



Kinder High School for the
Performing and Visual Arts

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Who's Who at HSPVA?

I need a verification of enrollment form.	Carol Salazar or Paula Hernandez
I need to request a waiver for failing a PreAP/AP class.	Corresponding Assistant Principal
I need to meet about my 504 plan.	TBD
I need to meet about my IEP plan.	Mia Jackson
I need to ask about accommodations for my ACT, SAT, or AP tests.	Mr. Oscar Perez
I need to ask about accommodations for my STAAR test.	TBD
I need to change my schedule.	Corresponding Counselor
I need to turn in an excuse for being absent.	Claudia Torres
I need to turn in proof of a college visit for attendance.	Claudia Torres
I need to pay my senior dues.	Blanca Herrera
I need to ask for bus transportation.	Paula Hernandez
I need to ask for a free/reduced lunch form.	Carol Salazar
I need to ask for free tickets for performances because I qualify for free/reduced lunch.	Jonathan Klein
I want to buy tickets to performances.	Kinder HSPVA Box Office
How do I start a new club?	Mr. Terrell Lockett
I need to check grades.	PowerSchool App
I need help with applying to college and getting scholarships.	Corresponding Counselor
I'm a senior and have questions about events.	Ms. Melissa Brubaker
My club wants to make an announcement.	Club Sponsor

Administration

Dr. Priscilla Rivas	Principal
Oscar Perez	Assistant Principal (Dance, Theater and Visual Arts)
Terrell Lockett	Assistant Principal (Creative Writing, Instrumental and Vocal)
TBD	Teacher Specialist
Rebecca Johnson	Counselor
Christy Farris	Counselor Dance, Theater and Visual Arts)
Jonathan Klein	Magnet Coordinator
Laura Mathis	Registrar
Kimberlyn Jordan	BSN, RN Nurse
Carolyn Salazar	Administrative Assistant
Claudia Torres	Data/Attendance Clerk
Blanca Herrera	Finance Clerk

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am proud and honored to be your principal at Kinder HSPVA. I am excited to get to know each one of you and witness your journey with this incredible community.

It is my hope that this planner will help you stay organized and up-to-date with your assignments, performances, art shows, rehearsals, and the numerous other events that fill your time throughout the year. When used on a consistent basis, this organizer will help you manage your time and assignments to make this a successful and positive year.

You are a student at Kinder HSPVA because you are one of the most outstanding young artists in the Houston area! If you find yourself struggling with organization and/or time management, please talk with your art area teachers, a counselor, or an administrator as soon as possible. We want you to be successful in your arts and academics. Organization and planning are the keys to doing well at PVA.

I hope that the coming months prove to be a most magical time for you at Kinder HSPVA!

Sincerely,
Dr. Priscilla Rivas

Kinder HSPVA Mission Statement

By cultivating both artistic and academic excellence in a diverse environment, Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts builds the confidence and enthusiasm required for an accomplished creative future.

Kinder HSPVA Philosophy

Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) of the Houston Independent School District evolved in 1971 from a realization that gifted young artists need highly specialized and rigorous training in the arts to be prepared for the intense competition they will meet in colleges, conservatories, and the professional arts world. The creation of Kinder HSPVA represented the first attempt by any public high school in the nation to correlate an academic program with concentrated training in the arts. Also, it was one of only three public schools in the nation to offer programs in both the visual and performing arts, and the first such institution in the Southwest. For HISD, the formation of Kinder HSPVA represented a dramatic departure from traditional comprehensive programs. Ultimately the school became the pilot school for today's magnet school concept.

Kinder HSPVA is fully accredited and offers the same academic curriculum and graduation requirements as all HISD high schools; the major difference in the academic program is that we offer the added ingredient of correlating the arts with academics, rather than treating either as isolated disciplines. All students spend approximately three hours per day in their art areas, and the remainder of the time in academics or electives. The arts offered for in-depth study are: Creative Writing, Dance, Instrumental Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, and Vocal Music. In addition, Kinder HSPVA is committed to its role as a college preparatory school, making students aware of the variety of opportunities they have for future training at colleges or universities, advanced art institutes, and conservatories.

