

**WELCOME TO JOHNSTON HIGH
HOME OF THE FIGHTING RAMS
“PRIDE OF THE EASTSIDE”**

JOHNSTON COLORS
Columbia Blue and Red

JOHNSTON ALMA MATER

With loyal hearts
We hail our Alma Mater
Praising her name
For all the world to hear
Her colors fly
Up in the sky
Triumphantly
And wave us on
To glorious victory
Her red and blue
Her spirits true
Do Testify
Of Praises sung
For mighty Johnston High
GO! FIGHT! WIN!

JOHNSTON FIGHT SONG

Go, Fight! Go, Rams, Go!
We're the Rams from Johnston High
Invincible we stand United in our praises
We're the best school in the land
So let's give a cheer
A rousing cheer
Let's fight to win the game
With victory we'll crown our school
With glory and with fame
Let's fight! Let's fight!
For Johnston High tonight
Let's fight for the red, and blue and victory tonight
Go, Fight, Go, Rams, Go!

A B C s of GENERAL INFORMATION

CELL PHONES/PAGING DEVICES

To assist high school students in communicating with family members, AISD policy allows students to “possess a paging device or cellular telephone; however, [cell phones] must be turned off during the school day on school property.” If a cell phone or paging device is on or in use during school hours, it will be confiscated and turned in to administration or campus police. *Students will pay a \$15.00 fine to have the phone returned.*

CODE OF CONDUCT - - Refer to the PBS Section

EMERGENCY DRILLS AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Drills are required by law and are held periodically. In the case of a drill or an actual emergency, follow instructions as given by your teacher.

FIGHTING/BULLYING/INCITING FIGHTS

Any student who fights, incites, or encourages a fight or other disruption will be suspended from school. Any student involved in more than two fights will have a campus review board conference that may result in removal from school and placement in an alternative setting.

FLYERS - - Must have administrative approval and must be removed by the organization after the event.

HALL PASSES and STUDENT AGENDAS - - Refer to the PBS Section

HEALTH OFFICE - - Room 101

- A registered nurse staffs the JHS Health Office.
- Students are permitted to carry and self-administer over the counter medications provided they are in the original properly labeled container. AISD personnel/school nurse are not responsible for self-administration medications. All prescription medications need to be brought to the nurse to be administered from the health office. The parent must

complete a Medication Request Form and medication must be in the original properly labeled container. Exceptions for asthma and diabetes related medications are made upon nurse review.

- Students must have a signed pass to go to the Health Office.

JHS IS A CLOSED CAMPUS

- • Only SENIORS may leave campus during lunch times. Seniors must be prepared to show ID if leaving campus.
- Seniors and their parents/guardians will be required to sign a compact that explains the rights and responsibilities of leaving campus.
- • Off-campus privileges may be revoked for repeated misbehavior or violation of the compact agreement.
- • Students in grades 9-11 may be issued a citation for violating the daytime curfew law in addition to school consequences if they leave campus without permission or proper documentation.
- • Persons on campus who do not have proper identification (student/staff ID or visitor pass) and students who do not have a scheduled class are not allowed on **campus. Campus police may issue criminal trespass tickets.**

LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY LABS BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

- There should be no unauthorized removal of any materials from the library or any technology lab.
- Use equipment and materials in a productive and respectful manner.
- Keep work areas free of food and drink at all times.
- LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY LABS INFORMATION
- Library hours are 8 am to 5 pm. The library is open before and after school and at lunch for student use. Labs are to be used during designated times only.
- Books are checked out for two weeks and are renewable. Students are financially responsible for replacing lost or damaged books at the current

replacement price. Magazines and newspapers can only be read in the library.

- Students may do work in the library during class hours with a signed agenda pass.
- Students must have a printed assignment sheet from their teacher in order to use library computers.
- Only district approved websites may be accessed. Email, chat, games and music are prohibited.

LOST AND FOUND

- Loss of property should be reported; articles found should be turned in to any office academy
- An effort will be made to return lost items to their owners.

MESSAGES/DELIVERIES

Messages cannot be delivered to students at school. We cannot accept deliveries such as flowers, balloons, or candy for birthdays, etc.

PARENTS: HOW TO GET INVOLVED

A student's education succeeds best when there is a strong partnership between home and school, a partnership that thrives on communication. Parents can:

- Encourage your child to put a high priority on education, and work with your child on a daily basis to make the most of the educational opportunities the school provides.
- Ensure that your child completes all homework assignments and special projects.
- Be sure your child comes to school each day prepared, rested, and ready to learn.
- Attend scheduled conferences and request additional conferences as needed. (To speak with a teacher, counselor, teacher leader, or academy director, please call your student's academy office and schedule an appointment).
- Participate in campus parent organizations such as the Campus Advisory Council, the Johnston PTSA, or athletic and organization booster clubs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senate Bill 83 requires AISD students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags each day; after which, students will observe a minute of silence.

