

Hoagland Elementary Student Handbook 2010 - 2011

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EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

HOAGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to East Allen County Schools and especially Hoagland Elementary! We are glad to have your child/children attending here! Hoagland Elementary has grades Kindergarten - Six. At the end of grade six, the students progress to Heritage Jr. /Sr. High School or Prince Chapman Academy for seventh grade depending on the student's address. Heritage students will stay at Heritage for Sr. High and Prince Chapman Academy students will progress to Paul Harding High School to finish their educational experiences.

Hoagland has a caring and experienced group of teachers who want to do all they can to help the students they work with to reach their full potential. Together, we are striving to accomplish the mission statement printed at the bottom of this page.

Hoagland also has a very active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) in which every parent is automatically a member. We invite you to get involved in this group which supports our students by providing money for field trips, teacher supplies, and various activities throughout the year. Watch for more information to come home with your student.

This Handbook has been prepared with the hope that you may become acquainted with certain school policies which we feel make for a wholesome learning situation for your child. It replaces information in any prior Handbook.

Please take time to read this Handbook through because there have been some changes made this year. We trust that your knowledge of some of the major school policies of Hoagland Elementary School will help make for a smooth school year. Please discuss the content of this handbook with your children so they may feel confident about attending school here. Other questions you may have about school policies not mentioned in this handbook can usually be answered with information from the [East Allen County Schools Guide to Students and Parents](#). Both the East Allen County Schools Handbook and the Hoagland Handbook are based upon policies and regulations approved by the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools. Policies and regulations are amended as needed and will supersede any information printed in these handbooks.

Please remember for student safety to sign in at the office and obtain a visitor badge when in the building.

If at any time you have a question or a concern, please contact the school by calling **446-0160**.

Mrs. Karen Charters, Principal

Mission Statement: Our mission at Hoagland Elementary is to:

- Prepare students to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners through facilitating meaningful and challenging lessons that meet student needs.
- Provide sound learning opportunities through a comprehensive curriculum based on Indiana's Academic Standards and individual needs.
- Set high expectations for each child in a nurturing learning environment by providing opportunities for student growth.

Vision Statement:

Hoagland Elementary is a community of diverse learners striving towards excellence in academics and character.

GENERAL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY and NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT of EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS:

East Allen County Schools has a policy of providing equal opportunity. All courses are open to all students regardless of race, color, gender, handicapping condition, national origin, or limited English proficiency due to national origin. In addition, all educational services, student activities, programs, instruction and facilities will not be denied to anyone in East Allen County Schools as the result of an individual's race, color, gender, handicapping condition, national origin, or limited English proficiency due to national origin. Furthermore, East Allen County Schools has a policy to provide equal employment opportunity to all applicants and employees in a harassment-free work environment without regard to age, race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency due to national origin, gender, or disability.

ARRIVAL TIME FOR CHILDREN:

Boys and girls may enter the building with the sounding of the first bell, which is at 8:10 a.m. The tardy bell will ring at 8:20 a.m. (Breakfast eaters will enter upon arrival at school. **This should be no earlier than 8:00 a.m.**)

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL INSTRUCTIONS:

BUS RIDERS: Bus riders will be admitted at 8:10 a.m. The tardy bell will ring at 8:20 a.m. They are dismissed at 2:20 p.m. in the front parking lot.

MINI BUSES: Mini-buses will be in the front parking lot during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times.

WALKERS:

Walkers should not arrive at the school before 8:05 a.m. They will be admitted at 8:10 a.m. They will be dismissed at 2:20 p.m. Students walking around school property should always follow the sidewalks in front of the school when arriving or leaving school. **Walkers will not be released until the buses have left the parking lot.**

DROPPING OFF STUDENTS:

Children may be dropped off at the west entrance of the building (Door # 8) at 8:05 a.m. To maintain traffic flow, please enter the lot on the west end of the building using the west entrance, proceed to the back of the parking area, turn left past the gas pump and then pull in front of the entrance with the driver's door closest to the building. A school supervisor will signal you to stop at the school entrance before allowing your child to get out of your car. Children may be allowed to exit your car when you are within the painted white line zone. This keeps your child and others safe. **Students are not allowed to cross the parking lot by themselves for safety reasons.** Please do not pass cars in line as this would be unsafe for students. Students must stay on the sidewalk and enter the building. Parents who plan to enter the school with their children, must enter through the main entrance (Door # 5) in order to receive a visitor's pass.

