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Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! We are looking forward to a GREAT year. For this to happen, we all have to work together.

Faculty
Handbook

Mining for Gold

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THE PURPOSE AND USE OF THIS HANDBOOK

The purpose of this handbook is to serve as a ready source of reference for the members of our faculty on some of the regulations and concerns they will face at the beginning of school, and throughout the year. Additional information and handouts will be provided during the year. These handouts and memos need to be placed with your student and teacher handbooks. It is expected that ALL faculty members will study the handbook carefully.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY ISD MISSION STATEMENT

Andrew Carnegie was responsible for developing forty-three millionaires.

When asked what attributes he looked for in order to make a millionaire, he replied, “I mine for gold. You often move tons of dirt to find a single ounce of gold, but you don’t look for the dirt-you look for the gold. It’s the same way in working with people; look for the gold, the good.”

Activities

Students representing GCISD will be accompanied by a coach/sponsor of that activity. If a coach/sponsor cannot go with the student(s), the student will not participate.

Wednesday night is church night – do not schedule any activities on this night.

Assemblies

Assemblies will be scheduled throughout the year. Teachers will accompany their students to the auditorium and sit with them during the program/assembly.

Grades K-6 will have an Awards Assembly for each semester.

Attendance (Students)

Students must attend 90% of the 177-day school year in order to receive credit. An attendance committee may give class credit to a student who is in attendance less than 90% of the school year if the committee determines that the student's non-attendance is due to extenuating circumstances. This committee will be selected by the Administration.

Students who are out for stock shows with adjunct personnel will be counted present for state attendance. A list of these students will be available in the office. These absences do not affect perfect attendance awards or incentives.

Make-Up days due to excessive absences will be handled through After-School Detention or possible Saturday School.

If students are absent due to extra-curricular activities, it is the responsibility of the sponsor to place an itinerary, which includes a list of the students' names and the date and time of departure, in the mailboxes of teachers at least TWO days prior to the activity. This itinerary must be approved by the principal prior to it being placed in the mailboxes of the teachers. Failure to comply may prevent students and sponsors from going on future trips.

Attendance (Teachers)

A state minimum personal leave program consisting of five days per year personal leave with no limit on accumulation and transferable among districts shall be provided for school district employees. Glasscock County ISD provides two additional personal leave (local) days beyond this minimum. When an employee is absent from duty for any reason and any length of time they must complete an Absence From Duty Form and turn it into the office. The administration will determine whether the employee will use state or local days for the absence. General guidelines are: a half day is any amount of time that is two hours or more and a full day is any amount of time that is four hours or more. Leaving early or absences less than two hours will be limited to three per semester without penalty, after which they will be considered a half day.

Cafeteria

The price for lunch is as follows Elem. student- \$1.25, JH/HS student- \$1.50, JH/HS Salad Bar-\$1.50, Staff lunch-\$2.00, and Staff salad bar- \$1.50.

Elem. students will be dismissed from the cafeteria after the first 20 minutes of each lunch period. Elem. Aides, on duty, will line up the students and escort them to the playground where they will be supervised.

High School students will proceed to the cafeteria on a set bell schedule. Students need to be on schedule to the cafeteria and serving line. Please monitor the halls as you proceed to lunch.

Mrs. Moore needs to be informed at least two weeks in advance if your class does not intend to eat in the cafeteria due to field trips, parties, other special class activities, or any UIL events.

Entrance to the cafeteria when getting ice will be from the back door. Persons need to wash their hands before using the ice machines. Food service personnel are the only ones allowed in the kitchen, unless otherwise told.

Campus Committees

Several campus committees will be established to assist with our school improvement process. Committees are as follows:

- CIT (Campus Improvement Team)
- Technology
- Reading/Writing Curriculum
- AR (Accelerated Reader)
- Campus Climate/Social/Beautification
- Attendance
- Pre-Referral
- Discipline
- Crisis Intervention
- Others as needed

Campus Improvement Team (CIT)

The Campus Improvement Team will consist of four teachers at large, the librarian, and one paraprofessional in addition to two parents, two community members, and two business members. The team will meet at least twice a semester. Elections will be held at the beginning of each year.