If you do not want your child to participate in these activities, please let the school know in writing and we will honor your wishes.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Radios, CD Players, Cell phones, Camera Phones, Electronic Games, DVD Players, and other Electronic Devices, Toys, Dice, Lasers, Party Flyers, Fireworks, Water Guns are not allowed on campus. JHS will not be responsible for these items if they are stolen or damaged while on school property or when confiscated by an adult.

PROHIBITED ITEMS -- CONFISCATED

- Any staff member may confiscate any item that disrupts the educational environment. These items will be turned into the appropriate academy office.
- Based on the item, the academy director will determine if it should be returned, and when to return the item. ***Note that some items may not be returned.***

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Students must not engage in unwanted and unwelcome verbal, nonverbal, or physical contact of a sexual nature, by word, gesture, or any other sexual conduct, including requests for sexual favors. All students are expected to treat others with courtesy and respect, to avoid any behaviors known to be offensive, and to stop these behaviors when asked or told to stop. Students who believe that they have been the target of sexual harassment on the campus should immediately contact a counselor, teacher, or a school administrator.

SMOKING and TOBACCO

No tobacco products are allowed on campus. Possession of tobacco will result in disciplinary and legal consequences.

Possession of matches or a lighter is prohibited; such items will be confiscated and not returned.

STUDENT PERSONAL APPEARANCE

- Personal appearance should not disrupt the educational process, call undue attention to the individual, violate federal, state, or local health and obscenity laws, or affect the safety or welfare of classmates or students.
- Inappropriate clothing as determined by the AISD dress code:
 - Improperly fit clothing; baggy, overly tight, or clothes that expose body parts
 - No halter tops, tank tops, bare midriffs, see-through, strapless or backless
 - . No skirts or shorts that are short enough to be distracting,
 - . No boxer shorts or athletic shorts worn outside of physical education;
 - No undergarments, pajamas or other clothing not designed to be worn as an outer garment;
 - No slippers or house shoes;
 - . No gang associated clothing or colors;
 - No hats or caps or any head covering worn inside the building (except for religious reasons). Hats will be confiscated by the administration for failure to comply with this policy. Confiscated hats may not be returned.
 - Clothing with inappropriate logos or wording (i.e. advertising alcohol, drugs, sex, violence, guns, explosives, etc.) worn on campus or to school events.

STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRESS APPROPRIATELY. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

STUDENT ID POLICY

- Each student will be issued a picture student identification card at the beginning of the year or at the time of enrollment.
- Students are required to carry the ID at all times when on campus. Failure to have proper identification may result in

disciplinary action. There is a \$5.00 fee for replacement of a lost card.

- The student must have the ID to purchase tickets or gain entrance to athletic events, dances and other extracurricular activities. **STUDENTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES TO STAFF and VISITORS.**

VISITORS

All visitors must report to the Main Office for permission to be on campus and to obtain an official JHS Visitor Pass. Students from other schools may not visit at any time.

VISITOR PARKING

Parents and other visitors to the school are asked to park in designated visitor parking spaces only. Illegal parking may result in a fine and your car being booted or towed.

JHS SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AVID (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION)

AVID is available to incoming freshmen. The program operates through attendance in a four-year elective class. It helps to prepare traditionally underserved students for success in a four-year college through exposure to college-preparatory curriculum offered in Advanced Placement courses.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS (CIS)

CIS is a social service program that assists students and their families by providing counseling, support guidance, referral services, enrichment activities, and mentoring.

IMPACT

IMPACT is a process that helps students who are experiencing problems that interfere with learning, such as alcohol or drugs, personal problems, family, and health issues. The IMPACT Committee will meet once weekly to

address student referrals. Students may be self-referred or referred by school faculty/staff, parents, or other students.

OPTIONS FOR EARNING CREDIT DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

- Students who have reached the junior level (10 or more credits) are permitted to take dual enrollment courses at colleges/universities in the area to fulfill high school credit requirements.
- These courses are free to any Texas Public High School student. When completed, the student will receive a credit for both high school and college.
- Counselors and the ADVANCE Coordinator have information regarding course selection. Forms need to be signed by parents, the academy director and counselor. Students must be sure that the registrar at JHS receives a college grade report or transcript from the college or university attended
- Students receive extra grade points when they take Pre-Advanced Placement, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses. Taking these types of courses is an excellent way to boost (GPA) in order to facilitate college admission.