PICKING UP STUDENTS:

Students not riding the bus will be dismissed at 2:20 p.m. They will line up to exit (Door #8) and then a school supervisor will walk them out of the building. The same procedure used to drop off students in the morning will be used to pick them up in the afternoon. Parents should enter the lot from the west entrance and then follow the back of the drive to entrance # 8. After students are loaded, cars will proceed straight ahead to turn onto Hoagland Road from the east entrance of the parking lot.

TARDINESS:

Arriving at school on time is very important to starting the day off right. A student is considered tardy if he or she is not present at the beginning of class or school. A student is not counted tardy if the bus the student arrived on is late. Tardies can be a problem if students are habitually late for school. Students are tardy to school if they are not in their classroom by the 8:20 a.m. tardy bell and do not have a good reason to not be there. Acceptable reasons would include the same ones for absences, such as illness or doctor's appointments, as well as late buses. **All students are to check in at the office if they are late to school.** Parents / Guardians are encouraged to bring their children into the school office, if they are late. They will be given a "pass" to class that will indicate the reason and whether it is a tardy or simply a late arrival (excused). Parents should notify the school when they know their children will be tardy.

REPORTING ABSENCES:

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school prior to **9:00 a.m.** to report the absence. The telephone number is **446-0160**. **When you hear the recorded message, press "1"**. Please leave a message regarding how you would like homework to be sent home or picked up.

ATTENDANCE VISITS:

EACS guidelines require the school to make a home visit, if your child is not called in to the school office as sick or being late to school by **9:00 a.m.** Please help us ensure that all children are safe and accounted for every day by calling the school office, if your child will be absent or late.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL:

All students are dismissed at 2:20 p.m. All children are expected and encouraged to go directly home following dismissal. If your child will be doing **anything** to alter his/her regular schedule at the end of the school day, **a note must be written or a phone call** should be made to the school (Ex. Your child will be picked up rather than riding the school bus, your child will be staying for after school clubs, your child will be getting off at another bus stop, etc.) We would appreciate that if there is a change in transportation for the day and a note has not been written, that you call the school office by noon. This will help alleviate any confusion that may be caused with the change. EACS Policy: *Students may ride no other bus than the one to which he/she has been assigned. If valid reasons arise which may necessitate a change of bus assignments during the school year, such change must be approved by the Director of Transportation.*

BAD WEATHER DAYS:

Periodically throughout the year weather conditions may be such that school will not be in session or the starting of the school day will be delayed. Announcements of this nature are made over the local radio and/or television stations starting as early as 6:00 a.m. Please do not call the school for this information. Listen for the announcements over the media mentioned above. Hoagland Elementary is included in the East Allen County Schools announcements.

ALTERNATE SCHEDULE: (Two-Hour Delay)

A **two-hour delay** means that school doors will open at 10:10 a.m. and the tardy bell will ring at 10:20 a.m. No breakfast is served on delay days.

Should weather conditions worsen after students arrive for classes and require that students be sent home prior to scheduled dismissal time, the early dismissal will be reported to all media stations.

COLLABORATION SCHEDULE

The EACS Board of School Trustees has approved the following collaboration schedule for teachers and staff:

1. **The collaboration schedule for East Allen County Schools will be to dismiss school 30 minutes early which will be at 1:50 p.m. on each scheduled Wednesday collaboration day from 09/1/2010 through 05/25/2011.**
2. On any day the Corporation has a delay due to inclement weather, the collaboration schedule will be cancelled and schools will dismiss at regular time.
3. Collaboration will occur every week regardless of vacations, holidays or the like.

PARKING AREAS FOR PARENTS AND/OR VISITORS:

Cars may not pull in the front parking lot until the buses have unloaded or loaded and left the parking lot.

This will leave this area free for bus arrival and departure. Parents visiting the school and other school visitors will use the west parking lot at any time or the front parking lot after the buses have left.

CHILDREN LEAVING SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

It may be necessary for you to take your child from school during school hours. **If this situation should arise, please send a note or call the school office in advance. It is necessary for you to come to the school office and**

a staff member will then get your child for you. You will also need to “sign-out” the child in the school office. The greatest protection for your child can be provided this way and classroom interruptions will be kept to a minimum.

