIAN - Make my child's education my #1 priority - Ensure my child attends school on time every day; is appropriately dressed; and has had adequate sleep, physical activity, and nutrition. - Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences and other parent-involvement events	SCHOOL STAFF - Provide a safe and welcoming environment - Provide communication to students and parents - Provide parents with resources and learning opportunities - Encourage student & parent involvement in school activities
LEARNING		
STUDENT - I have the right to learn in a safe, healthy environment and my actions cannot infringe on that right. - I will be an active learner and take responsibility for learning. - Ask for help when needed	PARENT/GUARDIAN - Will monitor homework and academic progress - Provide time/space at home for schoolwork - Help my child learn life skills, planning, goal setting, and good decision-making - Read School Communications	SCHOOL STAFF - Set high standards for student performance - Make recommendations to further student's educational goals - Provide a quality curriculum and research-based instructional practices
CODE OF CONDUCT		
STUDENT - Show respect for myself, my school, the staff, and other students - Follow and abide by all school expectations and procedures	PARENT/GUARDIAN - Familiarize oneself with the student handbook - Support school administration by reinforcing school policies at home - Ensure their child understands and adheres to school expectations, & behavior agreements/contracts.	SCHOOL STAFF - Maintain a positive and safe learning environment. - Uphold the Student Code of Conduct - Update parents on their child's progress

SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

STUDENT

- Follow school policies, including Anti-Vaping Rules and cell phone policies.
- Avoid making threatening statements or engaging in threatening behavior that can have Legal and School Consequences.
- Take care of my school
- Respect the rights and safety of others
- Inform an adult about any unsafe behavior
- Keep myself safe and drug-free

PARENT/GUARDIAN

- I will talk with my student about the dangers of Vaping and THC products and monitor for any signs of use.
- Discuss with your child the seriousness (Legal & School Implications) of a student making threatening statements or engaging in threatening behavior.
- Set an example for my child
- Educate my child about the dangers of social media and excessive cell phone use

SCHOOL STAFF

- Maintain positive, safe learning environment
- Provide students & parents with resources
- Enforce Code of Conduct Violations and communicate with Law Enforcement
- Providing families with supportive measures through education and resources
- Set example for our students
- Implement anti-vaping, anti-bullying, cell phone policies

RESPECT AND CIVILITY

STUDENT

- Show Respect for Teachers, Staff/Admin, and Classmates
- Be a role model for peers by making healthy and positive choices

PARENT/GUARDIAN

- Model respect by interacting with Staff and Admin in an appropriate & civil manner.
- Understand that aggressive, disrespectful, and/or profane communication will not be tolerated and will be subject to being prohibited from district property.
- Follow the Chain of Command for questions or to address a concern

SCHOOL STAFF

- Interact with Parents/Guardians in a respectful and civil manner
- Respect students' values, beliefs, and cultural background(s)
- Support students' educational, academic, personal, and social needs

COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL LEADERS

As situations arise when students and parents may have questions or concerns with the educational process, it is important that open communication exists. Many questions can be easily answered by the educator directly involved in the class or program before it becomes necessary to move on to the next level. One of the easiest ways to communicate is via email, or a phone call. As a way to help parents effectively ask questions or communicate a concern, a "chain of command" process has been developed. Holly Area Schools leadership will follow the communication process below, and asks families to use this process as a reference when beginning their communications. You may also print a copy of this process and the contact information from our webpage [Chain of Command](#).

For a complete staff directory, visit <https://www.hask12.org/district/staff-directory/>. We look forward to continuing to develop positive partnerships with all Holly Area Schools parents.

Instruction and Curriculum

STEP 1: Classroom Teacher

STEP 2: Counselor

STEP 3: Building Principal (see page 6)

STEP 4: Executive Director of Educational
Services
Michelle Szczechowicz
248-328-3147

Discipline

STEP 1: Classroom Teacher

STEP 2: Building Principal (see page 6)

STEP 3: Director of Staff and Student Relations
Eric Curl
248-328-3175

STEP 4: Executive Director of Educational
Services
Michelle Szczechowicz
248-328-3147

Special Education

STEP 1: Classroom Teacher/Sp. Ed. Teacher

STEP 2: Building Principal (see page 6)

STEP 3: Director of Student Services
Jennifer Lauria
248-328-3170

Athletic Questions or Concerns

STEP 1: Coach

STEP 2: Athletic Director
Casey Lombard
248-328-3243

STEP 3: Building Principal (see page 6)

Building and Grounds

STEP 1: School Office

STEP 2: Building Principal (see page 7)

STEP 3: Director of Operations
Jeremy Mason
248-328-3163

STEP 4: Director of Human Resources
Patricia Murphy-Alderman
248-328-3147

Early Childhood

STEP 1: Classroom Teacher

STEP 2: Early Childhood Principal
Candice Davies
248.328.3022

STEP 3: Executive Director of Educational
Services
Michelle Szczechowicz
248-328-3147

Transportation

STEP 1: Transportation Assistant Supervisor
Victoria Mingo-Williams
248-328-3093

STEP 2: Transportation Supervisor
Frank Richmond
248-328-3095

STEP 3: Director of Operations
Jeremy Mason
248-328-3163

STEP 4: Director of Human Resources
Patricia Murphy-Alderman
248-328-3147

Food and Nutrition Services

STEP 1: School Main Office

STEP 2: Building Principal (see below)

STEP 3: Food Service Director
Thomas Baranoucky
248-328-3033

STEP 4: Director of Operations
Jeremy Mason
248-328-3163

Building Principals

Davisburg Elementary

Codie Lakin
248-328-3501

Holly Elementary

Aimee Schwartz
248-328-3601

Patterson Elementary

Jacob Haynes
248-328-3701

Rose Pioneer Elementary

Carrie Keech
248-328-3801

Broncho Virtual School

Krystle Voegel, Director
248-328-3168

Holly Middle School

Monica Turner, Principal
248-328-3401

Haley Street, Assistant Principal
248-328-3401

Holly High School

Melissa Wachowski, Principal
248-328-3201

Haley Barnes, Assistant Principal (A-K)
248-328-3201

Joseph Merlo, Assistant Principal (L-Z)
248-328-3201

Unresolved Questions or Concerns

If questions or concerns have not been resolved after discussing them with teachers, principals or other school leaders, you may contact the superintendent. For high-level concerns, issues may be advanced to the Board of Education after they have advanced through each level of the chain of command.

Superintendent Scott Roper, 248-328-3100

Board of Education <https://www.hask12.org/district/board-of-education>

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Holly Area Schools utilizes social media (Facebook, Twitter, and other networking sites) to connect with our school families and the community for the purpose of sharing information rapidly. Our posts are intended to provide information about what's going on across the district. This information will often include various announcements, postings about upcoming events, promotion of clubs, teams, programs, academics, and celebrations of success. Specific questions or concerns will not be addressed on the district's social media sites, but rather through our "chain of command" process referenced on our district website and in our student/parent handbooks. Students, parents, staff, and community members are expected to use social media in a responsible manner that reflects the highest standards of honesty, respect, and consideration of others. Under no circumstances will offensive or negative comments about students, staff, community, or the district be tolerated. Posts and comments should build and support a positive school community. Misuse of the District's social media sites could be regarded as a violation of these guidelines and may result in restrictions and disciplinary action in accordance with district and state policies.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) GENERAL GUIDELINES

Our goal is for all students to use AI tools in an effective, appropriate, responsible, and ethical manner. In alignment with our district's commitment to equitable and innovative learning experiences, students will engage with AI based on shared expectations outlined in the AI Integration/Acceptable Use Scale. Consistent implementation across classrooms ensures all learners have access to meaningful opportunities that build future-ready skills.

1. If a student is suspected of inappropriate use of AI, a teacher may ask the student to:
 - Reflect on their process of completing the assignment while referring to the disclosure requirements on the AI Integration/Acceptable Use Scale.
 - Reflect on the assignment rubric and/or student expectations.
 - Converse with the teacher/counselor/administrator/teacher about their work.
 - Present their process/drafts.
2. If a student disregards the Acceptable Use guidelines, **they may face disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.**
3. [Full Set of Guidelines and Expectations](#) available on the website and at the school office.

NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Any form of discrimination or harassment can be devastating to an individual's academic progress, social relationship and/or personal sense of self-worth.

As such, Holly Area Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") in its educational programs or activities.

Holly Area Schools also does not discriminate on the basis of Protected Classes in its employment policies and practices as they relate to students, and does not tolerate harassment of any kind.

Equal educational opportunities shall be available to all students, without regard to the Protected Classes, age (unless age is a factor necessary to the normal operation or the achievement of any legitimate objective of the program/activity), place of residence within the boundaries of the District, or social or economic background, to learn through the curriculum offered in this District. Educational programs shall be designed to meet the varying needs of all students.

Complaints will be investigated in accordance with the procedures as described in Board Policy 2260. Any student making a complaint or participating in a school investigation will be protected from any threat or retaliation. The Compliance Officer can provide additional information concerning equal access to educational opportunity.

DISTRICT COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

Holly Area Schools designates the following individuals to serve as the District's "Compliance Officers" (also known as "Civil Rights Coordinators")

Director of Special Services
Mrs. Jennifer Lauria
(248) 328-3100
6161 E Holly Road, Holly, MI 48442

Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Patricia Murphy-Alderman
(248) 328-3100
6161 E Holly Road, Holly, MI 48442

INVESTIGATION AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Any student who believes that s/he has been subjected to unlawful discrimination or retaliation may seek resolution of his/her complaint through the procedures as listed in Board Policy 2260. The formal complaint procedures involve an investigation of the individual's claims and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated.