PROJECT ADVANCE

The Career Center is staffed with the ADVANCE counselor who is knowledgeable about college entrance requirements, financial aid, trade and technical schools, military service, aptitude/interest inventories and career choices. Feel free to visit the Career Center in the library anytime you need help with career or college questions.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE TALENT SEARCH

The SWT Talent Search identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. Participants receive information about college admissions and requirements, scholarships and various student opportunities and programs available to them.

X – Y ZONE

The X–Y Zone is a male involvement project that offers additional services focusing on issues relating to young men through support, mentoring and education.

JHS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Johnston High School sponsors organizations and clubs to enrich student life. Students are encouraged to become involved to make friends and be successful.

ATHLETICS

MEN'S & WOMEN'S

ATHLETICS

Basketball

Football

Volleyball

Cross Country

Golf

Soccer

Baseball

Softball

Tennis

Track and Field

Swimming

Wrestling

Cadettes

Cheerleading

EXTRA CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR BEHAVIOR

Our staff is very pleased that you want to be a part of extra curricular activities at Johnston. We assure you that it is a worthy goal. The rules and policies governing those who represent our school are stricter than those pertaining to our general student body. For this reason, it is very important that you read this information carefully so that you understand what our school and our staff expect.

Academics

- Your first responsibility at Johnston is to get the best education possible. You are very fortunate to have so many resources available to you.
- We expect you to attend class regularly, pay attention in class, turn in all required assignments, and study for tests.

NO PASS/NO PLAY

- To be eligible to participate during the first six-weeks of the fall semester, a student must have earned enough state

credits the previous year to move on to the next grade level or have earned five credits in the last twelve months.

- If a student fails one or more courses at the end of the first or subsequent six weeks; he/she may gain eligibility after a three-week period if progress reports evaluated by the principal and teacher indicate a passing grade.
- Loss of eligibility still takes place only at the six-weeks grade reporting time. The three-week cycle of regaining eligibility starts at the second six-weeks progress report time.

Citizenship

- You will conduct yourself with class on campus, in the community and on the playing field.
- Use of any illegal drug, including alcohol, on or off campus will not be tolerated and may be grounds for immediate dismissal.
- You are a positive example for other students and we will expect you to conduct yourself positively at all times.

Participation

- If you start a sport, you must finish the season prior to starting another sport.
- Should you have conflicts between two school-related activities you are expected to discuss this with the teachers involved.
- It is privilege, not a right, to be in extra curricular activities at JHS.

Sportsmanship

- A player will never question any call an official makes (verbally, gestures, expressions to fans, or comments to the media).
- We will respect opposing players and fans prior to, during, and after the game.
- A player will only communicate with officials if instructed to do so by a coach, or if an official asks for a response from the player.
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct by a player in a game will mean the immediate removal from that contest.

- We will play by the rules and never attempt to intentionally injure an opposing player.
- Profanity on or off the field will not be tolerated.
- Winning “without class” is much worse than losing.

ACADEMICS AT JHS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- To receive a high school diploma from JHS, a student must successfully complete the required number of credits and pass a statewide exit-level exam, the TAKS.
- The exit level TAKS test is given in grade 11 and covers English language arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies and requires knowledge of Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, Integrated Chemistry and Physics, English III, and early American and U.S. History.

CREDITS AND GRADE LEVEL CLASSIFICATION

After the ninth grade, students are classified according to the number of credits earned toward graduation.

Credits Earned Grade Level Classification

Sophomore	5 Credits
Junior	10 Credits
Senior	15 Credits

GPA AND CLASS RANK

Numerical values shall be used for computing rank in class, in the determination of Honor rolls, in the selection of Trustee Scholarship Award recipients, and in other appropriately designated places.

HONOR ROLL ELIGIBILITY

- A. 3.500- up (95- 100) 1st Honor Roll- A Honor Roll
- B. 2.900- 3.4999 (89- 94) 2nd Honor Roll- A/B Honor Roll
- C. 2.400- 2.8999 (84- 88) 3rd Honor Roll- B Honor Roll

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

10th and 11th grade students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 after the end of the fifth six weeks are eligible to apply for membership in the Johnston Chapter of

the National Honor Society. Eligible students will receive application packets. The NHS Faculty Council evaluates applications.

TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Trustee Scholarship Awards are given annually to students who rank scholastically within the top ten percent of their class during the first five reporting periods for the current school year. Any student who receives an incomplete (I) or no credit (NC) is ineligible for the Trustee Award.

