



Patrick Henry “The Pat” Middle School
Students of The Pat are the thinkers and doers;
all members of The Pat pursue excellence and work in partnership.
Excellence fuels dreams.



School Hours

6th Graders: 7:45am – 6:00pm (includes snack & dinner)
Friday dismissal at 4:30pm
7th and 8th Graders: 7:45am – 3:15pm

Sports

Sport	Season	Head Coach
Girls Volleyball	Fall	Lindsay Cobbs
Girls/Boys Wrestling	Winter	Chris Potter & Terry Moore
Girls Basketball	Winter	7 th -John Garcia, 8 th -Lindsay Cobbs
Boys Basketball	Winter	7 th -Doug Dawson, 8 th -Samuel Reed
Girls/Boys Track and Field	Spring	Samuel Reed & Lindsay Cobbs
Girls Soccer	Spring	7 th -Horacio Rodriguez, 8 th -Lindsay Cobbs
Boys Soccer	Spring	7 th -Chris Potter, 8 th -Samuel Reed
Cheerleading	All	LaMonica Jiles

Other Extracurricular Opportunities

UIL Competitions – Jennifer Cornelius; Spelling Bee – Elizabeth Awani-Holmes; Dance Club – Keisha Robinson; Drumline – Vincent Melvin; 7th and 8th College Prep Academy – Salonee Shah; National Junior Honor Society – Horacio Rodriguez. More opportunities will be announced throughout year.

Students must maintain passing average in all core classes to participate in UIL activities and competitions (athletics, academic, band, and mariachi competitions).

Who can help you?

Please call to make phone or in-person appointment. For urgent situations, we have an administrator on call to assist.

First contact – Classroom Teacher
Colony P Principal – Natosha Diggs
Colony A Principal – Vernitra Ussin
Colony T Principal – Terese Pollard
College Prep Academy – Jeremy Tarbutton
Program Coordinator – Jennifer Cornelius
Magnet, AVID, G/T
PTO/Volunteering – Aurora Dinstel
Nurse – Dannie Coleman
Principal – Sarah Stafford

Colony Celebrations

Honor roll, Perfect Attendance, Boy/Girl of the Month, etc. will be recognized during colony celebrations. Parents are welcome to attend.

PTO/Volunteers

Please join The Pat's PTO! For more information on getting involved, please see Aurora Dinstel. All volunteers in HISD schools must be cleared through the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) program. Registering with the VIPS program can be done either online through the Parents tab on the HISD homepage (www.houstonisd.org) or on-campus with our office staff.

School Visitations

We welcome your visits to The Pat! For the safety and security of our children, you must sign in at the front office. Your driver's license or state ID will be scanned and you will be given a nametag for your visit.

Cafeteria Visits: To eat lunch with your child, please follow the procedure above. Parents/Guardians are permitted to eat lunch with their child in a designated area of the cafeteria. You may bring lunch for your child only. You are not permitted to bring food for anyone other than your child.

Classroom Observations: We welcome classroom visits for 10 minute increments of time.

Change of Phone Number or Address

Please keep address and phone numbers up to date in the school office at all times. You may notify us of a change by coming in and filling out the proper personal information change form. In case of emergency, it is vital that we are able to contact you.

Attendance: Attendance is taken at 9:40 AM. Students who leave school prior to roll time are marked absent for an entire day. Students who have been absent **must** present a written excuse from a parent or guardian when they return to school. Written excuses for absences from a parent/guardian must be submitted to the attendance office no later than (3) days after the date of the absence. The (3) day period will begin on the day the student returns to school. After excessive absences, written excuses are no longer accepted. The only acceptable excuses for absences are personal illness, sickness, death in the family, or quarantine; students with excessive absences due to illness will be required to provide a written statement from their doctor.

Tardies: Tardies are documented for all classes throughout the day. Students tardy more than 3 times in one week will be held in detention Friday until 4:30pm. Students will be informed Thursdays in writing and we will send an automated call to the number on students' file regarding Friday detention.

Arrival: Students are not allowed on campus until 7:15 A.M. All students who arrive before 7:40 A.M. are to report the following locations: 6th Grade- Cafeteria, 7th/8th Grade- Auditorium. Student reporting to school later than 8am must check in with the front office prior to reporting to class. Students arriving after breakfast has been served will not receive breakfast.

Departure: The front of the school is for buses and private vans only. All students must be picked up at the back of the building; no parent may drop off or pick up students from the front of the school. At 3:45, students still remaining on campus will be escorted to main office. Faculty and staff are not responsible for the supervision of students who remain on campus after 3:45pm unless they are involved in a specific activity under the direct supervision of a particular teacher or sponsor. For **early departure**, anyone picking up the student **must** show their driver's license. 7th/8th grade students will not be released after 3pm, and 6th graders will not be released after 5:45pm. All attendance rules apply for early departures.

Bus riders: The district provides bus transportation for those students in the attendance zone who live more than 2 miles from the school, and for students receiving Special Services. Students are required to have an approved bus form on file each year before they are eligible for bus transportation. Eligible students are issued a list of regulations. Any violations of these regulations are reported to the administration by bus drivers. **Repeated violations may lead to temporary or permanent ineligibility for bus transportation.**

Walking to/from campus: Students are urged to exercise caution when walking to school, while crossing access roads, and using the crosswalk on Little York. Under no circumstances should students attempt to cross the Hardy Toll Road or its feeders. School patrons and parents who visit the school or provide transportation to students should not stop on the feeder.