Upon completion, or at any point in the grievance process, complainants have the right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201. The complainant should first be directed to the following address:

Office For Civil Rights
1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 325
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
Phone: (216) 522-4970
Fax: (216) 522-2573
TDD: (216) 522-4944
E-mail: ocr.cleveland@ed.gov
Web: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO or designee shall prepare and deliver a written report to the Superintendent that summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of unlawful discrimination/retaliation as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Complainant has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved. In determining if unlawful discrimination or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used.

Scott Roper, Superintendent
Holly Area Schools
6161 E Holly Road
Holly, Michigan 48442
(248) 328-3147

A Complainant or Respondent who is dissatisfied with the final decision of the Superintendent may appeal through a signed written statement to the Board within five (5) business days of his/her receipt of the Superintendent's final decision.

Holly Board of Education
Holly Area Schools
6161 E Holly Road
Holly, Michigan 48442
(248) 328-3147

[Complaint Form](#)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	2
RESTORATIVE PRACTICES	2
HAS STUDENT-PARENT SCHOOL COMPACT	3
COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL LEADERS	5
SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES	7
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) GENERAL GUIDELINES	8
NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY	8
HANDBOOK CONTENT	15
ABSENCES / ATTENDANCE	15
MAKE-UP WORK FOR ABSENCES	16
ARRIVAL	16
DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY	16
BUS DROP OFF	16
CAR LINE DROP OFF	16
HOLLY ELEMENTARY	16
BIKE RIDERS / WALKERS	16
BUS DROP OFF	17
CAR LINE DROP OFF	17
PATTERSON ELEMENTARY	17
BIKE RIDERS	17
BUS DROP OFF	17
CAR LINE DROP OFF	17
WALKERS	17
ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY	17
BUS LANE DROP OFF	17
CAR LINE DROP OFF	17
BIRTHDAY TREATS FOR STUDENTS	18
BREAKFAST	18
DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY	18
HOLLY ELEMENTARY	18
PATTERSON ELEMENTARY	18
ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY	18
BRONCHOS L.E.A.D	18
BUILDING SECURITY	19
BUILDING / FACILITY USE	19
BULLYING	19
BUSSING	19
CELL PHONES / SMART WATCHES / ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION / GAMING DEVICES	19
CLASS PLACEMENT	20
CODE OF CONDUCT / DISCIPLINE	21
STUDENT DISCIPLINE - GENERALLY	21

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT	21
DEFINITIONS	21
DUE PROCESS	21
RESTORATIVE PRACTICES	22
PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSIONS	22
SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION - SPECIFIC EXAMPLES	22
ACADEMIC DISHONESTY	22
AIDING AND ABETTING	23
ARSON	23
BULLYING	23
CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES/SMART WATCHES	23
CELL PHONE/OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES, UNAUTHORIZED USAGE	24
CLASSROOM MISCONDUCT	24
CONTRABAND	24
DISRESPECT TO STAFF MEMBERS OR OTHER ADULTS	24
EXTORTION/COERCION/BLACKMAIL	24
FIGHTING	24
FORGERY	24
GANG ACTIVITY	24
GROSS MISBEHAVIOR	24
HALLWAY MISCONDUCT	25
HARASSMENT	25
ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES OR PARAPHERNALIA, INCLUDING TOBACCO/NICOTINE, VAPING, CANNABIS, THC, AND ALCOHOL	25
INAPPROPRIATE PHYSICAL CONTACT	26
INCITEMENT	26
INCORRIGIBILITY (PERSISTENT DISOBEDIENCE)	26
INDECENCY	26
INSUBORDINATION	26
OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE	26
PEER MISTREATMENT	26
POSSESSING OR USING WEAPONS	26
STEALING	26
THREAT BEHAVIOR	27
VANDALISM	27
DISMISSAL	28
DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY	28
BUS	28
CAR LINE	28
HOLLY ELEMENTARY	28
BUS	28
CAR LINE	28
WALKERS	28
PATTERSON ELEMENTARY	28

BUS	28
CAR LINE PICK UP	28
WALKERS AND BIKE RIDERS	29
ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY	29
BUS	29
CARLINE	29
DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS	29
DRESS CODE	29
DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS	29
FIELD TRIPS GUIDELINES	30
FIRE, TORNADO & LOCKDOWN DRILLS	30
FOOD SERVICES	30
HEAD LICE	31
HOLLY BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE	31
HOME / SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP	31
HYGIENE	31
ILLNESS	31
LIBRARY (INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTER)	32
LOITERING / UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS	32
LOST AND FOUND	32
MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS	32
NEWSLETTERS	33
DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY	33
HOLLY ELEMENTARY	33
PATTERSON ELEMENTARY	33
ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY	33
ONLINE RESOURCES	34
DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY	34
HOLLY ELEMENTARY	34
PATTERSON ELEMENTARY	34
ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY	34
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS	34
PARENT TEACHER CONNECTION	34
PETS AND ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM	34
POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS	34
RECESS	35
REPORTING ACADEMIC GROWTH	35
ROLLERBLADES AND SKATEBOARDS	35
SCHOOL CLOSING - WEATHER & EMERGENCY	35
SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION AND THREAT ASSESSMENT	35
THREAT ASSESSMENT	36
SCHOOL SUPPLIES	37
SEARCH AND SEIZURE	37
SKYLERT	37

SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS	37
SNACKS	37
STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION	38
SUPPORT STAFF	38
SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST	38
RESOURCE ROOM	38
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST	38
SOCIAL WORKER	38
OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS	38
INTERVENTION TEACHERS (TITLE I AND 31A)	38
TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS	39
TECHNOLOGY USE GUIDELINES	39
TELEPHONE CALLS / MESSAGES TO STUDENTS	41
TITLE ONE / EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)	41
TOBACCO USE	41
TOYS / PERSONAL BELONGINGS / ELECTRONIC DEVICES	41
TRUANCY	41
VISITING SCHOOL	41
VOLUNTEERING/CHAPERONING/VISITATION OF CLASSROOMS	41
PARKING AT DAVISBURG	42
PARKING AT HOLLY ELEMENTARY	42
PARKING AT PATTERSON ELEMENTARY	42
PARKING AT ROSE PIONEER	42
WEAPONS-FREE SCHOOLS	42
HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	43
BOARD OF EDUCATION	43
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE	43
SCHOOLS	43

HANDBOOK CONTENT

ABSENCES / ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance at school is the first and most important step in preparing all Bronchos for success and the jobs of tomorrow. It is essential to school success, but too often students, parents and schools do not realize how quickly absences — excused and unexcused — can add up to academic trouble. Chronic absence — missing 10 percent of the school year, or just 2-3 days every month—can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing courses and ninth-graders dropping out of high school. Missing time in the classroom, for whatever reason, can never truly be recaptured.

The good news is this is a problem we can fix when schools and communities work with students and families, starting in the early grades to identify barriers to getting to school, help students overcome these barriers and cultivate a culture of attendance that encourages showing up every day even when it isn't easy.

Holly Area Schools is required by the State of Michigan to enforce the regular attendance of students. The district recognizes that the presence in the classroom enables the student to participate in instruction, class discussions, and other related activities. As such, regular attendance and classroom participation are integral to instill incentives for the student to excel.

As a reminder, the district recognizes the following factors to be reasonable excuses for time missed at school:

- Illness with an approved Dr. Note - **Dr. Notes/Medical Documentation must be turned into your school's building attendance office as soon as possible to prevent truancy notifications from the school and Oakland County.**
- Recovery from an accident
- Required court attendance
- Professional Appointments
- Death in the immediate family
- Observation or celebration of a bona fide religious holiday
- Such other good cause as may be approved by the Superintendent

When it comes to attendance: every day counts, and every Broncho matters.

If a child is going to be tardy or absent from school, please call the attendance line by 9:00 AM. Calling the attendance line saves a tremendous amount of time when verifying your child's absence and eliminates the need for you to send in a note to explain your child's absence. If you do not call in, please send in a note to your child's teacher when they return. Please see district attendance policy for information on absenteeism related to truancy.

Building Name	Instructional Start Time	AM Tardy	AM Absence	PM Absence	PM Tardy	End Time	Attendance Line
Davisburg Elementary	8:45 am	8:46 am - 9:45 am	9:46 am - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 2:45 pm	2:46 pm - 3:45 pm	3:46 pm	248.328.3514
Holly Elementary	8:35 am	8:36 am - 9:35 am	9:36 am - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 2:35 pm	2:36 pm - 3:35 pm	3:36 pm	248.328.3614
Patterson Elementary	8:55 am	8:56 am - 9:55 am	9:56 am - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 2:55 pm	2:56 pm - 3:55 pm	3:56 pm	248.328.3714
Rose Pioneer Elementary	8:50 am	8:51 am - 9:50 am	9:51 am - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 2:50 pm	2:51 pm - 3:50 pm	3:51 pm	248.328.3814

Attendance is taken twice daily in the school day (Morning and Afternoon). Students arriving **within the first hour after the start of the school day will be marked tardy** and those who arrive **after one hour from the start of the school day will be marked absent** for the morning. Students leaving **prior to one hour from the end of the school day will be marked absent** and those leaving **within one hour of the end of the school day will be marked tardy** for the afternoon. Please do not ask to have students dismissed in the last few minutes of the day unless you have an emergency or necessary appointment, which requires early dismissal.

*Absences due to vacation for extended periods are not encouraged. Classroom learning experiences often cannot be recreated outside of the school day, as learning is social, interactive and hands-on. Please understand that alternative assignments are typically not provided.

State law requires attendance in school. **Absences of more than 10% per year will be considered excessive and may be referred to the Oakland County truancy officer.** At the truancy officer's recommendation, some truancy cases may proceed to a court hearing if necessary. Excessive absences may also result in a student being retained at the present grade level for the following school year. Please call the attendance line if your child will be absent. For extended absences, a doctor's note may be needed.