ATTENDANCE / ILLNESS / INJURY:

Regular school attendance is a prime factor in your child being able to experience academic success in schoolwork. For the sake of other children's health, your child should **NOT** attend school if he/she:

- has a morning temperature of 99 degrees or above or has had a temperature of 100 degrees or above in the past 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medicine.
- has had vomiting and/or diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- has a rash, whether it is itchy or not.
- has a communicable disease such as chicken pox, or a bacterial or fungal infection such as conjunctivitis (or pink eye), impetigo, and/or ringworm.
- appears obviously ill (with or without a fever).

If your child becomes ill at school with any of the above indicators, you (or an emergency contact person) will be called to pick-up your child. **Sick children are not sent home on the bus.**

If you feel your child needs to remain in the school building during recess and / or not participate in physical education class for more than one day, the school must have a note from your physician. This may be faxed or sent to the school. The school's fax number is 446-0163.

RETURN TO SCHOOL POLICY:

Children kept home from school due to fever, must remain home until fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication such as Tylenol or Motrin. Please check your child's temperature later in the day as many fevers "spike" in the afternoon.

Children who are vomiting or have diarrhea **MUST** stay home until they are symptom free for **24 HOURS.**

Please pay special attention to the *Attendance Policy* in the East Allen County Schools' Guide to Students and Parents.**MEDICINE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL:**

- **All medication** brought to school **MUST** be taken to the clinic and dispensed by the nurse or a trained staff member (UAP).
- **All medication** given at school must have a signed **STUDENT MEDICATION PERMIT** (Hs-5) on file, or a signed parent note with the student's name, name of medication, dose, and time the medication is to be given.
- **All** prescription and non-prescription (or over-the-counter) **medication** must be in the original, correctly labeled container.
- **No medication** is given to a student by a Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP) until the medication has been identified and logged by the school nurse.
- Please ask a pharmacist for a "school bottle" for long-term or daily medication for use on field trips.
- Medications are given exactly as directed on the bottle. Any changes must be verified in writing by the physician and may be faxed or sent to school.
- All "as needed" medications, such as Tylenol or Motrin, may be given by other trained staff (UAP) only after appropriate assessment by the school nurse.
- Herbal medication, vitamins, and dietary supplements must have a signed **HERBAL - VITAMIN - DIETARY SUPPLEMENT PERMIT** (Hs-5a) and written instructions signed by the physician.
- Inhalers for asthma will be kept in the school clinic, unless there are specific instructions signed by the physician explaining that the medication needs to be with the student at all times.
- If your child has allergies that may result in an emergency situation (i.e. bee sting or peanut allergy) **you** must provide the necessary medication (EpiPen, Benedryl) for use at the school.
- All medications must come from home. EACS does not stock any medications for student use.

***See East Allen County Schools' Handbook for more details.**

SCHOOL NURSE:

The school nurse is to assist the parent and the school to understand the health problems of the student. In addition, the nurse shall strive to maintain an atmosphere that promotes health and safety for both students and staff within the school.

The nurse's responsibilities include caring for our students and staff who become ill or are injured at school, conducting Indiana-mandated screenings, and maintaining a permanent health record on each student. The nurse acts as a liaison between the school, the home, physicians, community agencies, and others who serve the health of school children. The nurse also initiates and updates individual health plans as needed for students with chronic health conditions.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CLASSROOMS, FIELD TRIPS, OR MEDIA CENTER:

Anyone who is interested in serving as a volunteer should contact the school office for more information. An EACS Background Check must be completed and returned two weeks prior to anyone planning to volunteer in a classroom or chaperone a field trip. **A new Background Check needs to be completed each year.** We are always thrilled to have extra help in the school. Thank you for supporting the school with your generosity of time.

RECESS ACTIVITIES:

Recess periods are of utmost importance for children in developing coordination, learning to play and get along with other children, and diverting their attention from classroom work to a period of free play. Therefore, all children are expected to participate in outside recess unless:

The teacher has requested the child to remain inside.