This team will be established to work on campus improvement in a positive manner. Any instructional concerns or positive improvement ideas may be given to committee members to post on an agenda for the next meeting. Any other concerns must be addressed with the campus administrator. This team has not been formed to address disagreements with campus, district, state or federal policies and/or decisions.

Classroom Rules

Make sure that classroom rules are sent home the first day of school and signed by parents. Be sure and list rules and consequences. Keep a signed copy on file in your classroom for each student. Please turn in a copy of your classroom rules to the office by Friday of the first week of school. Make sure that these rules do not conflict with any local or state policies, or with any rules and regulations in the student handbook or student code of conduct.

Computer Use Policy

Email

Teachers have e-mail access, but may only send or receive e-mails appropriate for school. Check your e-mail first thing in the morning and at various times throughout the day, as time permits, for daily memos and updates. Please refer to the computer use agreement for more information about student email.

Guidelines

Please keep your passwords out of view of students. Under no circumstances should students be given the password to bypass the filtering software. No games should be loaded onto teacher or student computers. Teachers should make use of their computers for professional planning purposes when class is not in session. Computers will be used to aid instruction in the classroom and in conjunction with projectors and multi-media presentations. Multi-media presentations and power points must be implemented in the classroom for teachers to gain credit on PDAS. If you need additional training, please contact Mr. Cannon.

Lab

With the number of computers in use at Glasscock County ISD, it is certain that problems will arise. It is, therefore, necessary to implement a computer use policy for students and staff members. Students are not to be in a computer lab, without teacher supervision, at any time. Students cannot be sent to the lab and teachers periodically check on them. Teachers must remain in the lab throughout the time that the students are in the lab. Do not send your students to the lab when a scheduled class is in progress.

Library

Teachers may send a few students to the library at a time for research. The students must carry a pass or note that states the type of research on which the students will be working. If the students do not work on the listed research, or if the library is full, the students will be sent back to class. Teachers need to let the librarian know in advance if students might be coming down independently during the week. This policy is not meant to curtail student use of the library, only to monitor unproductive student use of the computers in the library. Never send your entire class to the computer lab without the teacher being present.

The computers are school property and should be treated accordingly. The computers are there for research purposes, classroom projects, and instructional enhancement. This standard needs to be closely monitored. Students will not be allowed to download games, nor will they be allowed to play games on the computer during school hours. When in a lab setting, teachers should be standing and actively monitoring student progress.

For further information on the acceptable use policy, refer to the Board Policy Manual and the Student Handbook.

Conference Period

A forty-five minute conference/planning period is provided daily for each teacher. On either Thursday or Friday, high school teachers will have a planning period consistent with the modified block schedule.

Teachers are encouraged to plan lessons/activities during this time, and also conduct parent conferences as needed. Since you are to be available for conferencing at this time your lunch does not need to be scheduled during your conference period. If you have to **occasionally** leave the building, you need to let the office know where you are going and when you will return. Teachers should not make a habit of leaving the school during their conference period.

When you receive phone calls during your planning period, the office will check your room and the lounge. If a teacher is neither place, a message will be taken.

Curriculum

The TEKS, TAKS Objectives, Course Objectives, and the needs of individual students will be your curriculum guide, not just the textbooks. The TEKS, the TAKS objectives and individual needs of students should be closely observed when planning for instruction. In planning a well-balanced curriculum, learning styles of the individual students must be addressed by using a variety of teaching strategies, and making sure that modifications are made to assist students that have special needs. This planning should be

evident in lesson plans. Copies of the TEKS can be found in the principal's office, on the Internet, and on CD.

Drills: Fire, Tornado and Other Emergencies

From time to time, students, teachers and other District employees will participate in emergency drill procedures. When the alarm is sounded, students should follow the direction of the teachers or others in charge and move quickly, quietly and in an orderly manner to those areas designated.