MAKE-UP WORK FOR ABSENCES

In most cases, students will be given an opportunity to make up work when they return. For extended absences contact the school. **Please allow 24 hours notice for teachers to gather materials.** We ask that you **not** leave a request for make-up work on the attendance line. Please call the office to make these arrangements.

ARRIVAL

The first bell rings 15 minutes before the start of the school day (instructional start time). The entrance doors are locked and there is NO Staff Supervision before that time. Students arriving at school prior to this time, please utilize our Latch Key Program or make arrangements for before school daycare.

DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY

BUS DROP OFF

Morning bus drop off is at 8:30 and supervised by staff members. Buses pull up on the west side of the building to allow students off the bus. Students walk directly to breakfast or their classroom.

CAR LINE DROP OFF

Parents will pull into the carline loop in the front of the building. Please be sure to pull all the way around the loop to reduce the number of cars lined up on Davisburg Road. Once a staff member is present outside, students may exit the vehicle from the passenger side. For safety, parents should remain in the vehicle. Students walk directly to breakfast or their classrooms.

HOLLY ELEMENTARY

BIKE RIDERS / WALKERS

Bike racks are provided for students who ride their bikes to school. We encourage you to have your child wear a helmet and to lock and secure their bike when they arrive. Holly Elementary is NOT responsible for stolen or damaged bicycles. Students will enter from the front doors and walk directly to breakfast or their classroom.

BUS DROP OFF

Morning bus drop off is at 8:20 AM and is supervised by staff members. Buses pull up in front of the building to allow students off the bus. Students walk directly to breakfast or their classroom.

CAR LINE DROP OFF

Parents will pull into the carline loop from Elm Street in the back of the building. Please be sure to pull all the way around the loop to reduce the number of cars lined up on Elm Street. Once a staff member is present outside, students may exit the vehicle from the **passenger side**, parents will remain in their vehicle. Once you have dropped off your student(s) you may exit the loop by pulling into the left lane. Students walk directly to breakfast or their classrooms. The front entrance is for bus drop off only and can be dangerous when crossing the parking lot.

PATTERSON ELEMENTARY

BIKE RIDERS

Bike racks are provided for students who ride their bikes to school. We encourage you to have your child wear a helmet and to lock and secure their bike when they arrive. Patterson Elementary is NOT responsible for stolen or damaged bicycles. Students will walk directly to breakfast or their classroom.

BUS DROP OFF

Morning bus drop off is at 8:40 AM and is supervised by staff members. Buses pull up in the South parking lot to allow students to exit the bus. Students should walk directly to breakfast or to their classroom.

CAR LINE DROP OFF

Parents drop students off at the East wing entrance. Students should not exit the car until a staff member is present. Students should walk directly to breakfast or to their classrooms. Do not drop students off or drive through the South parking lot. This parking lot is for staff parking and bus drop off only and can be dangerous for staff crossing the parking lot and students exiting their bus.

WALKERS

Please enter the building through the East entrance. Students will walk directly to breakfast or their classrooms.

ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY

BUS LANE DROP OFF

Morning bus drop off is at 8:35 am and is supervised by staff members. Buses pull up in the rear (north) parking lot to allow students off the bus. Students will report to their classrooms to check in and then proceed to breakfast, if needed.

CAR LINE DROP OFF

Car line drop off is in the front (west) area of the building adjacent to Milford Road and begins at 8:35 am. Students are not to exit the vehicle until a staff member is present. Parents will stay to the right, pull forward and drop students off at the designated drop off zone near the crosswalk. Staff will direct students to the appropriate entrance and students will report to their classrooms to check in and then proceed to breakfast, if needed. On-site childcare is available for a fee for those students whose parents need to drop them off prior to 8:35 a.m. Please call 248-328-3615 for registration information.

BIRTHDAY TREATS FOR STUDENTS

Please send a note in advance informing your child's teacher that you intend to send a treat. The treats should be sent in with your child. If sending them with the student is not possible, deliver the treat to the office. Students will pick them up when it is convenient for their classroom. Prepackaged treats, with an ingredient list are preferred.

Please check with your child's teacher for any food allergies present in the classroom before selecting your child's birthday treat.

Birthday party invitations may not be distributed at school.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is available everyday at all elementary buildings.

DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY

Students getting breakfast should go directly to the cafeteria upon arrival and take their "grab and go" breakfast to their classrooms. Breakfast will be eaten in the classroom, not the cafeteria.

HOLLY ELEMENTARY

Holly Elementary offers free breakfast for all students. Any student eating breakfast will be allowed to enter the building at 8:20 am and eat in the cafeteria. Students who arrive after 8:30 am can pick up a breakfast in the cafeteria and take it to their room to eat. Anyone arriving after 8:35 can check in at the office, then pick up breakfast in the cafeteria and take it to class.

PATTERSON ELEMENTARY

Patterson Elementary offers free breakfast for all students. All students, with the exception of preschool students, should go directly to the cafeteria upon arrival and take their "grab and go" breakfast to their classrooms.

ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY

Students should first report to their classrooms to check in and then proceed to the main front hallway to get breakfast and take it back to the classroom. Checks, cash or money orders that need to be deposited into a foodservice account should be dropped off at the main office clearly labeled with the child's name, the name of his/her teacher and the amount enclosed. Parents may also deposit funds online by logging into Skyward and using our convenient E-Funds process.

BRONCHOS L.E.A.D

The LEAD program, a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative, stands as a cornerstone in promoting a nurturing and respectful school environment. Each letter in LEAD represents a key principle:

- **L** "Listen to Others" encourages active listening and understanding, fostering an inclusive community where every voice is valued.
- **E** "Encourage Everyone" focuses on building a supportive atmosphere, where students uplift one another and celebrate each other's successes.
- **A** "Act Responsibly" instills a sense of accountability, guiding students to make thoughtful decisions and take ownership of their actions.
- **D** "Display Kindness & Respect" emphasizes the importance of treating others with compassion and dignity, creating a positive and harmonious school culture.

Together, these principles form the foundation of the LEAD program, driving positive behavior and enhancing the overall learning experience.

BUILDING SECURITY

Our school building is locked during instructional hours to ensure student safety. Please use the main entrance security intercom system when visiting during the school day. To ensure availability of staff regarding questions or concerns, parents and visitors are expected to contact the office and set up an appointment.

BUILDING / FACILITY USE

All building/facility use requests are arranged through Central Administration. Please call the receptionist for facilities and operations at 248-328-3107

BULLYING

Bullying is a form of harassment. Such conduct is disruptive to the educational process and therefore bullying is not acceptable behavior in this district and is prohibited. For the purpose of this policy, "bullying" is defined as: The repeated intimidation of others by the real or threatened infliction of physical, verbal, written, electronically transmitted, or emotional abuse, or through attacks on the property of another. It may include, but is not limited to, actions such as verbal taunts, name-calling and put downs, including ethnically or gender-based verbal put downs, extortion of money or possessions, and expulsion from peer groups.

Each student shall refrain from bullying and aggressive behavior at school (see District policies for definitions).

Any student who believes s/he has been or is the victim of bullying or other aggressive behavior should immediately report the situation to the principal or assistant principal. The student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate administrator.

The discipline for violating these prohibited acts ranges from administrative intervention to expulsion. The actual penalty imposed will depend upon the nature and severity of the offense, the age of the student, the student's prior behavioral records, the recommendation of school personnel, and all other circumstances deemed relevant.

BUSSING

A school bus is a class room on wheels and students shall conduct themselves on the school bus the same way they conduct themselves in the classroom.

Please refer to the transportation homepage for additional policies and procedures. Please contact transportation at 248 328-3090 for additional assistance.

CELL PHONES / SMART WATCHES / ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION / GAMING DEVICES

Holly Area Schools values the partnership between parents and our school in fostering a positive and respectful community. Parent/Guardian involvement is essential in guiding their child's use of technology and promoting responsible behavior online. Together, we can create a supportive environment that nurtures the well-being and success of every student.

We have included helpful information about the dangers of smartphones and social media, as well as information on Internet safety and digital citizenship, on our district website.

While it is understood that the school district strives to create a safe and respectful environment for all students, the responsibility extends beyond the classroom.

We encourage our Parents/Guardians to:

- Regularly discuss the appropriate use of phones and social media with your child.
- Monitor your child's online activities to ensure they are using technology responsibly.
- Set clear rules and expectations for behavior on social media.
- Educate your child about the potential consequences of cyberbullying, harassment, and other inappropriate online behaviors.
- Utilize parental control tools and apps to help manage your child's phone usage.

By taking these proactive steps, you can help prevent incidents of misconduct and ensure a safer online environment for all students.

As a result of feedback from our students, parents/guardians, and staff, we are taking important steps to further address the growing concerns with cyberbullying, student mental health, and distractions in the classroom. Our updated policies and expectations are highlighted in this student handbook. These changes further support our district's priority to enact clear and effective safety and security measures in the event of an emergency.

Please note that Holly Area Schools may confiscate a cell phone or electronic device or turn a device over to law enforcement if we suspect it contains evidence of misconduct or illegal behavior, regardless who owns the phone. Additionally, Holly Area Schools and others who are harmed by a student's online behavior may seek to hold parents and guardians legally accountable.

Personal communication devices (such as cell phones and smart watches) must be turned off (and not turned on **at any time** during the school day, including lunch time and recess time) and stored in a locker/backpack once a student enters the building (except for educational reasons approved by the building administrator). When approved for usage, all PCDs must be connected to the school building's wireless guest network and usage must adhere to the district's acceptable use policy. Cell phones and smart watches found on the person or turned on during the school day will be confiscated. Students who use their cell phones at any time in a manner that violates the Student Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary consequences (see Code of Conduct page 22).