The school recognizes and values student individuality. It nurtures, without exception, the values of individual accomplishment and independence. Since individual creativity is integral to the production of art, our faculty and staff work with students on an individualized, human level that stimulates intellectual, artistic, and technical originality. We strive to graduate people who can work independently and creatively.

At the same time, Kinder HSPVA places high value on group responsibility, loyalty, and sense of community. In a country that is sustained by a democratic process, a sense of individual worth, coupled with a sense of responsibility to a society, is invaluable. It is to these ends that Kinder HSPVA devotes its energies. In other words, at Kinder HSPVA we don't have a large set of rules for the march of the same drummer, we have a set of guidelines which are designed to allow for individual freedom as well as respecting other drummer's rhythms. Students at Kinder HSPVA are treated as individuals in individual situations. There is no single rhythm assigned to Kinder HSPVA.

Visitors

All visitors to the Kinder HSPVA campus must register in the main office on the first floor and receive a visitor's identification permit. Visitors must have a valid ID. Students may not bring visitors to classes during school hours without prior written approval from an administrator. Any non-staff member who wishes to talk to students must have prior office approval. Failure to receive approval may result in arrest.

Attendance

The Attendance Office monitors absences. Upon returning to school after an absence, students must get a permit from the Attendance Office. **A note from the parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence must be submitted to this office within three days of returning to school. Failure to submit a note will result in an unexcused absence.** This will be strictly enforced as a requirement for students to be able to exempt from final exams during the Spring semester. Absences of more than 3 consecutive days require a doctor's note. Students may be returned to their zoned school for excessive absences.

The only acceptable excuses for absences and tardiness are personal illness, sickness or death in the family, quarantine, weather or road conditions making travel dangerous, participation in off-campus activities with prior permission of the principal, emergencies or unusual circumstances recognized by the principal.

For the 2024-2025 school year, schools are required to use all absences (excused and unexcused) in calculating percentage of attendance. A student may lose credit for a class:

- 1st Period - 7 or more absences
- 2nd - 9th Periods - 4 or more absences

For those with excessive absences, an NG* (no grade) and the student will need to attend credit appeal to earn credit or be reseated in the course. The attendance committee will determine the type of activity students need to do and the number of hours assigned to reinstate the credit.

Be on time to class! Tardiness will be monitored by your teachers. The 4th and 7th tardy will result in detention or a conduct grade reduction. Excessive tardiness may result in detention, conduct reductions, attendance probation, or other consequences, including possible exit from Kinder HSPVA.

Tardies

Students arriving after 7:50 will need to obtain a tardy pass at the front office. **Students arriving after 8:05 are considered absent from 1st period.**

Kinder HSPVA staff will check tardiness as carefully as absences. Three unexcused tardies within a grading period will result in a conduct grade of **"S."** Six unexcused tardies will result in a conduct grade of **"P."**

College Visits

College visits are only allowed for 11th & 12th grade students. Upon returning, the student will provide the attendance clerk with a pass from the college or a confirmation email of their visit. Kinder HSPVA will excuse a **maximum** of two days for college visits under the following circumstances:

- The student's grade point average and test scores are acceptable to the institution being visited;
- The student has a current average of at least 75 in academic courses and 77 in art;
- Verification of the appointment is provided by the parents in advance of the absence(s);
- Work missed is made up at the convenience of the classroom teachers.

Students will need to submit an attendance letter on a college letterhead from the actual day of the visit or a 'Thank You for your recent visit' email from the college. These documents can be submitted to Mrs. Torres in the first floor office or to her email at Claudia.torres@houstonisd.org within 3 days upon the student returning to our campus.

IMPORTANT NOTE: invitations, confirmations or reminders are not acceptable to excuse absences as college visits.

Entering or Leaving the Premises

Students who arrive after 7:50 AM must sign in at the attendance office or near the Studio Theatre before entering the 1st period class. **No student is permitted to leave campus once they have arrived on campus until the end of the school day without a verifiable request in writing or by telephone from the parent/guardian. Students dropped off by their parents or the bus cannot leave campus to get breakfast. They must enter the building upon arrival. In every case, final permission to leave campus must be granted by an administrator. Leaving the school grounds, or going to a car on or off campus without permission is a violation of the HISD Code of Student Conduct. A student may be referred to a Disciplinary Alternative Educational Program (DAEP) or returned to his/her zoned school for violating this rule.** If a student becomes ill at school, he/she may be excused to go home or to see a doctor after the parent/guardian has been notified by school staff. In the interest of safety for all students, calls to parents regarding illnesses are to be initiated by school staff. Students are NOT to call parents on their cell phones to ask parents to come to school. All dentist and doctor visits must be verified. The attendance office will issue a permit when the student signs out. Students must check out through the Attendance Office and check back in upon return to campus.