Fire Drill Bells

3 bells or fire alarm....leave the building
2 bells.....return to the room

Tornado Drill Bells

4 short bells....students will
move quietly and quickly
to the designated areas
2 bells.....return to the
classroom

Fire drills are conducted for two purposes: 1) to train occupants to leave the building quickly and in an orderly manner in case of an emergency, and 2) to teach self-control in time of emergencies in later life.

Upon the sounding of the bell, students will rise and pass rapidly and quietly out of the room, without instruction from anyone, leaving all books, hats, etc. They should refrain from talking, holding hands, or pushing. The last person to leave the classroom should close the door. Teachers should have grade books and office personnel should have roll sheets.

When students reach the safety zone (a safe distance from the building, away from fire hydrants, and not under electric power lines), they should turn and face the building and remain quietly in line waiting for further instructions. The teachers should stand between the students and the building. The building should be cleared in less than two minutes. An accounting of all students will be necessary before re-entering the building.

Discipline

The School's Discipline Management Plan of Glasscock County ISD consists of the Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. Student expectations are expressed in these publications, and consequences are given for violation of the student handbook.

Each faculty member is responsible for discipline at all times in all parts of the building. The only way to maintain discipline is for all school personnel to work together and be consistent. Staff members are expected to follow local and state discipline guidelines, and

to make sure that students follow these guidelines. Although the dress code will be checked throughout the day in each classroom, first period teachers should catch most infractions. Classroom management issues will be handled by the teacher in the classroom first and then by the principal if behavior does not improve. Classroom management issues should not be handled during recess or the PE/athletic periods.

BE CONSISTENT. WHAT IS WRONG ONE DAY SHOULD BE WRONG EVERYDAY. DO NOT LET YOUR EMOTIONS CLOUD GOOD JUDGEMENT.

For discipline rules, see student handbook and student code of conduct.

Classroom discipline slips are always available. These forms must be completed by the teacher and sent home with students for parents to sign. Before a student can be sent to the office, several conditions need to be met. Unless the incident is severe, it must first be dealt with as a classroom management situation. Before students are sent to the office, teachers must first do the following:

1. Document the behavior and assign classroom consequences that are listed in the teacher's classroom rules.
2. Conference with the parent about the problem and set solutions to be followed and document if student does not comply.
3. Send student to the office with a discipline form filled out completely documenting previous actions, date of parent conference, and a detailed account of the infraction. Do not send a student to the office without a discipline form. A copy of this report will be sent home.
4. This report must be signed and returned to the teacher.
5. Referrals sent from the office will be returned to the office.

The principal may give a verbal warning, assign detention, withdraw privileges, administer corporal punishment, contact the parent, or take other action as appropriate. However, once a student is sent to the office, the choice of discipline strategies belongs to the administrator in charge.

Although Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code gives teachers the right to remove students from their classrooms, several steps must take place before this can happen. Repeated documentation showing that a variety of discipline techniques have been used and have failed must occur before a teacher can request that a student not return to her/his classroom. In addition, teachers must remember that there are provisions in the law for schools where there are no other classes available.

If you need a temporary time-out place for students, bring the student to the principal's office. Use good judgment when you send students to the office. You may or may not need to escort the student. If the administrator is not in the office, check in with the campus secretary on what procedures to take next.

If you encounter a situation in your classroom or in any other place on the campus where you need assistance, use the call button to signal and request help or send someone to get help. **DO NOT LEAVE STUDENTS IN THE ROOM UNATTENDED.** If you are not in the room and an accident occurs, you could be liable.

A copy of any classroom rules other than those rules posted in the handbook will be sent home to parents to be signed and kept on file. Be sure to notify parents of any behavior problems, prior to assigning discipline, unless these problems are severe. Be sure to keep a log of all discipline activity for parent conferences (short notes or list) and a log of all parent conferences for PDAS. The campus administrator may want to review these documents periodically.

If students fail to turn in assignments, teachers will handle the incident within the confines of their room. If this results in students receiving a lower or failing grade, then the teacher needs to contact the parents and set up a parent conference and set up a written failure plan that would address the needs of that particular student. This plan must be on file for any student that is failing a class. The plan must be individualized to meet the needs of the student; not a blanket plan.

Manners are never out of style in conferences, meetings, telephone conversations, etc.