CLASS PLACEMENT

In the spring of each year, you will receive information in our school newsletter encouraging you to provide input into our classroom placement process. We also know that there may be areas of strength or concern of which you want to make us aware as we place your child. No specific requests for teachers will be accepted. Neither will a request **not** to have a particular teacher be honored. All of the information in letters, which mention specific teachers by name, will need to be disregarded.

Class placements take many factors into account, and strive to maximize the academic, social and emotional growth for all students. Class grouping is also important, since we must take gender balance, academic and social needs as well as class size into account. We work diligently to use your feedback and our knowledge of your learner to create a positive learning environment for each of our students.

CODE OF CONDUCT / DISCIPLINE

STUDENT DISCIPLINE - GENERALLY

It is the Board's policy to provide students and staff with a safe learning environment free from substantial disruption. Consistent with this policy, the District may discipline students who engage in misconduct. Discipline may, but need not, include suspension or expulsion from school.

It is the Board's policy that students should rarely be suspended or expelled from school and that steps should be taken to minimize occurrences of suspension and expulsion. It is further the Board's policy to comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to student discipline.

It is the Board's expectation that this Board Policy, especially those provisions that require consideration of specific factors and the possibility of restorative practices before suspending or expelling a student, will reduce the number of out-of-school suspensions that exceed 10 days and the number of expulsions.

This Board Policy applies to all student conduct that occurs: (1) on school property; (2) at a school-sponsored or school-related event; (3) on the school bus; (4) traveling to or from school, including at a school bus stop; and (5) at any other time or place if the conduct has a direct nexus to the school environment.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop and regularly update a student code of conduct. The student code of conduct must: (1) identify offenses that may result in discipline; (2) identify the possible disciplinary consequences for each offense, which may, but need not, include suspension or expulsion; (3) be consistent with Board policy and applicable state and federal laws, including laws requiring mandatory suspension or expulsion; and (4) include a copy of the section of this Board Policy entitled "Suspension from Class, Subject, or Activity by Teacher."

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Board Policy:

- "Suspend" or "Suspension" means a disciplinary removal from school for less than 60 school days.
- "Expel" or "Expulsion" means a disciplinary removal from school for 60 or more school days.
- "Restorative practices" means practices that emphasize repairing the harm to the victim and the school community caused by a student's misconduct.

DUE PROCESS

As part of our district practices and protocols, building and district administration are permitted to interview students who may have relevant information about any alleged misconduct including violations of the school code of conduct. The law does not impose a duty on the District to obtain parental permission before interviewing students or asking for students' written statements.

The confidentiality of any questioning or written statements is maintained in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC § 1232g. The District is authorized to provide for the safety and welfare of students while at school or en route to or from school. MCL 380.11a(3). Given a school's authority and need to maintain a safe environment, school officials may question students on matters of school discipline without requiring parental consent.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Before suspending or expelling any student (except a student who possesses a firearm in a weapon-free school zone), teachers, administrators, and the Board must first determine whether restorative practices would better address the student's misconduct, recognizing the Board's policy to minimize out-of-school suspensions and expulsions. Likewise, when suspending or expelling a student, teachers, administrators, and the Board must consider whether restorative practices should be used in addition to the suspension or expulsion. Restorative practices, which may include a victim-offender conference, should be the first consideration to remediate offenses related to the Elementary Student Code of Conduct.

Pending the disciplinary offense and a review of the 7 Factors as noted in the Student Discipline board policy, administration may provide the student an opportunity to participate in restorative justice programming (course, video, instruction, etc.) during after-school hours. When restorative practices are offered by the school administration, active participation may result in a reduction of total days of suspension. Parents are strongly encouraged to support and participate with their child in the completion of after-school restorative justice programming as a way to educate the student on positive choices and prevention of the same behavior in the future.

PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSIONS

1. The student shall be informed of the specific charges that could be the basis for disciplinary action to be taken against him/her and be given a chance to admit or deny the charges.
2. If the student denies the charge, the student will be informed of the nature of the evidence and will have the right to present to the school administrator any relevant information that will support his/her case.
3. If the student is suspended by the school administrator, the administrator:
 - a. Notifies the parents, promptly by phone and/or in writing, of the duration of the suspension, the reasons for it, and the steps necessary to effectuate the student's return; and
 - b. Discusses with the parent(s) or guardian(s) and the student to plan satisfactory return of the student to the school setting.
 - c. When a student is suspended, he/she will not be permitted to use district transportation. Parents or guardians must make arrangements to pick up the suspended student before the end of the school day.
 - d. For the duration of a suspension, the student will not be permitted on school grounds or at any school events.
 - e. Students who are suspended will not be permitted to attend latchkey or the childcare program.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION - SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

To ensure a safe learning environment for all students, under certain circumstances a student may be denied the privilege of attending school. Participation in any of the following behaviors/activities may result in a student's removal from school and school related activities:

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Cheating and/or Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

The use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations. Dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments. The acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to an instructor. The unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to complete assignments, tests, or any other academic work.

Plagiarism or the unauthorized use of purchased, borrowed, or stolen reports or papers is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, material taken from internet sources, AI-generated content, and material (classwork, test answers, etc.) given or received from other students.

Single violations will result in the loss of credit for that assignment, quiz, or test. Repeated violations (those occurring on more than one occasion) will be reviewed by the administration and may result in the loss of credit for the course(s) involved.

AIDING AND ABETTING

Knowingly and positively assisting another student to violate a law, rule or school policy, either before, during or after the violation. Examples: serving as a lookout, hiding stolen property, giving false or misleading information to hamper an investigation, etc.

ARSON

Purposefully, intentionally, or maliciously setting a fire on school property.

BULLYING

The repeated intimidation of others by the real or threatened infliction of physical, verbal, written, electronically transmitted, or emotional abuse or through attacks on the property of another. It may include, but not be limited to, actions such as verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs, including ethnically based or gender-based verbal put-downs, social exclusion/shunning, extortion. This may include acts of hazing.

Each student shall refrain from bullying and aggressive behavior at school (see District policies for definitions).

Any student who believes s/he has been or is the victim of bullying or other aggressive behavior should immediately report the situation to the principal or assistant principal. The student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate administrator.

The discipline for violating these prohibited acts ranges from administrative intervention to expulsion. The actual penalty imposed will depend upon the nature and severity of the offense, the age of the student, the student's prior behavioral records, the recommendation of school personnel, and all other circumstances deemed relevant. See the Board Bullying Policy at www.hask12.org

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES/SMART WATCHES

Cell phones or other electronic communication devices **are prohibited from being used** in all Holly Area Schools.

- Once on school grounds students will turn their electronic communication devices off and store them in the locker (if they have one) or his/her backpack.
- Cell phones and communication devices shall NOT be visible throughout the day and will be subject to school discipline if they are. This includes but is not limited to:
 - During class/instructional time
 - Hallways
 - In bathrooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms, or any other changing room.
 - Lunchroom
 - Playground

Discipline Policy:

Cell Phone/Other Electronic Communication Devices including Smart Watches, Earbuds, Headphones, etc.

Use during class/instructional time will result in the phone being taken and turned in to the Main Office.

- **1st Offense** - Student can get their device/item back at the end of the school day.
- **2nd Offense** - Parent/Guardian must pick up the device/item.
- **3rd Offense** - Parent/Guardian will schedule a meeting with the Principal to pick up the device/item. The student will no longer be allowed to have their cell phone/device in the school building.
- **4th Offense** - Progressive discipline, including out-of-school suspensions for insubordination.

NOTE: *If a student does not surrender their device/items to a staff member when requested, they are considered insubordinate and will face disciplinary consequences, including out-of-school suspensions and an immediate move to the 3rd Offense. Additionally, if at any time school officials have reasonable cause to suspect that the device contains evidence of misconduct or illegal activity, the device may be seized and searched, regardless of who owns the device.*

CELL PHONE/OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES, UNAUTHORIZED USAGE

Students who use their cell phones at any time in a manner that violates the Student Code of Conduct will move immediately to the consequences listed for a 3rd Offense **and** will be subject to the disciplinary consequences of their other Student Code of Conduct violations. Examples are listed below:

- Recording a fight, assault (verbal or physical), or any other form of confrontation
- Recording or taking pictures and posting/sharing them without active consent/permission from the person in the picture/recording at school or connected to any school event.
- Posting any picture, video, or message that contributes to harassment, bullying, peer mistreatment, etc., taken or shared at school or connected to any school event.

CLASSROOM MISCONDUCT

Flagrant disregard for classroom rules or behavior disruptive to the classroom setting.

CONTRABAND

Contraband refers to any items that are prohibited on school property or at school-sponsored events that pose a safety risk to students and/or staff and that may cause/potentially cause disruption to the learning environment.

DISRESPECT TO STAFF MEMBERS OR OTHER ADULTS

To lack special regard, courtesy, or respect by acting rude, impolite, and offensive. Talking back or showing disrespect for authority.

EXTORTION/COERCION/BLACKMAIL

A student shall not commit or attempt to commit coercion, extortion, or blackmail. A student shall not engage in the act of securing or attempting to secure money or other items of value by the use of threats and/or violence, nor shall a student, by threats and/or violence, force another person to perform an unwilling act.

FIGHTING

The act of quarreling involving bodily contact in or on school property, including bus stops, and any activity under school sponsorship (i.e., dance or athletic event).

FORGERY

The act of fraudulently using, in writing, the name of another person, or falsifying times, dates, grades, addresses, or other data on school forms.

GANG ACTIVITY

To provide a safe environment for all students in the Holly School District, all gang identifying clothing, items, symbols, signs and activities are strictly prohibited in school, on school property, and at all school related events.

