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Highland School of Technology (HST) is a GREAT school! Our success is no accident; it is a direct result of a commitment to excellence from our entire school community. Your contribution to our success is key as we prepare for another amazing year! The information in this handbook is designed to acquaint you with our school, and is your guide to a successful year at HST. Show “Ram Pride” as we make 2024-2025 the greatest of your school years!

## **Our Mission**

The mission of Highland School of Technology is to prepare all students to be successful in post-secondary education, the community and the workplace by providing each student with a rigorous and relevant academic, character and technological education.

## **RAM Pride**

HST is where you will spend much of your day. Each student is a valuable member of our team, and carries responsibility to contribute to our team’s success. Just as you should take pride in your academic, athletic, musical, artistic, and other successes, you should take pride in your school as well! Let’s take care of our *home away from home*! We expect that trash makes it to trash containers, that walls remain free of damage or graffiti, that restrooms are clean and well supplied, and



Pathway changes are only possible if an opening in another pathway becomes available. Pathway choices from the student's program application will be reviewed, and the student will be contacted if a change is possible. Contact a counselor if there are any further questions.

**HIGH SCHOOL TESTING REQUIREMENTS 2024-2025**

As required by federal, state and local policy and practices, students are required to participate in all assessment/testing systems. This includes at least the PSAT, PreACT, ACT, NC WorkKeys, End-of-Course tests, NC finals, teacher-made final exams and district assessments.

**LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER SERVICES**

A collection of books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs and other media are available for students in the Library. In addition, supplies, equipment, and space are provided for students to prepare projects and presentations. There is a minimal charge for photocopies, computer printouts, index cards, term paper covers, poster paper, construction paper and transparency film. Students are welcome to use the Library when their class is scheduled and also before and after school. The library will open at 8:00 am each school day and will close at 3:45 pm.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Class attendance is essential to high student achievement. and the lea... and, all students are expected to be in attendance... school is in session. In order to be recorded present for daily attendance... at least one-half of the school day (12:00 PM... purpose of class attendance, a student will be marked absent if they m... period. In the event an absence occurs... students are required to present written documentation from a parent/guardian stat... the reason for the absence... date of absence.. Absence notes... be presented within three (3) school days after you return to school and be turned i... front office or emailed to... Data Manager, Christy Kiser at... cnkiser@gaston.k12.nc.us.

**ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE**

When students arrive at school late, they should go directly to the ma... ce with their excuse for being... Students are required to... written note from a parent or guardian. Students should get an admittance slip from... front office staff and report... class they are scheduled for... time. Give the admittance slip to the teacher.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES**

In order to maximize learning, you need to attend all your classes. Ge... the habit of arriving to each... on time and remaining in class... entire class period. In the event a student is late to class without prior approval... student will be subject to... ences ranging from verbal... warning... of school suspension... more tardies you accumulate, the more severe the co... nce.

**LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY**

If a student must leave school early, he/she must bring a written note from a parent/guardian to the main office... wil... note... !

## **EXPECTATIONS FOR CONTINUED ENROLLMENT**

The approved criteria for continued enrollment at Highland are:

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA.
- Maintain 94% attendance (medical exceptions, see high school policy).
- Maintain satisfactory progress in academic areas.
- Maintain good standing with behavior.
- Receive semi-annual review from staff to determine eligibility for the following semester.

## **ATHLETICS**

Students must maintain passing grades in all classes in order to continue in “good standing” with the team. Interim reports and report cards will be monitored by coaches. Failure to maintain passing grades will result in making the student ineligible for contests until the student returns to good standing.

Students must be counted present for the school day in order to practice or participate in a game.

## **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

In addition to the above listed requirements the following have specific additional requirements:

- The National Technical Honor Society is an academic honor that recognizes and empowers students and teachers in Career & Technical Education. All Highland students are eligible for this honor their senior year. To

## **POSTERS/BANNERS**

No posters or decorations will be displayed on the walls or in the windows of the hallways without prior permission from an

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## **LUNCH EXPECTATIONS**