District Policy

The District is a member of the TASB policy service. This policy manual is available on our school website (www.gckats.net) and in the superintendent's office. Please be familiar with the student and faculty handbooks.

We are a member of the Region 18 Service Center. Region 18 serves our school in many areas. If you have any questions about the services that Region 18 provides, see an administrator.

Dress Code, (Faculty)

All GCISD employees are expected to come to work dressed professionally and appropriately for your assignment. Your apparel helps provide a positive image for our school district. Jeans and a Bearkat shirt (or red and black shirt) can be worn on Fridays when a school activity is scheduled, or as designated by the principals.

Evacuation Plan

Please check school map for evacuation of building during a fire drill.

Faculty Absences

Regular attendance of teachers is a critical element for an effective school. A substitute teacher cannot have the impact that the regular teacher has. Teachers are encouraged to be in attendance daily.

In the event of an emergency or sudden illness and you must be absent from work, contact your building secretary, Mrs. McKinnon (Elem.) or Mrs. Watkins (HS), as soon as possible. If you cannot contact your secretary, contact your principal.

Upon your return to work, an Absence-From-Duty-Form must be signed, completed and returned to Mrs. McKinnon or Mrs. Watkins.

District policy states that discretionary personal days:

- Can be used after submitting a notice of request to the principal or designee two days in advance of anticipated absence.
- Cannot be taken for more than five consecutive days, except in extenuating circumstances as determined by the Superintendent.
- Cannot be allowed on the day before or after a school holiday, days scheduled for end of semester or end of year exams, days scheduled for TAKS Tests, or on professional/staff development days, except in extenuating circumstances as determined by the Superintendent.

Faculty Meetings

Elementary will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:50 in Mrs. Hirt's room.

Secondary will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:50 in Coach Jones' room.

Do not plan anything during these meeting times. Schedule all appointments at other times.

Field Trips

Elementary: one field trip out of the county and one trip in the county. AR will follow the same guidelines.

Grades 7-12- Must be subject related. Follow same guidelines as Elementary.

ALL TRIPS- Must be approved by the Administration

Finance

The budget has been set. Each function has its limitations.

Function 11: Gartman/Kinnibrugh	Function 36: B. Kirkland
Function 12: Chudej	Function 41: Long
Function 13: Long	Function 51: Long
Function 23: Gartman/Kinnibrugh	Function 71: Long
Function 31: Hughes/B. Kirkland	Function 81: Long

Do not go over the budgeted amounts. Kathy Wheat will give each person, whose name corresponds with the function, a monthly statement of their function. If there is not money in the line item, don't spend it. Mr. Long has the last say on any budgetary item in question.

Food in the Classroom

We need to limit the times that food is eaten in the classroom to a minimum. Do not eat in front of the students if you do not allow the students to eat. Water in a container (K-6) and bottled water (7-12) is the only drink item that should be in the classroom on a regular basis. Students can have drinks and snacks during prime time.

Fund-Raising

- Coordinate all Fund-Raising activities through the principal's office.
- Keep fund raisers to a minimum
- School personnel will handle all fund raisers.

Grading System

Progress Reports for all students will be sent out at three-week intervals. Report cards will be sent home at the end of each six-week period. Students will be given a time limit to have progress reports and/or report cards signed and returned. If materials are not signed and returned on time, students will serve one day of detention for every day that these papers are late.

Failing Grades

If a student receives a failing grade in any subject, a parent conference is mandatory by state law. This conference needs to be logged for PDAS. If you have any difficulty contacting parents, K-6 teachers see Mr. Gartman and 7-12 teachers see Mrs. Kinnibrugh. A failure list will be examined at the end of the each six weeks to determine how to better serve the needs of our students. If a student is failing, teachers will need to have a prevention plan made in conjunction with parents and have on file for the PDAS. This is not an optional plan.

Remember it is not possible for students with special needs to fail until all required modifications have been met. Be sure and check modification sheets of Special Education, ESL and 504 students. Make sure that you are following their modification sheets to the letter of the law. Following a modification sheet is not optional.