Dress Code

Students are to dress appropriately for all school activities including the classroom, performances, and other school events. Attire that disrupts the educational process, or jeopardizes the safety of others, is inappropriate. The Assistant Principal will give more specific guidelines as required. Parents are encouraged to support their students as to what would be appropriate for a professional learning community. Students dressed inappropriately

will be referred to an Assistant Principal.

Elevator Use

Elevator use is reserved for faculty and staff, school guests, and students with an office or nurse issued permit only. Students are not allowed to utilize the elevators unless with a proper permit or accompanied by an adult. If students are caught on the elevator without a pass, they may be assigned detention.

Spring Semester Final Exam Exemptions

Exam exemptions are granted as **an incentive** for daily school attendance and the timely return of excuse notes. This incentive is only available in the spring semester. When the final exam season approaches, attendance report will be ran and students who have one unexcused absence for the semester will be excluded from the eligible list.

To maintain eligibility, students should attend school every day. In the event of a necessary absence, students should turn in excuse notes within **three** days.

Discipline

Students are to adhere to HISD's Code of Student Conduct and Kinder HSPVA's Entrance Agreement. In addition, Kinder HSPVA has a no-tolerance policy for defacing (e.g., graffiti) or maliciously destroying school property. Students guilty of this offense may be exited immediately. Multiple Level I, II or III offenses ([See HISD Code of Student Conduct](#)) will result in detention, conduct cuts, disciplinary probation, suspension, release to an alternative setting, and/or possible referral to the Review Board for exit. In all cases, the Code of Student Conduct and the terms of the [Entrance Agreement](#) will be enforced.

Bus Rules

HISD provides bus transportation for qualified students. Riding a school bus is a privilege a student may enjoy as long as he or she follows rules and regulations that have been established by HISD. However, if it becomes apparent that the student is not cooperating, the following steps will be initiated:

First Offense: The student will be warned, and the parents will be informed that the student is not meeting stipulations of the Kinder HSPVA Entrance Agreement. Depending on the seriousness of the offense, a student may lose bus privileges or receive other appropriate sanctions.

Second Offense: Meeting of parent-student-administrator with appropriate action to follow.

Third Offense: The student will be suspended from riding the bus. Bus drivers are accountable to the school and to the HISD Transportation Department.

Lunch Detention

Lunch detention is held each Tuesday and Wednesday in Room 461 from 11:40 – 12:10. All students must report to room 461 by 11:45 to be counted late. Students arriving late to detention will be counted absent and will be assigned an additional detention for failure to show.

Students may be assigned to lunch detention or after school detention (Admin. Only) by their teachers for tardies or Level 1 minor infractions or by an Assistant Principal for more serious infractions. If assigned detention, students must bring a sack lunch, and a book or assignment to study during the detention period. NO cell phones are allowed during lunch detention.

Smoking/Vaping

Smoking/Vaping is a Level III offense (HISD Code of Conduct). Students may be exited from Kinder HSPVA for violating this policy. **This policy includes the use of vape products. In addition to smoking/vaping, any and all drug use and/or selling or distributing is prohibited and full authority of the code of conduct and law will be utilized for violations.**

Cheating

When plagiarism, copying, or other form of academic dishonesty is discovered, the student grade will be a zero, and the Assistant Principal should be notified for possible disciplinary action.

- For a first offense, the teacher may assign a 0, parents and assistant principal are notified. Students may retake the assignment (or an alternate assignment at the teacher's discretion) with a maximum grade of a 70.
- For the second offense, a disciplinary referral is required and further consequences will be determined.

Teachers may also lower the student's conduct grade at their discretion.

Kinder HSPVA Honor Code

"I pledge I have neither given nor received any unauthorized information on this work."

