

Dear HMS Parents,

We wanted to share important information with you regarding updates to our detention policy at Holly Middle School.

We believe that discipline in the school setting provides each student with the most favorable atmosphere for learning. It is known that the incorporation of limits and controls by individual students is an important part of the learning process and a necessity for young people if they are to participate effectively in a democratic way of life. To further this purpose and promote the objectives of the educational community, rules, regulations and policies are established to protect the rights, safety and welfare of the individual student, as well as of the total school population. Because discipline is essential in the learning process, it is expected that all personnel connected with the educational setting, in cooperation with the home, will endeavor to help individual students to adapt to these constructive limits and controls. **The following discipline procedures are used as guidelines.** They are consistent with the school policies of our district schools and the Holly Area Board of Education.

The follow are the adjustments to our detention process at HMS:

Lunch detentions will now only be given for students that exceed the tardy policy (3+ tardies to a class). Students earning detentions for being tardy will work through the detention system in a progressive nature as outlined in our student handbook:

Detentions 1-2: Student is assigned a 30-minute lunch detention served during the school day

Detentions 3-4: Student is assigned a 45 minute after school detention.

Detentions 5+: Student will serve an in school or out of school suspension.

After school detentions will now be assigned at the classroom teacher's discretion for student misconduct unrelated to the tardy policy.

Detentions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday each week until 3:30 p.m.

**\*\*Please note that the policies and procedures described in the Holly Middle School Student/Parent 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. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Not necessarily in progressive order)**

**Excerpts taken from, 2018-2019 Holly Middle School Handbook and Student Code of Conduct, Page 11.**