



Class Meeting 8th Grade

Class of 2024



Character at HDMS

- As 8th graders you are leaders of our school.
- You set the tone and culture for our school.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.



A word cloud featuring seven character traits in various colors and orientations. The words are: 'Self-Control' (purple, top left), 'Excellence' (green, top center), 'Respect' (red, top right, rotated 90 degrees), 'Honesty' (green, left, rotated 90 degrees), 'Responsibility' (purple, middle right), 'Courteous' (purple, bottom center), and 'Responsible' (purple, bottom right).

- We need your help to make High Desert a great place for everyone!

Cell Phone Policy



All cell phones are to be stored in lockers from 8:45 am - 3:40 pm with the exception of:

- a. During hallway passing time when cell phones may be accessed by students only while standing at their locker.
- b. During lunch time in the cafeteria, gym, and/or outside.

Teachers will confiscate phones from students who bring them to class.

Hallways Expectations



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Reminders (that teachers are getting tired of saying ALL the time):

- Walk on the right
- Hoods down inside the building
- Phones at lockers only
- Earbuds removed from ears
- Before school in the commons or media center until 8:30am

Intramurals and Gym Expectations



- Sign up for Intramural activities through the HDMS Student Google Classroom or on a hardcopy of the signup sheet from Mr. Kennedy
- The next activity is basketball!!
- The half court, 3 on 3 tournament will start soon!
- Each team will have 4 members; 3 playing and a sub
- Check the intramural board every day for tournament details

IF NOT ACTIVELY PLAYING A SPORT DURING LUNCH, YOU MUST SIT IN THE BLEACHERS!!



Reporting unkind/unsafe behavior... Stop, Walk, and Talk!

Report unkind behavior when:

- You have (kindly but firmly) told the person to stop & it continues
- Another student's behavior is harming you or someone else
- Another student's behavior is affecting your learning
- Another student's behavior is threatening

Report to school staff member when:

- The unkindness happened on campus or the bus
- The unkindness continues after you initially reported it

Report to your parents and/or police:

- The unkindness happened via technology and/or off campus
- The unkindness continues after you initially reported it

Reporting unkind/unsafe behavior...



Snitch: Someone who was involved in a crime and then “sells out” their criminal partners to gain a lesser consequence

Students who report unkind/unsafe behavior that may cause them or someone else harm are **NOT** being a “snitch.”

The names of reporting students (who may or may not be involved in the situation) will always be kept confidential.

***AS A MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, WE EXPECT YOU TO
ALWAYS REPORT UNSAFE OR UNKIND BEHAVIOR TO ENSURE OUR
SCHOOL IS A POSITIVE AND SAFE PLACE FOR ALL STUDENTS!!!!***



8th Grade Party Criteria

Our goal is that every 8th-grade student be able to participate fully in our end-of-year activities like the 8th Grade Party. Some student behaviors may exclude a student from participating in end of year events.

Behaviors that may result in exclusion are:

- *Major violation(s)*
- *Student safety concerns (physical or social/emotional)*
- *Major academic effort concerns*

The final decision will be made by school administrators and communicated to students and families.



High School Options

- Bend High School
- Summit High School
- Mountain View High School
- Marshall High School
- REALMS High School
- Skyline High School

Area Change Requests Due:



**Friday,
February
28**

Bend Tech Academy @ Marshall

About BTA at Marshall

The school is dedicated to preparing students for college and career, with an emphasis on individualized support from staff. The school includes two new Career and Technical Education classrooms as well as a new gym. Students enroll in one of five pathways: STEM Engineering; Construction Technologies; Health Occupations; Military Science; or Business Marketing and Entrepreneurship.



REALMS High School

About Realms

As an Expeditionary Learning School, students at Realms HS use academically rigorous coursework to build subject area skills and conduct fieldwork to apply those skills outside the classroom. Projects allow students to tackle real world problems connected to environmental stewardship and social justice. Additionally, during "Intensives" once per term, students dig into week long interest-based classes ranging from rock climbing to jam band.



Skyline High School

About Skyline

Skyline students embrace a new twist on the three Rs – Rigorous, Relevant and Radical. Three times a year, students dive into a week-long Intersession, from rock climbing to songwriting and more. Students receive personalized learning and blended-learning options and are supported in pursuing internships and interests outside of school.





Bend High Forecasting Dates

March 16th - Bend HS Counselors at HDMS to share more about high school course options.

March 19th - Forecasting Due! High School counselors return to help you finalize your choices.