Cell Phones/Ear Buds

Cell phones should not be used in the classroom and must be physically put away. Students are only allowed to use cell phones during lunch time.

Teacher will address the student and remind them to put the cell phone in their backpack. The teacher will notify the parent if the student uses the cell phone again. If cell phone use becomes chronic, the teacher will inform an administrator who will pick up the phone and a parent will need to come to pick up the phone.

Students should not be wearing headphones/earbuds during class unless students have an accommodation. Students should not wear headphones in the halls in between classes.

Late Work Deadline

The deadline for late assignments/assessments each cycle is the Wednesday of the last week of the grading cycle. Teachers are not obligated to accept work past this deadline. Accepting late work after this deadline is up to the discretion of the teacher.

Library

Students must sign in and out when using the library. Library Hours are 7:30 AM to 3:35 PM school days. Large groups of students using the library must be pre-scheduled and accompanied by a teacher. A maximum of five students per class may use the library without a teacher.

Most library materials may be borrowed. Books, CD's and videos may be checked out for fourteen days. Books labeled CS (Class Set), which are part of the English curriculum, may be checked out for thirty days or until the end of the assignment.

Payment for a lost book is based upon the cost to replace it. If a lost book is later found, the fine for overdue return will be deducted from the refund. Fines may be issued for damaged material.

Nursing Services

To visit the School Nurse, a student must have a Nurse Pass signed by the teacher with the time they left the classroom and the signs/symptoms of illness. Toward the end of the period, a student is to report to the next period and obtain a permit from that teacher who will note if the student is missing a test. A return permit will have the time the student left the Nurse, and will be checked by the teacher upon returning to class. (In case of an emergency, a student will be admitted to the clinic without a permit).

Students should stay home when they are suffering from a cold or influenza-like illness and are experiencing COVID related symptoms. Symptoms include having a fever and/or vomiting. Cold viruses are highly contagious and close contact among students means they spread quickly.

Remember to use these practices to protect yourself and others: wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer when you are unable to use soap and water to clean your hands, avoid

touching your face, your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, do not drink or eat after others, if you cough or sneeze (even while wearing a mask) turn your head away from others and cough or sneeze into your elbow joint, tissues used for blowing the nose should be thrown in the trash immediately after use and hands should be washed immediately after wiping nose, and clean surfaces with disinfectant (especially high use surfaces).

Students who become ill after arrival at school will be sent to the Nursing Office. Students should not call or text parents regarding illness prior to seeing the School Nurse—the Nurse will contact your parents if you cannot be treated and return to class.

No medications (prescription or over the counter) may be taken at school without proper authorization. The ONLY medications that may be self-carried are EPI-PENs and rescue asthma inhalers. Students must have current HISD medication authorization forms completed each school year by the physician and parent on file in the Nurse's Office to carry or receive medications on campus. Prescribed medicines must be provided according to policy, by parents, and are locked in the Nurse's Office. Students should take medications between classes whenever possible.

State law requires, with very few exceptions, that students must provide proof of current immunizations or they may be excluded from school attendance. All students entering District schools for the first time in any grade shall provide evidence of the results of a tuberculosis skin test. Refer any questions to the School Nurse.

General Information

Student Parking

Students who were assigned a parking spot and paid for it cannot resell it or transfer it to any other student or guest at any time. They are not allowed to be in the student parking lot or inside their cars during school hours, before or after school, and they will need to get permission from their Assistant Principal if they need to pick up anything forgotten in their cars. Failure to follow these policies will result in losing the privilege to park at the school parking lot, and the parking fee will not be reimbursed. If a student arrives to find someone else in their assigned space, the student should temporarily park in a handicap space and notify Ms. Salazar prior to first period.

Announcements

Announcements are made daily by members of RPVA. An administrator must approve all announcements.

Major Papers and Projects

Students should keep a copy of all assignments. Due dates for papers, projects and general assignments are set by individual teachers. Classroom policies may differ among teachers. It is the student's responsibility to know and to adhere to due dates communicated by teachers.

Student Clubs and Organizations

Students are encouraged to participate in the many and wide variety of student clubs and organizations. All recognized clubs for the school year will be represented at the annual Fall Club Fair. It is important to remember that arts and academics always take priority. **The administration reserves the right to pull club membership or to deny participation in club or school activities if art and academic expectations including performance and behavior are not being maintained.**

Club participation cannot interfere with required (by teacher or as warranted by grades/missing assignments) tutorial obligations.