GROSS MISBEHAVIOR

This is any act of deliberate school misconduct.

HALLWAY MISCONDUCT

Misconduct that may include but is not limited to: running, pushing, throwing things, use of vulgar language, bumping into and tripping or touching others unnecessarily.

HARASSMENT

Deliberate or willful harassment based on race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender mis-identity), disability, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry or genetic information. Harassment may take on several forms, including verbal, written or electronic communication. Derogatory racial comments are considered a serious violation of a person's civil rights. Sexual harassment is unlawful under both Michigan and Federal laws and is contrary to the commitment of this district to maintain a learning environment that is free from sexual harassment. HAS will not tolerate sexually harassing behavior, false reports of sexual harassment or retaliation against either person reporting allegations of sexual harassment or persons who cooperate with the investigation. For additional information, see the complete Board of Education Harassment Policy.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES OR PARAPHERNALIA, INCLUDING TOBACCO/NICOTINE, VAPING, CANNABIS, THC, AND ALCOHOL

Possession, use, sale, transfer, distribution, or participation in the sale, use, transfer, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, vaping or vaping products, or drug-related paraphernalia are strictly prohibited.

The impact of health and safety and the distraction to the district's core mission are significant concerns and will not be tolerated.

This includes vaping, THC, other cannabis products, and tobacco use/possession, including but not limited to tobacco, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaporizers.

Having a perceptible odor of alcoholic beverages or of a controlled substance on or about the student or exhibiting evidence of consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance, or showing signs of being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. This includes the unauthorized or unlawful possession, use, sale, transfer, or distribution of physician-prescribed controlled substances, anabolic steroids, look-alike drugs, and drug-related paraphernalia.

Malt beverages labeled as "non-alcoholic" (including but not limited to Sharp's, O'Doul's, Kingsbury Malt Beverage, and Zing Malt Beverage) may contain alcohol. The possession or consumption of malt beverages (regardless of their alcoholic content) on school grounds or while a student is associated with any school activity is inappropriate conduct and will subject the student to disciplinary measures under the student code of conduct.

This policy applies while on school property or in any school building or while being transported to or from school facilities or school-sponsored events.

Violations result in disciplinary actions which may include suspension or expulsion, depending on the severity and frequency of the offense.

Possession and Use of Alcohol/Drugs (including THC and Cannabis products) and Vaping will follow progressive disciplinary actions starting from suspension to more severe penalties like long-term suspension and/or expulsion for repeated violations.

Resources such as substance abuse counseling and/or education materials to help students understand the risks associated with these products may also be provided for a first offense.

The Distribution, Transfer, Sharing, and Sale of Alcohol/Drugs (including THC and Cannabis products) related products will result in an Administrative Hearing for Expulsion.

The District has provided Awareness and Educational Materials through newsletters and information on the website to help families understand the risks associated with these products. This action, along with this policy, reflects a consistent approach to combat the use of Alcohol/Drugs (including THC and Cannabis products) and

Vaping, focusing on disciplinary actions coupled with educational and counseling support to deter students from using these substances.

NOTE: The possession and/or use of Vapes, THC, Alcohol, and other Drug-related products by a minor is ILLEGAL in the State of Michigan, and therefore, students will also be subject to citation and/or other penalties by law enforcement.

The policy aims to maintain a safe and drug-free environment for students and staff.

INAPPROPRIATE PHYSICAL CONTACT

Rough physical behavior (hitting, pushing, kicking, etc.) even if intended as a joke or harmless fun, is not appropriate for a school setting.

INCITEMENT

Incitement includes but is not limited to directly or indirectly stimulating, encouraging, or provoking a fight or disagreement between individuals. Recording and/or distributing content that violates the code of conduct is also prohibited.

INCORRIGIBILITY (PERSISTENT DISOBEDIENCE)

Chronic school misconduct is incorrigibility.

INDECENCY

Indecent, obscene, or sexually inappropriate conduct, gestures, or language that offends community standards, disrupts the school environment, or shows a lack of respect for self and others. This includes actions or expressions that are vulgar, sexually suggestive, or intended to shock or offend.

INSUBORDINATION

The failure to respond or carry out a reasonable request made by a staff member, or the act of verbal or physical opposition to the school staff is considered insubordination. Chronic insubordination is considered incorrigibility and will be referred to the School Board.

OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

The act of using offensive language by students in verbal or written form or in pictures or caricatures in or on any school property.

PEER MISTREATMENT

The action of mistreating or fact of being mistreated; ill-treatment.

POSSESSING OR USING WEAPONS

In order to provide a safe learning environment for all children, our schools must be weapon-free. A. Michigan law requires the Board of Education to permanently expel a student for possession of a dangerous weapon on school property or in any school building, or while being transported to or from school facilities or school-sponsored events. Michigan law defines a dangerous weapon as a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife (blade over 3' in length), a knife opened by mechanical device (regardless of blade length), iron bar, or brass knuckles. B. As a matter of District policy, the Board may also exercise its discretion to expel a student for possession of an object on school property or in a school vehicle, which may be used to cause or threaten harm to others. Examples include, but are not limited to: BB gun, pellet gun, look-alike gun, knife (blade 3" in length or less), razor blade, box cutter, chains, nunchucks, mace, pepper spray or any item intended for use as a weapon.

STEALING

Dishonestly acquiring the property of others or possession of property that has been acquired dishonestly. Property found by students should be turned over immediately to adult staff.

THREAT BEHAVIOR

Statement that constitutes a threat against a student, employee, other person, or school property. Statement which may result in a reasonable forecast of substantial school disruption. Determined threats and/or threatening behavior/activities by a student will be subject to school discipline and referred to law enforcement to face criminal penalties as permitted by the law.

Any student making inappropriate comments whether they are false and/or made in jest will be held accountable in accordance with our student code of conduct as such comments carry serious consequences. At Holly Area Schools, we thoroughly investigate all reports of inappropriate behavior, threats and weapons in accordance with our school policies and in partnership with local law enforcement. We maintain a zero-tolerance policy for weapons on school property, and bringing a weapon onto Holly Area Schools grounds can carry serious consequences, including expulsion and criminal charges. We encourage our parents to talk with their students about the consequences of making inappropriate statements while in school or on social media. We also encourage our students, staff, and parents to report any threats or inappropriate comments to school administration and police immediately. Please see *School Safety Information and Threat Assessment* starting on page 33 for more information.

VANDALISM

The act of willful destruction of school property or the property of others.

DISMISSAL

Dismissal procedures are in place for the safety of all. We appreciate your cooperation. For the safety of our students, we ask that parents have a normal daily routine for their child. Each year we ask for a 5-day per week plan. If you need to alter this routine, please send in a note to the teacher or contact the school office. It is important you call before 3:00 p.m. so the message can be given to the student in a timely manner. Students leaving school early are dismissed from the office. Students are expected to remain in their class until the end of the day. Please do not ask to have students dismissed during the last few minutes of the day. Please have a plan for your child should he/she arrive home and find no one there.

DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY

BUS

Students will be dismissed directly to their bus and supervised by staff. The Bus Loop is on the west side of the building. Please do not park in the Bus Loop.

CAR LINE

Parents that are using the car line to pick up their students are asked to stay in their cars and follow the line to where the students are waiting to load. Please place your last name sign in your front window to assist with loading. Students are asked to remain in our designated area until their ride is in the loading zone and can be assisted by supervising staff. Students will enter their vehicle from the passenger side for safety and flow of traffic.

We will no longer have office pick up as an option, all students must go to the car line or a bus for dismissal.

HOLLY ELEMENTARY

BUS

The Bus Loop is in front of the building. Please do not park in the Bus Drop Off Loop. Mixing student drop-off and pick-up with bus and delivery traffic is a dangerous situation.

CAR LINE

Parents that are using the car line to pick up their students are asked to stay in their cars and follow the loop to where the students are waiting to load. Please place your last name sign in your front window to assist with loading. Students are asked to remain in our designated area until their ride is in the loading zone and can be assisted by supervising staff. **Students will enter their vehicle from the passenger side for safety and flow of traffic.** Once your car is loaded you may exit the loop by the left lane.

WALKERS

Students walking or riding their bikes will dismiss through the front doors. If you are meeting up with your child to walk home, please meet them on the sidewalk.

PATTERSON ELEMENTARY

BUS

The Bus Loop is on the south side of the building. Please do not drive through or park in the Bus Drop Off Loop. Mixing student drop-off and pick-up with bus and delivery traffic is a dangerous situation. The lot on the east side of the building is for carline pickup.

CAR LINE PICK UP

Parents that are using the car line to pick up their students are asked to stay in their cars and follow the line to where the students are waiting to load. Please place your last name sign in your front window to assist with

loading. Students are asked to remain in our designated area until their ride is in the loading zone and can be assisted by supervising staff.

We will no longer have a Parent Pick Up Area where you park and meet your child on the north side of the building. All students must go to the carline or bus for dismissal.

As a reminder, Rolling Hills Drive is not a designated parent pick up area. There is no supervision for students at that location.

WALKERS AND BIKE RIDERS

Students walking or riding their bikes will dismiss through the south doors. If you are meeting up with your child to walk home, please meet them on the sidewalk by our Marque.

ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY

BUS

The Bus Loop and staff parking is located in the rear (north side) of the building. Please do not park in the Bus Drop Off/Pick Up Loop. Mixing student drop-off and pick-up with bus and staff parking is a dangerous situation.

CARLINE

The carline is located in the front (west) parking area adjacent to Milford Rd. Parents using the car line to pick up their students are asked to stay in their cars, stay to the right in the car line, and follow the line to the loading zone. Please place your last name sign in your front window to assist with loading. Students are asked to remain in our designated areas until their ride is in the loading zone and can be assisted by supervising staff.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Governmental, tax supported agencies information and school sponsored/related activities information will be distributed with elementary students. As other non-school materials will not be distributed, each elementary school will have a common area for distribution of other information that has been reviewed and approved by the principal. Each elementary school will have a place for such materials near the school's entrance/commons area for parents/guardians, and community members to review and obtain such materials.