Mr. Gartman, the campus Gifted and Talented coordinator, will provide teachers with a list of gifted students to help facilitate accelerated learning strategies.

Grievances

Refer to board policy DGBA. (attached)

Guidance Services

The purpose of our guidance services is to help students and teachers as individuals and as a group with personal, educational, social, and school problems.

Personal Counseling..... Mrs. Hughes

Academic Counseling..... Mr. Kirkland

Hall Traffic

Elementary

A teacher should escort classes to music, to the library, P.E., and to lunch. The teacher or an aide should pick up students who attend a special area class and return to the classroom in an orderly manner unless other scheduling arrangements are made.

High School

At the end of each class period, teachers are to move to the hallway and monitor students during class changes and movement to lunch. All policies and procedures in the student handbook and district code of conduct are to be enforced by all teachers at all times.

Health Services Plan

A copy of the School Health and Wellness Plan is on file in the administration office and on our school website.

Homework/Late Work

The amount of homework students receive and the late-work policy is left to the individual teacher. However, please adhere consistently to whatever policy you establish. Homework is one means of teaching the necessary skills of independent study and learning outside school. A broad definition of homework is considered here to include not only written work, but also related activities such as viewing specific television programs, news reporting, recreational reading, and other activities which are related to the classroom work, but are assigned to be done at home.

Reasons for Homework

1. To complete work started in class
2. To expand and/or enrich regular class work

3. To build interest in reading and learning
4. To make up work missed due to absence
5. To encourage parents' awareness of student learning
6. To provide an opportunity to pursue special interest or ability areas
7. To increase learning time
8. To establish and reinforce independent study skills
9. To strengthen basic skills
10. To develop initiative, responsibility, and self-direction

Homework Responsibilities of the Teacher

1. Homework assigned will be at the discretion of each teacher based on knowledge of the student's individual ability and awareness of home conditions.
2. Homework should be the independent practice of an effectively taught skill.
3. Homework should be given with a purpose that is understood by both teacher and student.
4. It is important that homework be within the student's capability.
5. Homework assignments should be planned to include a wide variety of activities in all areas of the curriculum.
6. Students should have readily available to them all books and materials required to complete the assigned work.
7. Homework assignments are not to be given as busy work or disciplinary reasons.
8. Evaluation of homework should be very prompt. (Do not have students take a test until all homework and previous tests have been graded and returned.)
9. Teachers' aides are not to grade homework under any circumstances.
10. The frequency and duration of homework assignments should take into consideration time requirements for extracurricular activities and community involvement of the student.

Homework/Test Exception

If a student leaves early in the morning to participate in a school activity and it gets cancelled, upon arrival back at school that same day, all work or tests will be due the next school day.

Housekeeping

Teachers are asked to help keep the building and grounds in good order by assisting with some housekeeping chores.

Please pick up after yourself in the workroom. Make a special effort to keep your classroom neat, orderly, attractive, and conducive to learning. If you keep treats in your room, please keep them in a sealed container.

Have students pick up paper and litter in your room at the end of each class period. Students should be encouraged to keep the halls and the grounds free of litter. We are

fortunate to have carpet in most of our rooms - no gum, and no tape on the carpet. Please send someone to the office or get a custodian if a student has an accident or if spills occur in the classroom.

Insurance

If you have insurance/claims questions, see Kathy Wheat.

Glasscock County ISD provides coverage for its students. Information on the coverage will be sent home the first week of school.

Inventory

You are responsible for all items in your classroom. Make sure that kids take care of school equipment. If you want to get rid of an item in your room, please go through the principal. All fixed assets are in a computerized inventory system.

Leaving Campus During the School Day

- a. Faculty members check with your campus administrator
- b. Principals check with Superintendent
- c. Mrs. Wheat will know where Supt. is at all times

Lesson Plans

Lesson plans are legal documents that serve as documentation to the state that you, as a teacher, have taught the TEKS and have modified instruction to insure the success of students with special needs. Lessons should include an objective, the activity, any materials needed and the method of evaluation. Lesson Plans need to also include notations that indicate what TEKS, TAKS Objectives, modifications for the needs of students (GT, ESL, Special Ed, 504) and strategies for different learning styles. Lesson plans are due in the principal's office Friday mornings for the subsequent week.