Quiet Hours/After School

Students must exit campus following the school day. If participating in an after-school activity, students must be in their assigned area with an adult by 4:00 PM. Students attending but not participating in evening performances or events must leave campus and only return when the public is admitted to the building that evening. The only permitted location to wait for a ride is on the half of the Commons closest to the main entrance.

Counselors

Counselor offices are located in the 4th floor admin suite:

Becky Johnson
Rebecca.Johnson@Houstonisd.org
Creative Writing, Instrumental, & Vocal

Christy Farris
Christina.Farris@Houstonisd.org
Dance, Theatre, & Visual Arts

TBD
Social Worker

- Students can request schedule changes the first 15 days at the start of each semester, contact your counselor for more information. Counselors will make every effort to complete requests, but are limited by art area conflicts, class availability, and other master schedule limitations. Art area requirements take priority over other schedule issues and classes cannot be overloaded to honor schedule requests.
- Course selection takes place during the spring each year during one-on-one meetings with your counselor.
- Counselors can be contacted by email for individual counseling meetings or students are welcome to drop by their offices.

Directory Information

The following types of Directory Information may be released unless the school has been notified in writing by September 2, 2024.

- Student's name and address
- Telephone number / Date and place of birth
- Major field of study

- Participation in officially recognized activities
- Dates of attendance / Awards received

Fire Drill and Emergency Procedures

Safety is of paramount concern at Kinder HSPVA. Each classroom has exit procedures and routes posted in case of fire or other emergency. Evacuation is practiced monthly. During drills or a real emergency the building must be evacuated as swiftly, quietly, and orderly as possible via the nearest clear exit. **Students should not be using cell phones or headphones/earbuds during any emergency drills.** Students and staff will assemble in designated locations away from the building. Other information concerning student safety will be distributed as appropriate in classrooms and through general announcements.

Lockers

Students receive locker assignments during registration and must provide their own combination lock. Locker number and combination must be on file in the office. Any unauthorized use of a locker will result in the lock being removed. For security of belongings, lockers must have a lock. Kinder HSPVA is not responsible for items missing from lockers. Students are asked NOT to share lockers. Students are responsible for the lockers assigned to them, including the contents.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located in the 1st floor attendance office and under the main staircase in the Commons. Items left for more than 2 weeks will be removed. Lost laptops are returned to the IT Department and Mrs. Patel in room 406. Lost library books are returned to the library.

Lunch

Kinder HSPVA has one lunch period. **No outside food delivery to students** is allowed during school hours. Parents may bring food but any other food delivered will be kept by the office staff and available after 3:30. Students may dine in the Commons Area, first floor hallways, front bus lane or back outdoor eating area, or the fifth level student outdoor terrace. Students are free to choose their area but are responsible for bussing their own trash. Students who do not keep their lunch area clean may lose the privilege of eating in the area of their choice. **There is no food allowed on the academic halls of the second, third, or fourth floors at any time of day.**

Make Up Exams

Make up tests are generally scheduled individually. Arrangements are to be made with content teachers.

Posting of Approved Materials/Posters

- All posters must be approved and stamped by an administrator.
- Approved posters may be posted **on non-painted surfaces only**. No posters will be taped or stapled to painted surfaces.
- Senior students may post one official poster for their senior show or recital. The largest size that may be posted is 8.5" by 14" (legal sized paper).

Magnet Growth Plans

Kinder HSPVA students are expected to maintain a minimum Art Area Average of 77%, pass all academic classes, maintain good conduct, and meet all other expectations specified in the Kinder HSPVA Entrance Agreement. Failure to meet these expectations may result in a parent/student/administrator conference. Students may be placed on art area, academic, attendance, and/or disciplinary growth plan. Failure to fulfill the terms of an Art Area Growth Plan may result in the student's exit from Kinder HSPVA.

Bus Ramp/Basketball Court

The front bus lane is available during lunch for basketball and soccer. Please remember some students utilize this space for eating lunch. Be aware and courteous to others in the area.