Homework

All students receive HW Monday and/or Tuesday. Each HW assignment takes 20 minutes and is due Thursday and/or Friday of each week. Amount of HW differs by grade level:

6th Grade: Math and Science (2 assignments/week)

6th Graders will be able to complete HW during College Prep Academy

7th Grade: Math, Science, Writing, TX History (4 assignments/wk)

8th Grade: Math, Science, Reading, US History (4 assignments/wk)

Forgotten Items: If you are dropping off forgotten items, lunch, or glasses, you may leave them at the front desk. We will ensure they are delivered to your child.

Personal Items: To prevent distractions in our educational setting, we ask that students refrain from bringing personal items to school. Personal items can be defined as, but not limited to: toys, radios, trading cards, sports equipment, iPods, cameras, make up, stuffed animals. Cell phones must be turned off for the duration of the instructional day. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal items. **Investigations for stolen/lost belongings will NOT be conducted.** This includes cell phones and electronic devices.

Hand Sanitizer: Students should not bring personal hand sanitizer to school; students have access to hand sanitizer throughout the building.

Buying & Selling Items: Students are not permitted to buy or sell any items at school except for school-sponsored activities/events.

Food & Nutrition Guidelines

The Texas Department of Agriculture prohibits foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNV) to be served during the school day. However, a parent may provide food or beverages for his/her own child's consumption only. Personal food items may not be consumed during breakfast. Snack and dinner are provided for all 6th graders; dinner is available to all students at 5:30pm.

Medication Policy

- HISD Board of Education Policy does not permit any school personnel to administer medication of any kind (including aspirin). The nurse, however, can dispense medication under certain conditions.
- All medicine, including cough drops and medicated lip balm, must be brought to the clinic in the original container by the parent/guardian. Except in the case of diabetes and asthma, students cannot carry medication.
- Non-prescription medication will be given to students when necessary only upon receiving a written request with specific instructions from the parent/guardian.
- Prescription medication must be in the original container, properly labeled with the child's name, name of medication, and directions for time and dosage. Medication must be prescribed by a medical professional licensed to practice in the state of Texas.
- When the period for administering the medication has expired, the parent or other adult must retrieve the medication from school as **students may not transport medicine to or from school.**

Dress Code

Clothing	Styles	Materials	Colors
Shirts	Patrick Henry grade level shirts only. Uniform shirts must be visible at all times.	Only Patrick Henry shirts sold on campus are permitted.	6 th Grade: Navy 7 th Grade: Red 8 th Grade: Columbia Blue Black allowed on "Blackout days"
Pants	Tailored with straight legs (baggy or too tight, oversized styles, multiple pockets, sweat pants, leggings, and spandex are not permitted)	Cotton, Polyester, Blend, Twill/Poplin. No denim, jean or corduroy is allowed.	Solid Khaki/Tan ONLY
Shorts/ Skirts	Must be no higher than 3 inches above the crease of the back of the knee. Multiple, oversized pockets are not permitted	Cotton, polyester blend, twill/poplin. No denim, jean or corduroy is allowed.	Solid Khaki/Tan ONLY
Sweatshirts and Jackets	No pullovers. Jackets must zip or button in front and must be in accordance with HISD Code of Conduct.	N/A	N/A
Shoes	Shoes must allow for safe movement throughout the building, including stairs (No flip flops, house shoes, high heels, etc.). Must be fastened at all fastenings	Canvas, Leather	
Belts	Optional- Must be sized and worn appropriately (plain, i.e. no studs, insignia, etc)	Leather, canvas, vinyl	Solid brown, solid black, solid white, solid navy, or solid khaki/tan ONLY
Hair	Hairstyles including eyebrow cuts deemed inappropriate (including but not limited to designs or colored hair) are not permitted		

Accessories

- Exposed tattoos and/or use of pens or pencils to make on arms, hands, legs, face, etc. are not allowed in school
- Excessive make-up is not allowed
- Chains and necklaces must be worn inside the shirt at all times
- Any shirt, blouse, sweater, jacket, shorts, or pants with rips, tears, or cuts, may not be worn; students may not bring blankets
- Mesh or clear backpacks ONLY, girls may bring small purses to school, oversized purses will not be permitted
- Hats, caps, and/or head coverings are not to be worn on campus
- Bandanas of any color are not allowed on campus
- Patrick Henry ID badges must be worn at all times on school-issued chain, school-issued lanyard or clip
- Appropriate earrings only – no spikes, oversized earrings, etc., no visible facial piercing

Birthdays

- Birthdays are acknowledged at school during the morning announcements and in the classroom. Summer birthdays will be acknowledged in May. Students will be invited to the main office to receive a small favor
- Due to imposed health regulations, you are not permitted to bring cupcakes, cakes, brownies, favorites, etc., for birthdays or special occasions
- Out of respect for limited instructional time, in-class birthday parties are not permitted on campus
- We do not allow the delivery of gifts such as flowers, balloons, etc to classrooms

Code of Conduct

You received the HISD Student Code of Conduct and are required to sign the acknowledgement form. You are asked to become thoroughly familiar with this important document and use it as a reference as questions arise. You may request additional copy at front desk if needed. Please make special note of policies detailed under "Student Responsibilities."