Elementary – Mr. Gartman's box, via email, or posted on your website

High School- Tray in Dinette's office, posted on your website, or via email

Library and Media

Research time will be established in the library, as well as a book checkout time for students. The librarian will work out these details with teachers. Teachers will accompany their entire class during their research/library time. Students, who are sent without teacher supervision, must have a pass that lists the research on which a student is working. Any students not working where he/she should be will be sent back to class.

All video equipment will be turned into the library and inventoried. If video equipment is needed for your classroom please let the librarian know.

Videos should have an educational purpose, and should be included in your lesson plans. Sign up in the library if you wish to check out a VCR. Television viewing should be directly related to instruction, and programs viewed should be included in lesson plans. Students are not allowed to transport media equipment.

Mail Boxes/Information Distribution

Please check your mailbox at least twice a day, morning and afternoon. Notices to go home with students, in-house mail, and U.S. mail may be placed in boxes. Outgoing mail can be put in a drop box in each office.

Maintenance Requests

Please check with Tony for minor repairs. Other maintenance requests need to go through the Superintendent's office. These requests need to be given to the principal to sign before it goes to the Superintendent's office.

Parent Conferences/Involvement

Regular contact with parents is a critical part of the educational process. Please send home a letter explaining your classroom rules, discipline management procedures and grading procedure; have it signed by parents and on file in your room. Also, let parents know about the good things students do periodically. Contact parents frequently about things that are going well at school. Invite parents to attend programs and presentations, and to see student work or to listen to them read. Parents get tired of being contacted only when their child has done something wrong.

Make contact with parents at least once a semester (in person, via email, or by phone). Take time to explain their child's progress and answer questions about your classroom. A written record should be made of each and every parent conference or contact.

Verifying parent conferences- Mr. Gartman..... Grades K-6
Mrs. Kinnibrugh..... Grades 7-12

Information going home or to the community through memos, notes, newspapers, etc. should be complete, and it needs make sense to someone who knows nothing about school or our educational program.

Parties

All parties must be approved by the Principal. Elementary parties already approved include: Christmas, Valentines, and Easter.

Pay Day

Pay day is the 20th of each month. If the 20th is on a weekend or holiday, checks will be given before the weekend or holiday. Proper credentials are to be in place before the first check is issued (see Mrs. Wheat).

Permanent Records

Each student should have a permanent record folder in the office. Contact Mrs. McKinnon or Mrs. Watkins to request records from other districts.

Make sure to keep a currently signed report card in the folder as soon as it is available. Replace report cards each six weeks with a new one while discarding the old one. At the end of the sixth six weeks, the final copy of the current year's report card needs to remain in the permanent folder.

Professional Organizations

Our District is a member of the Texas Association of School Boards, the Texas Association of Community Schools and the Texas Small School Association.

Faculty members are encouraged to become a member of a professional organization.

Purchasing

After the new budget comes into effect, see Mrs. McKinnon or Mrs. Watkins about purchasing instructional supplies. Remember that all PO's must be signed and approved by the principal. Do not order materials unless you know for sure that there is money in your budget.

If there is not a purchase order, the item could be shipped back at the expense to the person who ordered the item.

Credit cards may be checked out through Mrs. Wheat. Receipts/Credit cards are to be turned in on the next working day. Receipts not turned in on time could be taken out of that person's check that was responsible for that purchase.

Internet purchases need to have a receipt printed and turned in immediately.

Remember to attach an item list and amount list to each PO. No PO's will be processed that does not have a teacher signature, Adm. signature, a vendor, a vendor address, and a date. Merchandise ordered without the proper process is subject to being returned and having payment refused.

School Day (Faculty)

Arrival

The workday begins for teachers and aides at 7:45 am. Faculty members are to be in place at 7:45 am ready to serve their students, unless that person is a bus driver. Staff members not on time will make up time lost during the week or on Fridays.