Failure to abide by the rules of this area and not leaving the space in good condition will result in not allowing students to be in this area at all.

Telephone Calls

Phones must be kept free for incoming calls and for the professional use of teachers and staff. Kinder HSPVA's main number for all incoming calls is (713) 942-1960. Students may use personal cell phones ONLY before and after school hours and during lunch. Use of cell phones in a manner that disrupts the educational process will result in disciplinary action and confiscation of the phone. Per the code of student conduct, there is a \$15.00 fee to retrieve the phone after confiscation.

Graduation Cords

Graduation Cords can be earned and worn only in the following categories:

- Honors for Art Area
- Honors for Academic
- National Honor Society
- Spanish National Honor Society
- Science National Honor Society
- Social Studies National Honor Society

All other cords are not permitted during graduation.

Eligibility for Performances & Activities

Students must meet UIL eligibility requirements, regardless of the status of the course (pre-AP or Advanced Placement), in order to rehearse or perform. In extenuating

circumstances, a student may appeal their eligibility for failing grades in pre-AP or AP courses only. This appeal is made to the appropriate Assistant Principal within one week of the date the student is no longer eligible. Students can't have zeros or missing assignments in the advanced class for which the waiver is sought.

Senior Fees

Kinder HSPVA recognizes that sometimes there are financial issues that certain families face. Students are strongly encouraged to begin paying senior fees on a monthly basis to make senior fees more affordable. If a senior meets both of the following conditions, a senior may have their senior fees reduced or exempted, upon approval of the principal. The appeal for this reduction is initiated with the student's counselor.

- The student has applied for and been approved for free or reduced lunch.
- The appeal is made by December 6, 2024. Use [this form](#) to fill out the application.

School Fees

Any pupil or his or her parent or guardian who is unable to pay any deposit or fee required for school activities may request a waiver of the deposit or fee by contacting an Assistant Principal and providing evidence of the inability to pay. The student must have applied for and been approved for free or reduced lunch.

Kinder HSPVA Bell Schedule

Times	Red Day (1,2,3,4,5)	Gray Day (1,6,7,8,9)
7:50 - 8:40	1st Period	1st Period
8:45 - 10:10	2nd Period *Announcements at the beginning of class	6th Period *Announcements at the beginning of class
10:15 - 11:40	3rd Period	7th Period
11:40 - 12:10	Lunch	Lunch
12:10 - 12:32	Flex Focus/Tutorials	Flex Focus/Tutorials
12:35 - 2:00	4th Period	8th Period
2:05 - 3:30	5th Period	9th Period

Flex Focus/Tutorials

Flex Focus is a tutorial time during the one hour lunch time. Flex Focus tutorials will be the second half of lunch from 12:10-12:32 PM Monday through Thursday. Fridays are reserved for PLC or faculty meetings. The expectations for Flex Focus tutorials are:

- students should arrive at the classroom by 12:15.
- any student failing a class will attend that class' Flex Focus time during lunch Monday through Thursday
- students do not need to make an appointment, but may freely attend either art or academic classes (students on growth plans or on IAT plans may have required hours and schedules during Flex Focus time)
- any teacher may assign/require students to attend flex Focus time. Failure to report when assigned by a teacher may result in a lunch detention
- students may complete missed assignments, tests, lab, etc...
- students will check in using the QR [code and form](#) provided by the IAT Coordinator to monitor hours

Week At A Glance (WAAG)

Each teacher will post at WAAG on the Kinder HSPVA website. Students will refer to this document for daily agendas, assignments, test dates, project timelines, etc.

CANVAS

The learning platform all students use will be Canvas. All teachers will have their syllabus, link to WAAG, and content resources available to students on Canvas. Teachers have the option to use Canvas for assignment submissions.

Credit Recovery for Excessive Absences

Once a student has reached excessive absences for a course (as defined by HISD policy), semester credit is denied and an NG (no grade) appears on the student's report card. This is triggered by missing over 10% of any class period. NGs can be appealed so that credit is recovered by completing a designated assignment/activity as outlined by the attendance committee or district. **(Students are reminded that excuses are due within three days of returning to school, and the attendance committee will consider these excuses when determining NG status.)**

Due to graduation and end of the year timelines, seniors will not have much time to make up for excessive absences and are therefore encouraged to maintain at least a 90% attendance rate for each class period. Seniors in spring semester must perform their make-up hour activities before the graduation date or credit will be denied. Students will be notified by administration if they have lost credit and need to make up the hours.