The student has a written statement from the doctor stating the student should not participate in outside recess because of a chronic illness. (If your child is highly susceptible to upper respiratory ailments, you will want to obtain this statement early in the year so your child's teacher and nurse will have it on file.) Then, whenever you feel it is advisable for your child to remain inside, send a note to the teacher and your request will be granted. If the student has been absent because of illness and you feel it is absolutely necessary to remain inside, the student may remain inside for only one (1) day, providing you request it. If you feel it should be for a longer period of time, then a statement from your doctor must be obtained stating the length of time the child is to remain inside.

When cold weather comes, be sure your child is dressed for it. Warm mittens, a hat, boots, and a coat that will zip or has all of the buttons on it are a must when playing outside in the snow and cold. If snow is present, students must change into boots in order to be able to go off the blacktop.

If children wear a coat outside, it must be left on their body.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE:

All students deserve the opportunity to attend a SAFE SCHOOL where ALL CHILDREN CAN LEARN! For this to happen, **parents, students and staff must work together.** Please read the following carefully:

The **focus of discipline** at Hoagland Elementary is one of "teaching students to become responsible individuals"; rather than one of "punishing misbehavior". Children will make "mistakes" while at school and we want to make such times a learning experience. However, behavior, which is defiant, significantly disruptive, and/or causes personal injury to others, will not be accepted.

Hoagland Elementary will be orderly and disciplined. Students will show respect, self-control, and will be accountable for their behavior. Students will experience the consequences of inappropriate behavior. Hoagland Elementary staff will help students understand "School-wide Expectations & Procedures". Classroom teachers will establish "Classroom Expectations & Procedures" and review them with students. "Expectations" will be sent home for parents to read.

GENERAL BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS:

1. Student behavior will allow "teachers to teach and students to learn."
Behavior that disrupts teaching and learning will not be allowed.
2. Students will respect one another's personal space.
Fighting (intentionally hurting others) will not be allowed.
Play fighting is not allowed and the judgment of the supervisor will determine the action to be taken.
3. Students will use respectful language and actions.
Disrespectful or inappropriate language and actions will not be allowed.
4. Students will respect the property of others.
Vandalism and theft will not be allowed.
5. Students will be in school on time unless parents have informed the office otherwise.
Tardies and unexcused absences are strongly discouraged.

CONSEQUENCES FOR MISBEHAVIOR:

Children will be responsible and accountable for their behavior and will experience the consequences of inappropriate behavior. Typical consequences used by staff to address student misbehavior will include:

"Minor" Misbehavior:

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| * hand gestures of weapon symbols | * failure to do assignments | * talking out |
| * failure to follow directions | * running in the hallways | * etc. |

The classroom teacher handles minor misbehavior. Appropriate interventions/consequences will include:

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| - kind & firm verbal reprimand | - removal from the group |
| - time in a "time out" area | - detention before or after school (approximately 30 min.) |
| - loss of a privilege | - appropriate writing assignment |
| - phone call/ note to parent | - parent/student conference |
| - student contracts | - other appropriate action |
| - loss of recess | - walk the line or stand by the wall at recess |

Note: There will be no "standing/sitting students in the hallway for discipline reasons" ... liability, etc.

"Major" Misbehavior:

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| * Fighting | * Vandalism | * Disrespectful/Defiant behavior |
| * Serious Classroom Disruptions | * Bullying | * Stealing |
| * Possession of firearms, explosives, knives, beepers, lighters, matches, drugs or other forbidden items.
(This includes real or toy weapons.) | | |

(See EACS Guide to Students and Parents)

Major misbehavior results in immediate referral to the administrators. This will usually result in:

- In-school Suspension (ISS)
- Out of School Suspension (OSS)
- Request for Expulsion from school for the remainder of semester or year
- Other action considered appropriate

... and will ALWAYS INCLUDE a contact with the parent or guardian.

Note: When a student is suspended from school, a parent conference or phone call is required for his or her return.

It is extremely important to our children that parents and school personnel work hand-in-hand. Communication, support, mutual respect, and follow-through are critical in achieving the desired results for all students.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF EXPECTATIONS: ("School-wide Procedures" contain detailed student expectations.)