Elementary

After arriving, students will report to the playground until the first bell rings. On bad weather days, K-6 students will remain in their home room class. Aides will supervise the students outside during good weather. Announcements will be made as soon as possible after the tardy bell rings.

Secondary

Upon arrival at school students will be allowed to work on computers in the library, sit in the rotunda or sit outside. Announcements will be made during the first 5 minutes of second period on M-T-W, fourth period on Th and during third period on F.

Dismissal

Elementary teachers are to walk students to the bus area and be on duty until the buses leave. Aides will be on duty at the coke machine. If a student in your class wishes to stop and get a snack, please leave that student with the aides and continue out the door with the rest of your class. Secondary teachers need to monitor the hallways until all students are gone.

Early dismissal on Thursdays and Fridays will be used for staff development and meetings. The first and third Thursdays will be reserved for staff development; other Thursdays and each Friday will be used for teachers to work in their rooms.

Teachers may leave at 4:15 each day. When leaving for the day, go through a mental checklist:

- a. Check thermostat – set on 75
- b. Lock windows
- c. Turn out lights
- d. Lock your door
- e. Coaches will lock up game gym and complex
- f. Ag teacher will lock up the Ag building

Additional Duties-Staff members may have additional duties assigned as needed.

Sexual Harassment

Any and all incidences of sexual harassment or suspected sexual harassment whether by school personnel or students, must be reported immediately to the campus administrator. The administrator will report the incident to the District's Title Nine Coordinator. This includes student-to-student harassment, adult-to-student harassment, or adult-to-adult harassment. Sexual harassment, of any kind, will not be tolerated at Glasscock County ISD.

Sick Leave

- a. Two local days - these days can not accumulate
- b. Five state days - these days CAN accumulate

Special Programs

ESL:

Certain federal and state guidelines must be met when dealing with these students. Please check your folders during the first two weeks of school. If any child's home language survey says another language other than English, please contact the ESL teacher (Ms Correa). If any new child enters your class after the first two weeks, immediately contact the ESL teacher and Mrs. McKinnon if the Home Language Survey states that another language is spoken at home other than English.

Gifted and Talented:

Mr. Gartman is the District Gifted and Talented Coordinator. At the present time, GT students will be serviced in all subject areas in Glasscock County ISD. If a teacher does not have 30 hours of GT training, please contact Mr. Gartman during the first week of school.

Modifications:

- a. K-6 teachers will meet with Mr. Gartman
- b. 7-12 teachers will meet with Mrs. Kinnibrugh
- c. Mrs. Braden and Mrs. Hughes will verify that modifications and IEP's are being implemented for Special Ed students.
- d. Ms. Correa will verify that modifications and IEP's are being implemented for Bilingual/ESL students.
- e. Mrs. Kinnibrugh will verify modifications for 504 students.
- f. Teachers will have evidence of modifications and IEP's in their daily lesson plans.

Special Education:

Special Ed takes precedence over any other special program. If you have a Special Ed student in your class, please work closely with the special education teacher. Remember the confidentiality that covers these students. If you feel that a child needs to be tested, please contact Carla Braden for grades K-6 and Krista Hughes for grades 7-12.

Title I:

We are a school-wide Title I Program.

All special programs must be coordinated closely with the classroom teacher, special program teacher, administrator and the parents. A list of these special programs will be distributed and updated after each six weeks.

Special Program contact Persons include:

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| a. At-Risk.....Brent Kirkland | f. Special EducationCarla Braden |
| b. Dyslexia.....Charles Clarke | Krista Hughes |
| c. ESL/Bilingual.....Bea Correa | g. Title I..... Misty Kinnibrugh |
| d. Gifted & Talented...Randy Gartman | h. 504..... Misty Kinnibrugh |
| e. Migrant..... Linda Frysak | |

Student Accounting

Check with Mrs. McKinnon or Mrs. Watkins for any PEIMS information. Mrs. Watkins is in charge of all student activity accounts. The school is only the custodian of accounts where students raise money. The only thing that this money can be spent for is something that directly benefits the student.