GRADE REPORTING

- Report cards with each student's grades or performance and absences in each class or subject are issued to parents at least once every 6 weeks.
- Progress reports are issued 3 weeks into each grading period.

MAKEUP WORK

- A student will be permitted to make up tests and to turn in projects due in any class missed because of an absence.
- Teachers may assign a late penalty to any project in accordance with time lines approved by the principal and previously communicated to students.
- A student will be responsible for obtaining and completing the makeup work in a satisfactory manner and within the time specified by the teacher.
- A student who does not make up assigned work within the time allotted by the teacher will receive a grade of zero for the assignment.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Proper citation of sources in student work is always required. Plagiarism will result in disciplinary action.

Cheating is strictly prohibited at JHS. Students caught cheating may be given a zero for that assignment, and other disciplinary action may be taken.

For more information regarding student discipline please refer to the AISD Student Code of Conduct issued to students each fall. This document fully outlines expectations

for student behavior and possible consequences as provided by State Law and AISD Board policy.

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ATTENDANCE AT JHS

TARDY/ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Arrive to school on time - -
- Arrive to next class within 5 minutes
- A student is tardy when he/she is not physically present inside the classroom when the class is scheduled to begin.
- Absent when he/she is not physically present in the classroom within the first 45 minutes of class.
- Truant from school/class when he/she is not absent without the permission from the school or parent/guardian. An absence processed as truancy will be made up regardless of the number of allowable absences on record.

- When does make up time for absences begin? Unless an attendance committee designates a different method of make up time, all students will begin making up time for

absences after the 3rd absence from school whether the absences are excused or unexcused.

Make up time:

Every class period must be made up with **one hour of time outside of school hours.**

Homework/Academic Center 1 hour credit per day

Saturday School 6 hour credit.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DISMISSAL:

- If you arrive late to school report to your academy office and present a note in order to receive a pass to class.
- If you need to leave school during the day you must have a permit. Report to your academy office before school and present a note from your parent in order to be dismissed early.
 - No student will be permitted to leave without parent permission.

ATTENDANCE COURT AND TRUANCY:

- A student may lose credit in a course for excessive absences.
- If a student is brought to the office with a documented truancy, consequences will be assigned.
- All students are required by Texas Compulsory Attendance law to attend school until they reach their 18th birthday.
 - * Students and parents may be charged with breaking the Texas Compulsory School Attendance Law if 10 or more unexcused absences are recorded for the student.
 - * Charges will be filed with the court and may result in fines exceeding \$1000.

**PBS (POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT)
GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS**

***All students at the JHS Academies will be
Respectful, Responsible, and Reliable.***

Goals: Create a safe, positive, and orderly environment where all people can interact with courtesy and respect. Our school will be nurturing, challenging, and conducive to maximized learning.

ASSEMBLIES

Expectations:

- Move with teachers directly to assembly.
- Sit in designated area, which will be by teacher or academy.
- Listen attentively to all speakers/presenters.
- Speak and act respectfully toward all participants.
- Keep assembly area free of drink and food.

CAFETERIA

Expectations:

- Eat in the cafeteria and inner courtyards.
- Activities that are permitted:
 1. Non-gambling games
 2. Studying, Reading, Completing school work
 3. Listening Music (as provided by the school)
- Interact courteously respectfully with staff/peers.
- Dispose of trash in designated receptacles.

CLASSROOM

Expectations:

- Be on time.
- Follow all classroom expectations, procedures, and routines.
- Remain in class without asking for a pass the first and last 15 minutes of class.
- Have materials (ID badge, agenda, pencil/pen, paper, & binder/notebook for that class).

HALLWAYS

Expectations:

- Wear your school ID.
- Keep traffic patterns moving smoothly.
- Use respectful conversational language and tone.

- When a staff member asks to speak to you, stop and talk.
- Keep hallways clean.
- Avoid inappropriate PDA's (public displays of affection). Handholding is the only allowable prolonged body contact.

LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY LABS

Expectations:

- Use the facility and all equipment and materials in a productive and respectful manner.
- Keep all areas free of food and drink at all times.
- Report all broken or unusable equipment to the teacher or librarian prior to use.
- Access only district approved websites.

MORNING ARRIVAL

Expectations:

- Enter through the main entrances on Arthur Stiles or the NW rear entrance to the cafeteria door closest to the PAC.
- Proceed immediately to the cafeteria, common grounds, library, or tutoring. The library and tutoring with a designated teacher require an agenda pass.
- All electronic devices and headgear are not permitted.

RESTROOMS

Expectations:

- Use primarily during passing period.
- Throw trash in designated areas.
- Report graffiti or lack of supplies immediately to teacher.