- Assemblies: Students will be mannerly during school assemblies. Students will actively participate and applaud by clapping only. Students will not visit with peers during assemblies.
- Cafeteria: Students will enjoy this "break from work" and use "conversation voices" while socializing with peers. All cafeteria materials and equipment will be handled with care.
- Classroom:
- * Students will follow "Classroom Procedures".
 - * Students will be alert, attentive, and ready to participate in class activities.
 - * Students will be courteous and respectful of all people at all times.
 - * Students will treat school and one another's property with respect.
- Emergency Drills: Students will follow stated procedures quickly and quietly; obeying staff immediately.
- Hallways: Students will follow "Hallway Procedure"; not disturbing others at study.
- Playground: Playground and playground equipment procedures will be followed.
Note: The throwing or kicking of snowballs, ice, mulch, or rocks will not be allowed.
- Bus: Students will follow bus procedures. (The bus drivers will discipline the students with referrals being sent to the head of transportation.)

SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR HOAGLAND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:

HALLWAY PROCEDURES

1. Walk, face forward. No talking.
2. Form a *line on the right side of the hall, one arm's length from your neighbor.
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
4. Line leaders watch and wait for oncoming traffic.
5. Don't pass another class. Fall in line behind the class.

***LINE**

1. Face forward
2. Single file
3. Hands to your side

RESTROOM PROCEDURES

1. Use quiet voices.
2. Flush toilet when finished.
3. Wash hands with warm, soapy water.
4. Make sure bathroom is left clean and tidy. Throw paper towel away in wastebasket
5. Any student using a bathroom outside of the classroom must have a pass for a designated bathroom.
 - A. Hall procedures must be followed.
 - B. Bathroom procedures must be followed.Art and Music will have designated bathrooms and passes.

BUS LINE PROCEDURES

1. Hall procedures are followed going to the buses.
2. Staff members will escort students outside and walk the length of the buses to the last bus. Students will stay in a line when entering the buses. The remaining staff will supervise the walkers.
3. Walkers leave at designated exits using hall procedures.
4. Students staying for any after school activity will follow walker procedures. After the walker bell, students may go to their activity using hall procedures.

PLAYGROUND PROCEDURES

1. Follow hall procedures going to and coming from recess.
2. Students are responsible for all recess equipment and games.
3. Stay within boundaries of the playground. If a ball needs to be retrieved, talk to a playground supervisor first.
4. No food on the playground.
5. Line up quickly and quietly when you hear the whistle/ bell.
6. You must have permission from the playground supervisor before reentering the building.
 - Conduct is to be friendly and courteous. Foul language will not be used.
 - To help assure safety, knives, guns (real or play), ammunition, caps, baseballs, footballs ,bats, and personal toys are to be left at home. **Sticks, stones, mulch, snowballs, ice, etc. are not to be kicked or thrown.**
 - Students will not climb on the framework of the equipment or on the fence.
 - Clothing of others should not be grabbed, pulled, or damaged in any way.
 - Students will obey the decision of the teacher on duty as to the advisability of playing on the grass when it is wet, muddy, etc.
 - Students may not spit at recess.

CAFETERIA PROCEDURES

1. Students will wash hands following the “Hand Washing” procedure prior to approaching the cashier line.
2. Students stand on the line in alphabetical order. Stay behind the line until the cashier calls you.
3. Hands at your side at all times. Do not lean against the walls.
4. Walk at all times.
5. Students will stay in their seats. Students will face forward, keep hands to themselves and use quiet voices at all times.
6. Students will be excused when they are finished.
7. Students (grade levels) must have all trash removed from their area before they may leave the cafeteria.
8. **No cafeteria purchased food will be taken out of the cafeteria. Students may not share food and should eat what they put on their tray.**
9. Students may talk at their seats until the duty person comes to get them.
10. Students may not save a seat.

WHEN RETURNING TRAYS

1. Walk to the middle aisle of the cafeteria and then to the line in front of the return window.
2. Deposit silverware into the container.
3. Dump your paper trash, apple cores, and fruit peels into the trash cans.
4. One student at a time goes to the window to deposit tray. Watch for students coming out of the serving area.
5. Walk back to your seat and sit quietly until you are dismissed.

INDOOR RECESS

1. Follow your classroom indoor recess procedures as determined by the staff.
2. Use hallway procedures to go to the classroom.

Any student misbehaving in the following manner will be referred to the principal for disciplinary action:

1. Disrespect to any staff member
2. Throwing food
3. Foul language and/or obscene gestures witnessed by any staff member
4. Climbing or standing on the table top or seat

STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE:

Students' dress and grooming must be clean, neat, and appropriate for the classroom and all school activities. Attire that poses a threat to safety and health or disrupts the educational process will not be permitted.