Student Procedures

New student check-in procedures

- a. Report to Principal's office
- b. Parent sign request for records
- c. Approve student-if transfer
- d. Enroll student

Student withdrawal procedures

- a. Report to Principal's office
- b. Turn in textbooks
- c. Pay fines/lunch bill
- d. Parent sign withdrawal form

Student records/permanent folders are not to be removed from the Principal's office.

Substitutes

- a. Certified personnel..... \$ 80/day
- b. Non-certified personnel.....\$ 70/day
- c. Extended substitution.....\$ 100/day
- d. Obligated to retain certified personnel first

Tardies

See the Student Handbook for additional student tardy information.

Teacher Appraisals

- a. We use the PDAS teacher appraisal system.
- b. Appraisals are scheduled one time a year; teachers will be given a one-week window for appraisals.
- c. Walk-through evaluations will be done often.

Telephone Use

Student:

Students will not be allowed to use the phone during class time unless it is an emergency situation. Students may come in the office between classes to use the phone. Students should not have cell phones out during the school day. Confiscate any electronic devices you see during class and turn them into the office.

Teacher:

The office will be more than happy to take a message and put it in your mailbox so you can return a call ASAP. Teachers will not be called from their room to answer the phone except in case of an emergency. If exceptions need to be made, please see your campus administrator.

Testing

Many problems have arisen concerning the cheating issue. Here are some recommendations for giving tests at ALL levels.

- If calculators are needed for the test, the teacher will hand them out or make sure the student's calculator is cleared.
- Teachers will provide teacher made tests that are based on TEKS and TAKS objectives and ask students to respond to information, pictures and graphs. A large portion of the test needs to have written responses to prepare students for TAKS.
- Teachers will closely monitor the room.
- Any occurrence of cheating will be documented in writing. Teachers will send this documentation to parents and turn it into the office. Students will receive a zero for that paper and students will not be allowed to redo any work or get credit for any portion of that particular assignment.
- Teachers will provide cover sheets for students and move the students out of view of other students as much as possible.

Testing Program

TAKS, Attendance and PEIMS make up the report card that the state uses to gauge our effectiveness as a campus. These indicators need to be an integral part of our planning and direction for Glasscock Co. ISD. Our Testing Coordinator will hand out information with testing dates and grades to be tested at the beginning of the year. Any needed materials will be purchased. Make sure that the students for which you are responsible are prepared for the tests they have to take.

Textbooks

Mr. Gartman and Mrs. Watkins are our textbook coordinators. Teachers are responsible for the books used in their classrooms. If a student loses a book, he/she will have to pay for the book. The student can not check out any other books until the lost item is paid for.

Textbooks are checked out through the library bar code system. If a book is lost, report it to Mrs. Watkins. Elementary teachers will hand out textbooks to their students. Secondary students will be called to the bookroom, one grade at a time beginning with seniors, on the first day of classes. Students will be given their textbooks, at which time they will go to the library and have each book scanned by Mrs. Chudej before returning to class. Secondary teachers will assist students in getting their books scanned.

Unless issued to a teacher or student, keep all textbooks locked in the book rooms. GCISD is fiscally responsible for each textbook.

Make sure books are covered at the beginning of the year and remain covered throughout the year.

Transportation

Transportation requests are available in the elementary and high school offices.

These requests start in the Principal's office. Forms will be forwarded to the Supt's office. Mr. Long and Tony Gomez will make the final decisions concerning transportation.

UIL

GCISD follows the guidelines under UIL no pass, no play. Each sponsor and coach will have UIL orientation training before school starts.

Check the UIL Leaguer for changes in UIL contests and events. Sponsors are responsible for deadlines, dates and rule changes. Sponsors need to be familiar with the Constitution & Rules Manual that affects their events.

Vehicles/Parking

Sponsors/coaches are responsible for vehicles checked out and any damages to that vehicle while in your care. Check your vehicle before and after the trip. Make sure your vehicle is clean of all trash before you return it.

Student parking is available in the parking lot east and southeast of the high school.

No students/teachers should park in red zones or directly behind the cafeteria.

Blue zone parking is handicap parking only.

Visitors

Visitors need to check in at either the elementary or high school secretary's office. Visitor badges are available in these offices.