Spring Semester Exam Exemption Guideline

There are no fall semester final exam exemptions. To incentivize the daily attendance rate:

- Eligible 9th grade students may be allowed one spring final exam exemption.

- Eligible 10th grade students may be allowed two spring final exam exemptions.
- Eligible 11th grade students may be allowed two spring final exam exemptions.
- Eligible 12th grader students are allowed to exempt all classes.

To be eligible to exempt from final examinations, students must have:

- 85 average or better in course (cumulative avg of cycles 4 – 6)
- S or E conduct average
- No more than three (3) **total** absences (**Only one of them can be unexcused**) in any 1 class.

Please inform your assistant principal of any extenuating circumstances which will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Audience Etiquette

- Do not enter during a performance. If it is impossible to be seated before a program begins, wait quietly in the lobby or entrance aisles until a number has been completed or until intermission. Turn off cell phones and pagers.
- Do not leave during a performance. If necessity demands you leaving early, do so between numbers or at an intermission, and do it as inconspicuous as possible.
- Do not bring food or beverages into the Denney Theatre or any other performance area at any time. Drinks sold at the concession stand are to be consumed in the Commons.
- Do not show disrespect for performers by reading, writing, talking, or placing feet on the chairs in front of you. Students will be removed from performances for inappropriate behavior.
- Do applaud according to the dictates of the type of performance. For example, it is appropriate to applaud a jazz soloist immediately upon the conclusion of the solo, but it is not appropriate to do so between movements of a symphony or sonata.
- Do be tolerant of performers who may make an error or who may not share your talent and/or opportunity for expression. Assume that each performer is doing his/her best – for indeed, most of them are – and that each one needs your understanding and support.
- Do refrain from taking flash pictures during a performance. Pictures that do not involve a flash may be taken only with prior approval of the faculty sponsor. Videos should not be taken of performances.
- Do make every effort to attend performances in art areas other than your own. Each is directly related to the other. None of us can consider ourselves to be artists or educated citizens if our knowledge and experiences are limited to those of only one discipline.
- No use of electronic devices is permitted.

Laptop use policy (Summarized version)

Non-Negotiable Student Laptop Policies and Expectations:

Be Ready

Bring your fully charged laptop every day. Bring your charger each day.

Be Responsible

Keep your laptop in its case at all times.

Report lost, stolen or damaged laptops immediately.

Be Respectful

Use your laptop during class only as instructed.

Remember your "netiquette."

Consequences for misuse of laptops

- \$25 fee for damaged computers.
 - o Screen replacement (first two offenses). Any subsequent broken screen damage will cost \$188.
 - o Broken or missing keys.
 - o Other physical damage.
- \$10 for return of confiscated laptops.
 - o Laptops that are found unattended anywhere in the building.
 - o Laptops that are out of their case for any reason.
 - o Laptops confiscated by a teacher for misuse during class time.
- Lost/Stolen Fees:
 - Power cord - \$40 - Strap - \$10
 - Case - \$38 - Computer - \$1231*

*Students who file a police report for a stolen computer will not be required to pay the lost fee.

The full power up laptop acceptable use policy can be found at www.hspva.org

Student Clubs and Organizations:

New clubs are added and some non-renewed by the time of our Fall Club Fair! [Here](#) is the form if you would like to create a new club. Once it is filled out, it should be sent to Mr. Lockett for approval.

To see a list of last year's clubs and organizations, please refer to the Kinder HSPVA website.

Kinder HSPVA 2024-2025 Student Handbook Acknowledgement

My signature below indicates I have read and reviewed the 2024 - 2025 Kinder HSPVA Student Handbook from the Kidner HSPVA website. By signing, I agree to abide by the expectations and rules written in this handbook.

The information listed in the handbook is important and students and parents should understand that it serves as directives which are expected to be followed. Failure to follow these directives may result in disciplinary action.

Date

Student Name

Signature

Parent Name

Signature

Sign and return to your art area Department Chair no later than **August 16, 2024**.