Clothing which MAY NOT BE WORN includes:

1. Shirts or sweatshirts with inappropriate slogans, pictures, (including tobacco or alcohol advertising or characters), sayings or messages or that which is solicitous, obscene, or profane.
2. Bare midriff shirts or blouses, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops; **(shirts must have at least 3 inches covered on the shoulder).**
3. Sagging pants displaying undergarments and pajama pants.. Low riding pants must have shirt tucked in pant.
4. Short-shorts, biker pants, gym shorts (except in physical education classes);
(Shorts, capris, gauchos, skirts/dresses without nylons, tights, or leggings may be worn from after spring break through October and as announced through the school office for special days or unseasonably warm days. Shorts must be longer than the student's fingertips when his/her arms are straight down at his her side. "Dress Shorts", gauchos, or skirts/dresses may be worn anytime with leggings/tights/nylons. Leggings must be covered with shorts, skirts, or dresses that are at least fingertip length.
5. Torn clothing, fish-net or see-through tops (This includes jeans with holes).
6. Any improperly **revealing or tight clothing** (all undergarments must be covered). Accordingly, sagging pants displaying undergarments are not allowed.
7. Any apparel which is representative of gang affiliation (colors, symbols, letters, etc.) or worn in a way to reflect "gang" interest or involvement.
8. Hats, hoods, and bandanas! Hats and bandanas will be taken off upon entering the building.
9. Hair may not be dyed unnatural colors (such as: blue, green, purple, etc)
10. **For student safety, plastic/vinyl flip-flops are strongly discouraged from being worn to school. Students may not wear house slippers in school.**
11. Cleats or shoes with wheels exposed will not be allowed at school. (Ex. Heelys)

In cases where students do not follow these guidelines, parents will be contacted and asked to bring a change of clothes for their child to school.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

A nutritious breakfast will be served daily. A variety of cereal will be available in place of any breakfast entree. Milk offered at breakfast is 2% white.

There are a few simple steps to follow regarding the breakfast procedure. Please explain these to your children:

1. The cafeteria is open for breakfast from 8:00 a.m. until 8:25 a.m.
3. Before entering the cafeteria, students will leave their belongings in a designated area.
4. Students will then get in line at the cash register to pay.
5. Students will proceed through the serving line and sit down at the designated area.
6. After finishing breakfast, students are to return their trays to the dish window and then return to pick up their belongings. Students will then proceed *directly* to class using hallway procedures.
7. Students are expected to be in their classrooms on time. The tardy bell will ring at 8:20 a.m.
8. **If there is a school delay, breakfast will not be served.**

LUNCH PROGRAM:

Hoagland Elementary has a "closed" lunch hour. This simply means that a student either eats his/her lunch at school or goes home for lunch. (Note: Students will not be permitted to go home for lunch unless written notification has been received from a parent.) Students may **not** leave the school to go to a local restaurant for lunch.

Fast food and pop are not allowed in the lunchroom according to State Board of Health rules. (Please share this information with anyone that might eat lunch with your child at school.) If a visitor brings fast food meals to school, he/she will be asked to eat with the child in another designated area of the school.

Parents and relatives are welcome to have breakfast and lunch with their children any day at Hoagland Elementary School. Have your child notify his/her classroom teacher the day you plan to eat with them so we may plan accordingly.

LUNCH PROGRAM:

A school lunch will be served each day school is in session. A lunch menu will be sent home with each child so you will know what is being served each day; however, the menu is subject to change.

Lunch money needs to be brought to the box outside of the office and placed in the secure box designated for lunch money. The preferred payment for lunches is cash or a check made payable to Hoagland Elementary.

Students at Hoagland Elementary have the option of using the **Lunchbox Point of Sale System** for their breakfast and lunch meals as well as purchasing Ala Carte items.