DRESS CODE

Students' dress and grooming must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety and decency. We expect students to dress appropriately. For example, but not limited to: make-up, bare midriffs, exposed undergarments, inappropriate wording/phrases on t-shirts, jewelry, and extreme hair coloring/styles. Shorts are allowed in hot weather. Please keep them fingertip or longer in length. If worn, tank top straps must be 2 inches or wider. Students are not permitted to carry backpacks, purses, or cross body bags during the school day. Hats/hoods may not be worn during the instructional day (exception when transitioning in/out of the building). Flip flops may not be worn in the gym or on the playground, please provide a change of shoes for these areas. Tennis shoes are best for gym activities and playground safety.

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

Possession, use, distribution, dispensation and/or manufacturing of controlled substances as defined by state and federal law, by students on district grounds, in district buildings and/or in connection with any district activity, is prohibited. This includes anabolic steroids, look-alike drugs and drug related paraphernalia.

FIELD TRIPS GUIDELINES

Field trips are academic activities that are held off school grounds. Field trips are designed to extend curricular learning in a variety of areas for our students. HAS believes that providing students with opportunities for such experiential learning is an integral piece of our instruction. These high quality learning experiences often require chaperones. Chaperones play an important role in supporting the learning experience by aiding in the dissemination of information, managing students, providing a safe and secure experience and supporting the policies and practices of the district.

HAS believes all students who meet eligibility requirements, should have the opportunity to attend field trips that occur during the school day. All field trip permission slips must be filled out prior to the day of the field trip. Students will not be allowed to call home the day of the field trip to get a permission slip signed. Siblings or other children are not permitted to attend field trips. In order to protect our students' privacy, please refrain from taking photographs of other people's children and sharing them on social media. The posting of photographs will be approved by school officials prior to publication. In addition, students must ride to and from field trips with the class, on the bus, unless prior arrangements have been made with the principal. If you believe that the required fees will present a hardship for your family, please contact your child's teacher.

Chaperones may be limited due to the capacity of the trip location or bus guidelines. When the number of chaperones exceeds the number of available spots, the following steps will be taken to select chaperones for an event.

- A random drawing (lottery) will be conducted to select participants.
- Participation will be limited to one adult family member per child.
- If a grade level has multiple field trips in one school year with limited availability for chaperones, then the subsequent field trips will also hold a lottery for chaperone selection and preference will be given to those families who did not have the opportunity to attend a previous field trip.

All chaperones must complete a criminal background check and a Chaperone Agreement Form a minimum of 4 weeks prior to a field trip and be cleared by the district.

[Volunteer Background Check Form](#)
[Field Trip Chaperone Agreement Form](#)

FIRE, TORNADO & LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Necessary fire, tornado and lockdown drills will occur throughout the school year. The drill practice is necessary to assure the safety of everyone in the event that a real emergency occurs. Teachers will explain drill procedures to students and directions for emergency drills are posted in each classroom. We explain to children that it is our responsibility to make sure that we plan for their safety in a variety of situations and that danger can occur from nature, mechanical equipment or even other people. We approach the drills calmly, without creating anxiety among the children about possible "what if" scenarios.

FOOD SERVICES

Breakfast is available everyday at all elementary buildings.

At this time, it is unclear whether school meals will remain free for all students during the 2026–2027 school year. We will share updates with families as soon as more information becomes available.

In the meantime, we will proceed as we did last year: **all families are required to complete the Educational Benefits form**, regardless of meal eligibility status. This form helps ensure our schools receive important funding and support.

When school meals are free, extra items such as drinks, extra entrees, and snacks are not included, but will be available for purchase. Students will need to have funds available in the lunch account. **No charging for ala carte items will be allowed.**

If you need assistance completing your form, please contact your student's main office or the food service department at 248-328-3036.

HEAD LICE

If a staff member suspects a student has head lice, he/she will discreetly report this to the school nurse or administration. If a student is found to have head lice, verbal and written instructions for treatment options are given to the family of the student by the district nurse or main office. The student is allowed to remain in the classroom that day if comfortable.

If they have been treated, are lice free and nit free within $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch from the scalp, the student may return to school the following day. The student will need to be taken to the office the morning they return, to have their head checked by the office. If any live lice or nits near the scalp are found, the student will be sent back home.

HOLLY BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and after school childcare is available from 6:00 a.m. until school begins and from school dismissal to 6:00 p.m. at each of the elementary buildings. These programs offer time for children to do homework as well as time to enjoy being with friends for fun indoor and outdoor activities. Please note, there is no latch key offered on half days. For more information contact the Early Childhood Program office at 248-328-3022 for more information.

HOME / SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

It is important for children to take responsibility for their own learning. It is also important for them to know that their parents take this learning responsibility seriously as well. Children will be expected to bring back completed homework assignments during the school year. At home practice is a necessary and valuable function of school. The amount of homework given will be appropriate to the age of the student. Please support children with the responsibility of checking their backpack and/or agenda to see if he/she has any assigned homework or learning experiences to review.

HYGIENE

HAS will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques).

Students will be allowed a personal water bottle. Water will not be allowed near technology devices. Bottles must be taken home and cleaned daily.

ILLNESS

Families are encouraged to screen their child daily for symptoms of possible illness. Please help us by keeping children at home if there is an elevated temperature, vomiting and/or diarrhea or a physician's diagnosed communicable disease.

There are times when a student will need to be excluded from school until they are feeling better. A student with a fever above 100.4 degrees needs to be fever free, without any fever-reducing medication, for 24 hours prior to returning to school. If the student has more than two loose or watery stools, they will need to have no loose stools for 24 hours prior to returning to school. The exception to this rule is if a physician has determined that the student is not infectious, and a note is provided to the front office. Abdominal pain that is intermittent and associated with other symptoms or is persistent without improvement. Exclusion will occur for vomiting once, with other symptoms present or twice with no other symptoms present. Student should have no vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school. This list is not a comprehensive list of what may cause a student to be excluded from school, please contact the main office or the district nurse if you have any questions.

Should children become ill at school or should staff suspect illness, we will request the student be picked up from school. We are not able to accommodate sick children for extended periods of time. All students must have a minimum of two phone contacts on their emergency contact list. Please help us by having an established plan in place to pick your child up from school within **one hour** of receiving a call. If a medical manor is urgent but does not necessarily require emergency medical services (EMS), the school will first contact the parent or guardian. If no one is available to take the student to the appropriate medical service, EMS be called to take the student to be seen by a medical professional.

The school follows current public health practices, rules and regulations governing the control and prevention of communicable disease that are set up by the State and County Health Departments. For further information or guidelines visit the website for Oakland County: www.oakgov.com/health or call 248-858-1280 for more information. ** Please call the office to arrange for homebound services if your child will be absent for more than five consecutive school days due to a serious illness, accident, injury, surgery, etc. **Homebound services require a physician's request.**

LIBRARY (INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTER)

Our library (IMC) contains over 12,000 books that are available for checkout by our students. Students visit the library to check out a book at a scheduled time once per week. A new book may be checked out when the previous book has been returned. A fee will be assessed at the end of the school year for books that are lost, unreturned, or damaged.

LOITERING / UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS

While we love having former students visit our buildings, visits should not disrupt instruction. Unauthorized persons loitering on or about any school building or on school grounds shall be asked to leave the premises.

LOST AND FOUND

All coats, hats, boots, and gloves should be labeled with your child's name. Students are encouraged to check for their missing items. Contact the office regarding the location of the lost and found.

MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS

While the health of the child is the responsibility of the parent, the school recognizes that there are some circumstances when regular attendance and safety of the child in school depends on him/her being able to receive medication or medical interventions during the regular school day.

The policy for Holly Area Schools requires a Medication Administration Form or Medical Care Plan to be completed for each medication or medical intervention to be completed or dispensed at school or a school sponsored event.

The form must have the specific written request and signature of both the physician and parent in order to be valid. Absolutely no medication is to be dispensed/brought to school without the Medication Administration Form or Health Care Plan completed. This includes over the counter medications such as cough drops, aspirin, etc. These forms are available in the office and on the district home page. Forms must be renewed on a **yearly** basis. For questions regarding these forms, please contact the district nurse or the main office. For over the counter medications please contact the main office or district nurse to determine what medication form is needed and if a physician signature is required.

A student may possess an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen®) and/or an asthma inhaler, prescribed for immediate use at the student's discretion. The decision to allow the student to self carry medication is at the discretion of the prescribing physician. Student possession and self-administration at school requires specific written authorization from the student's prescribing physician. A self carry contract will need to be completed by parent/guardian and the student. This privilege can be revoked if the student does not adhere to the policies in the self carry contract.

No student is allowed to possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this procedure. All medication will be secured and administered by the appropriate staff. It is the responsibility of the student to arrive at the required time for medication.

There have been a number of changes to policies and procedures within the Holly Area Schools regarding medication use. These changes reflect policy put forth by both State and Federal governments. Please click the link below to access information and forms related to medical plans.

<https://www.hask12.org/community/medical-information/>

NEWSLETTERS

DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY

The "Davisburg Dateline" newsletter will be sent via Skylert twice a month. Copies are available in our school office and on our building website.

HOLLY ELEMENTARY

"Schwartz's Scoop" newsletter will be sent via Skylert and posted to social media on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Copies are available in our school office and on our building website.

PATTERSON ELEMENTARY

The Patterson Page newsletter will be published twice per month during the school year. It will be posted on our building website, emailed to all families and posted on our school Facebook page.

ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY

The "Pioneering Adventures" newsletter will be emailed to parents and posted on our school website, Facebook and Twitter every two weeks of each month school is in session. A newsletter link can also be found on our building website.

ONLINE RESOURCES

The Holly Area Schools website address is www.hask12.org. Be sure to visit the individual building sites for a copy of this Parent/Student Handbook, information specific to each school, current newsletters, directions to our school, and much more.

DAVISBURG ELEMENTARY

Facebook: [Davisburg Elementary School Scoop](#)

Twitter: @DavisburgEL

HOLLY ELEMENTARY

Facebook: [Holly Elementary Happenings](#)

Twitter: @HollyElementary

PATTERSON ELEMENTARY

Facebook: [Patterson Elementary](#)

Twitter: @Patterson_el

ROSE PIONEER ELEMENTARY

Facebook: [Rose Pioneer Elementary School](#)

Twitter: @RosePioneerEl

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

See our website for more information.

PARENT TEACHER CONNECTION

We encourage all parents to become active participants in their child's education. The success of any group is dependent on an active and large membership. The first step you can take in contributing to that success is becoming active. Our parent groups have made many valuable contributions. Their support has provided our students with many special events, activities and supplies. Please consider joining the parent-teacher organization at your elementary building. Information on each organization can be found under the Parent/Student Resources link on each building website. Activities will be posted in newsletters and on building websites.

PETS AND ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM

Students or parents **may not** bring animals to school without prior approval from the administrator. If animals are brought to the classroom for educational purposes, prior arrangement and approval **must** be made through the office. Please do not bring pets to school during arrival and dismissal times. Many of our students have serious illnesses/allergies, which are aggravated by animal fur/dander.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

All students are Leaders and our goal is to empower students to reach their personal best for academics and behavior on a daily basis. Teachers may track behavior differently, but all students will recognize, know, and understand a common language focusing on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Students will be provided many leadership opportunities and be recognized for their leadership contributions.

RECESS

We believe recess is an important part of the total school curriculum; all students are expected to go outside to get some physical exercise. A doctor's note is required for students to stay in from recess. Exceptions involve conditions such as asthmatic difficulties, injuries, etc. In these situations, a doctor's note is required before we can allow the child to remain indoors. Indoor recess will occur when it is raining or the wind chill factor is below 10. Warm clothing including mittens and boots are required for outside play during the winter. Families finding a financial challenge to provide weather appropriate clothing for their child(ren) should contact our office.

REPORTING ACADEMIC GROWTH

Regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences are held in the fall and winter of each school year. These conferences are by appointment and are an important component of the home/school partnership.

We hope you will make a special effort to attend; a conference with your child's teacher is of great importance to the child and helpful to you. The school staff welcome additional conferences. Arrangements can readily be made by calling or emailing the teacher. Please do not plan to communicate with teachers regarding academic or social concerns during the time that they are with students, or unexpectedly, immediately before or after school. It is important for our teachers to be able to direct all of their attention to the students in their classes during school hours.

Report cards are also used to communicate student progress, they will be available at the end of each trimester via skyward. Children receive grades for academic achievement and for work habits. Both are important components for success.

ROLLERBLADES AND SKATEBOARDS

Students shall not rollerblade, roller-skate, wear Heelys, or skateboard on school grounds at any time. Students in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade may rollerblade, roller-skate, wear Heelys, or skateboard to school, but shall remove skates, retract or remove Heelys wheels, or step off skateboards before entering the school property.

SCHOOL CLOSING - WEATHER & EMERGENCY

If it becomes necessary to close school during the day for weather, mechanical or other emergency reasons, elementary children will be released last. **Parents are asked to provide a "second home" for their children to go to, in the event they are released early and the parent is not home. Please plan this before the emergency arises and talk to your child about these arrangements.**

Parents will be notified through Skylert and announcements will be made on the following stations if time permits:

Television Channels: 2, 4, 7, 12, 50, 62

Radio Stations: WCRZ 108 FM, WHNN 96 FM, WIOG 102.5FM, WWJ 95 AM, WJR 760 AM

SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION AND THREAT ASSESSMENT

Holly Area Schools is committed to maintaining a safe environment. School Administrators and Law Enforcement work together to provide for the safety and welfare of students and staff while they are at school or a school-sponsored activity or while enroute to or from school, or a school-sponsored activity.

THREAT ASSESSMENT

The primary purpose of a threat assessment is to minimize the risk of targeted violence at school. The goal of the threat assessment process is to take appropriate preventive or corrective measures to maintain a safe school environment, protect and support potential victims of a threat, and provide assistance, as appropriate, to the student being assessed.

What behaviors warrant initiation of a Threat Assessment?

A Threat Assessment will be initiated for behaviors including, but not limited to: serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm or kill others, online threats to harm or kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices), fire setting, sexual intimidation or assault and gang related intimidation and violence.

Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians, students, and community members must report all threat-related behaviors.

What is a Threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated, and responded to.

What is a Threat Assessment Team?

Holly Area Schools uses a trained, multidisciplinary threat assessment team. Each team is headed by the building Principal and includes the Safety and Security Director, a mental health professional, instructional personnel, and the School Resource Police Officer. The district's legal counsel is also consulted as needed.

What is the Purpose of a Student Threat Assessment?

The purposes of a student threat assessment are:

- To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others.
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand factors contributing to the person of concern's behavior.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern.
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What Happens in a Student Threat Assessment?

All threat-making behavior by a student shall be reported to an administrator who will activate the protocol for the initial response. Once the team has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the person of concern, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

What Parents and Students Need to Know

- Threats must be reported to the school administration.
- Investigations may involve students, teachers, counselors, the police or other community agencies.
- Investigations may involve locker or personal property searches.
- Interviews will be held with the threat maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat.
- Parents of students who are directly involved will be notified.
- Threatening behavior may result in disciplinary action.
- An intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats as needed.
- Regardless of threat assessment activities or protocols, disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement shall

occur as required by State law and Board policy.

- Threat assessment team members maintain student confidentiality at all times as required by Board Policy 8330-Student Records, and State and Federal law.

This policy and procedure is consistent with the process for identifying, assessing, and managing students who may pose a threat as set forth in the joint U.S. Secret Service and Department of Homeland Security publication, Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We provide the necessary school supplies; however, some families enjoy purchasing their own supplies. Lists are available on each building's website indicating appropriate supplies for each grade level if you choose to provide them.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

The Board of Education has charged school authorities with the responsibility of safeguarding the safety and well-being of the students in their care. In the discharge of that responsibility, school authorities may search school property such as lockers used by students or their person or property, including vehicles, of a student.

SKYLERT

Another form of communication utilized in our district and building is the Skylert telephone message system. Periodically our Superintendent will notify families of school closings, changes in school schedules or other important information for our district families. More frequently, the Skylert message system will be used to let families know of upcoming school events, field trips and other important building information.

SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

Student emergency information and classroom progress can be viewed from the Skyward Family Access portal. Staff may also send messages to families via Family Access. This online tool allows us to share grades or information about learning progress in "real time". While the system updates immediately and allows you to view your student's record at your convenience, please understand that extended written responses and complex projects may take longer to grade and input. Please contact your child's teacher at any time with questions around student progress.

Your username and login information were provided to you via email at time of registration. You can call the main office with any questions.

SNACKS

Some teachers, at their discretion, may allow snacks at given times in their classrooms, especially if students have a particularly early or late lunchtime. It is up to teachers to determine what they consider to be a nutritious snack. Parents must follow teacher guidelines when sending snacks with children. Snacks are not to be shared.

STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION

This information may be accessed on the Skyward student data system using your user name and password (contact the office if you need assistance obtaining these). Please update this information as often as needed. In the event of illness or injury, the school needs to know how to contact you, a relative, neighbor or someone willing to care for your child in your absence. **All students must have a minimum of two phone contacts.**

Only persons listed on the emergency information page in Skyward will be allowed to pick up your child while at school.

SUPPORT STAFF

SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

The speech/language pathologist serves those students who demonstrate special needs in the development of their communication skills. Students may receive their services within the regular classroom through team-teaching or in small groups in the speech room, depending upon the students' needs. Students are evaluated upon the request of the teacher or parent when it appears that the communication skills interfere with his/her success in school. The four primary areas of communication are articulation (speech sound development), language (listening, understanding, verbal expression), voice and fluency.

RESOURCE ROOM

Resource room programs are provided within each school to assist students with special academic needs. Students must be evaluated and be determined by a committee to need assistance in one or more areas according to federal and state guidelines. After this determination has been met, the student may receive instruction in a resource room or the regular classroom through team teaching.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

The psychologist works with the staff of each school to identify children who are having learning and/or emotional problems and to work toward developing an appropriate method of handling the difficulty. A function of the psychologist is to observe and evaluate children in order to make recommendations for classroom management or for providing special education services.

SOCIAL WORKER

The school social worker provides counseling for special education students at all grade levels, consults with teachers and parents concerning child management and makes referrals to helping agencies in the community. Other services may include parent education groups and effective education for pupils.

OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

These therapists provide support to our students who have a need for these services documented by a family physician or medical specialist, and who have an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) in place.

INTERVENTION TEACHERS (TITLE I AND 31A)

Our intervention teachers will provide services to eligible students in the area of writing, reading and/or mathematics. Students may meet individually or in a small group.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

You Have the Right... Federal law allows parents to know the qualifications of their child's teacher. If you would like to receive this information, please contact Scott Roper, Superintendent, at 248-328-3100.

TECHNOLOGY USE GUIDELINES

Student Responsibility and District Expectations

Holly Area Schools provides students with Mobile Computing Devices (MCDs) to support and enhance learning. These devices are school property, and students are expected to use them responsibly and maintain them in good working condition. **Technology misuse, negligence, or failure to follow expectations will result in disciplinary action and financial liability.**

Use of a district-issued MCD is a privilege—not a right. Any intentional damage, vandalism, or misuse of a device may result in full replacement charges and potential loss of technology privileges.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR DEVICE

Students are responsible for the general care and safekeeping of the Chromebook or iPad issued to them. Devices must:

- Be stored **securely** when not in use. **Unattended devices are not permitted** unless locked in a student's locker.
- Remain free of stickers, markings, or personal labels. **Tampering with asset tags is prohibited.**
- Not be taken to any outside service or repair facility.

If a device fails to function or is damaged:

- **While on/off campus**, students must immediately notify a classroom teacher.
- If a device is **stolen**, a **police report must be filed** and submitted to the school office.

GENERAL DEVICE GUIDELINES

General Expectations:

- Bring your MCD to school daily, fully charged.
- Bring your charger to school as needed.
- Families who opt out of a district device must send their student with a personal device daily.

General Precautions:

- No food or drinks near MCDs.
- Insert cords and USB devices carefully.
- Disconnect power cords when not in use.
- Power down regularly to apply updates and extend battery life.

Transporting Devices:

- Close lids and unplug cords before moving a device.
- Never transport a Chromebook with the lid open or lifted by the screen.
- Carry devices in a padded backpack or bag—do not toss or drop.
- iPads must remain in their protective cases at all times.

Screen Care:

- Never apply pressure to screens.
- Do not close devices with items on the keyboard (e.g., pens).
- Clean screens only with a soft, dry microfiber cloth.
- Do not poke, scratch, or apply cleaning solutions to screens.

Asset Tags:

- Devices are tagged for district asset tracking.
- **Do not remove, modify, or damage tags.**
- Missing or tampered tags may result in full replacement charges.

Technology Use and Conduct

Students must:

- Only use district technology under staff supervision.
- Access only appropriate, educational websites and tools.
- Never share accounts or passwords.
- Follow all district policies.

Improper use of school-issued technology or network access may result in **suspension of technology privileges, school discipline, and/or referral to law enforcement.**

Damage, Loss, and Fees

Students and parents/guardians are **financially responsible** for loss or damage to district-issued devices. Failure to return a device or pay assessed charges may result in:

- **Withholding of report cards or final grades.**
- **Exclusion from graduation ceremonies or school events.**
- **Referral for civil action or criminal charges.**

Damage Type	2025 - 2026 Estimated Fee (Including Labor)
Screen Replacement (Chromebook/iPad)	\$125
Damaged Keyboard	\$75
Replacement Charger	\$25
Full Chromebook Replacement	\$300
Full iPad Replacement	\$400
Tampered/Missing Asset Tag	Up to Full Replacement Cost
Intentional Damage/Vandalism	Full Cost of Repair or Replacement
Lost/Stolen (with police report)	Reviewed case-by-case
Lost/Stolen (no police report)	Full Replacement Cost

Fees are based on vendor rates and are subject to change. Final cost is determined by Holly Area Schools.

TELEPHONE CALLS / MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Students are allowed to use the telephone for emergencies only. Students may not call for lunch money, homework, or permission slips. All after school arrangements need to be made with your child before they come to school. **If a message to a classroom is necessary, it will occur just before dismissal.**

TIP: Help your child gather all the things they need for the next day before going to bed. Then place their backpack in the same place every evening. It will make your mornings less hectic! It is important that we do not interrupt classes unnecessarily. An announcement to the room to call your child to the office is disruptive to all the children!

TITLE ONE / EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

Under the ESSA Federal guidelines, Holly Elementary, Patterson Elementary, Davisburg Elementary, and Rose Pioneer Elementary are school-wide assistance schools for Title One services. This means that any students who are below grade level in a core area of instruction may be evaluated for supplemental assistance.

TOBACCO USE

A state law effective September 1, 1993 states: "A PERSON SHALL NOT USE A TOBACCO PRODUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY." Violators are subject to a \$50.00 fine and are guilty of a misdemeanor.

TOYS / PERSONAL BELONGINGS / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Items including but not limited to: trading cards, iPod's, MP3 or CD-players, cameras, laptops, computer games, etc. should be left at home to avoid being lost, stolen or damaged. The school will not be responsible for these and other personal belongings.

TRUANCY

The act of unexcused absence from school for any period of time. Chronic tardiness, as specifically defined by building level, can be considered truancy.

VISITING SCHOOL

Please use the main entrance security intercom system when visiting during the school day. To ensure availability of staff regarding questions or concerns, parents and visitors are expected to contact the office and set up an appointment.

VOLUNTEERING/CHAPERONING/VISITATION OF CLASSROOMS

The district adheres to the following regulations for parent visitations:

1. All exterior doors will be locked according to scheduled school hours.
2. All parent visitations are subject to the approval of the school principal, who is charged by the board with the responsibility of guaranteeing the learning environment and privacy of students.
3. **ALL parents working with children or chaperoning on field trips will need to fill out the Parent Volunteer/Chaperone Background Check form and return to our school office along with a copy of their driver's license.** Form and ID must be turned in at least four weeks prior to the field trip or volunteer activity for processing.
4. Visitors are required to check in at the school office prior to going to the class they wish to visit. They need to follow the individual school procedures for visitor sign-in, passes, escorts, etc.
5. Parents in classrooms are there as guests and are asked to behave as quiet observers of classroom activities, unless specifically requested by the classroom teacher.

6. To protect the privacy of other students, the parents of a student agree to keep any information gained on the behavior or performance of other students strictly confidential.
7. Visitation shall not be allowed during tests or other student classroom examinations/evaluations.
8. Teachers are expected to use the time between classes for preparation, meetings with students and discussions with colleagues. Visiting parents are asked to refrain from using classroom observations for impromptu parent-teacher conferences either during or outside of class time. An appointment should be made with the teacher if the parent wishes to discuss their child's educational progress. Teachers shall refrain from discussing the behaviors or achievement of other students with visiting parents.

Parents who fail to abide by these regulations or who intentionally disrupt the educational process of the school may be asked to leave and/or be denied permission for future visits. The superintendent shall ensure that the provisions of this policy are published in the appropriate handbooks and that copies are provided to visitors.

PARKING AT DAVISBURG

All parents/guests with an appointment must park in the lot on the east side of the building. Please do not park in the Bus Drop Loop or the Carline. The lots on the west and south sides of the building are for staff only.

PARKING AT HOLLY ELEMENTARY

All parents/guests with an appointment must park in the front lot of the building. Please do not park in the Bus Drop Off Loop.

PARKING AT PATTERSON ELEMENTARY

All parents/guests with an appointment must park in the lot on the east side of the building. Please do not park in the Bus Drop Off Loop or the Carline. The lot on the south side of the building is for busing and staff parking only.

PARKING AT ROSE PIONEER

All parents/guests with an appointment must park in the front parking lot on the west side of the building adjacent to Milford Road. Please do not park in the Bus Drop Off Loop or the Carline. The lot in the rear (north) area of the building is for busing and staff parking only.

WEAPONS-FREE SCHOOLS

In order to provide a safe learning environment for all children, our schools must be weapon-free.

A. Michigan law requires the Board of Education to permanently expel a student for possession of a dangerous weapon on school property or in a school vehicle. These students shall be referred to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system and the appropriate county department of social services or community mental health agency. The parent, legal guardian and/or student shall also be notified of the referral. Michigan law defines (but not limited to) a dangerous weapon as a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife (blade over 3" in length), a knife opened by mechanical device (regardless of blade length), iron bar, or brass knuckles.

B. As a matter of District Policy, the board may also exercise its discretion to expel a student for possession of an object on school property or in a school vehicle, which may be used to cause or threaten harm to others. Examples include, but are not limited to: BB gun, airsoft gun, pellet gun, look-alike gun, knife (blade 3" in length or less), razor blade, box cutter, chains, nunchucks, mace, pepper spray or any item intended for use as a weapon.

All detailed Board Policies are published in a manual available for your information in our school office or at Holly Area Schools website under District -> Board of Education -> Board Policies.

HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

6161 E Holly Road, Holly, Michigan 48442 (248) 328-3100

President	Mrs. Leigh Jackson
Vice President	Mrs. Jennifer Young
Treasurer	Mr. Peter Deahl
Secretary	Mrs. Lisa Oaks
Trustee	Mr. Sean Creger
Trustee	Mrs. Linda Blair
Trustee	Dr. Liz Cunningham

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

(248) 328-3100

Scott Roper	Superintendent
Michelle Szczechowicz	Executive Director of Educational Services
Linda Earl	Director of Business and Finance
Patricia Murphy-Alderman	Director of Human Resource

SCHOOLS

Davisburg Elementary 12003 Davisburg Rd.	Codie Lakin, Principal (248) 328-3500
Holly Elementary 810 E. Maple St.	Aimee Schwartz, Principal (248) 328-3600
Patterson Elementary 3231 Grange Hall Rd.	Jacob Haynes, Principal (248) 328-3700
Rose Pioneer Elementary 7110 Milford Rd.	Carrie Keech, Principal (248) 328-3800
Holly High School 6161 E. Holly Rd.	Melissa Wachowski, Principal (248) 328-3200
Holly Middle School 14470 N. Holly Rd.	Monica Turner, Principal (248) 328-3400
Broncho Virtual School 6161 E Holly Road	Krystle Voegel, Director (248) 328-3168
Special Services 6161 E Holly Road	Jennifer Lauria, Director (248) 328-3100
Transportation 800 Elm St.	Frank Richmond, Supervisor (248) 328-3090
Central Kitchen 6161 E Holly Road	Thomas Baranoucky, Supervisor (248) 328-3033