Here is how the Point of Sale System works:

The system allows you to deposit a check (payable to Hoagland Elementary) or cash into your child's account. Then your child's lunch, breakfast, or Ala Carte item is deducted from his/her account when purchased. We prefer a minimum deposit of \$10.00 and a maximum of \$100.00. A minimum deposit for students approved for reduced lunch is at least one week of purchases. Students receiving free lunch and breakfast may also deposit money for Ala Carte purchases. We cannot set "limits" on the purchasing of Ala Carte items. A parent can make the decision to not allow the child to purchase any Ala Carte by contacting the cafeteria manager at 446-0160 extension 5205. We have pre-printed envelopes for the students to use when bringing money to school. A child will be able to deposit any day of the week by placing the deposit envelope in a locked box located outside the office. Low balance letters will be sent home on Tuesdays and Thursdays for students in grades K -3. Students in grades 4 – 6 will have reminder low balance slips given to them at the cash register.

Students will use their 7-digit student I.D. number as their Personal Identification Number (PIN). (This is the same number they use every time they log onto a computer at school.) They will use the same number at breakfast and lunch. By entering their PIN on a numeric pad, it will bring up their account and we subtract the dollar amount of their purchases. Students cannot use another student's PIN because the cashier has the student's photo on her register screen. However, it is recommended that students do not let others know their PIN number.

As your child approaches the cashier, he or she will put in his/her PIN number. Your child will not be identified as being free, reduced, or full paying. This system will also track the meal that your child has eaten on any given day. If we are aware that your child has a food allergy, we will be able to note that on the register screen. This will allow the cafeteria staff to provide a faster method in which to move students through the breakfast and lunch lines.

Any money left in the account at the end of the school year will transfer to the next school year. Students moving to another school district or graduating may request a refund on the balance of their account. Toward the end of the year, we encourage students to make a smaller deposit or pay cash at the register during the last week of school to avoid such refunds.

East Allen County Schools and Hoagland Elementary believe that collection of lunch and breakfast monies teaches responsibility to your child. Please work with us to insure that these monies are not forgotten but brought to school as needed. When sending the money to school, please use the designated envelopes. This will help ensure that your child's money is secure and placed in the right account. We will allow a student to borrow lunch or breakfast money from the cafeteria up to \$5.00. Money borrowed must be returned **as soon as possible.** If a child is over the borrowed \$5.00 limit, he/she will be offered an alternate food.

If at any point you have questions or concerns, please contact the cafeteria manager at 446-0160 extension 5205.

OFFER VS. SERVE PROGRAM:

Again this year Hoagland will be implementing an OFFER VS. SERVE program in our cafeteria. The program works as follows:

The school lunch consists of five food items contained within the four food components. They are: 1) meat or meat alternate, 2) vegetables and fruits (two or more), 3) bread or alternate, 4) milk. To qualify for a Type A lunch, you must take at least three different components of the five food items. For example, a sandwich and milk would equal three food components: meat, bread, and milk. This means, food you do not intend to eat may be deleted. Also, new foods you would like to try may be served in a sample portion.

Milk offered is skim white, 2% white, and 1% chocolate.

BOOK BAGS:

To promote safety, students must carry their book bags on school property. Some book bags have wheels and can cause students that are following to trip or fall. **Upon arrival and departing from school, all book bags must be carried.** Book bags with wheels may be used off school grounds.

BICYCLES:

Children riding bicycles to school are to park them in the bicycle racks located in the west parking lot. No riding of bicycles around the school property or sidewalks adjacent to school property is allowed during the school day. Kindergarten children are discouraged from riding bicycles to school at any time. All bicycles should be locked for everyone's protection. Students scheduled to ride a school bus may not ride a bicycle to school. **For safety reasons, students are strongly encouraged to wear proper safety gear, *especially* helmets, when riding a bicycle to school.**

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Students may not bring electronic equipment to school. This includes cell phones, cameras, Ipods, Mp3 players, game systems or other electronic gadgets. If found these will be confiscated and held in the office for 24 hours until a parent can pick them up.

EMERGENCY DRILLS:

Periodically fire, tornado, code red, code yellow, and code green drills are held during the school day. Directions for each type of drill are reviewed by the teacher with the students and are also posted in the classroom. The same desirable conduct and following of procedures is expected during these drills as is expected during the school day.

FIELD TRIPS:

To enhance the curriculum and broaden the child's experiences, trips beyond the school are planned. Parents will be informed of the place, date, time, and means of transportation for each trip. A "Parent Permission Card" will be sent home by the teacher at the beginning of the school year to be signed by the parent or guardian and returned. **No** child will be allowed to go on a field trip without a signed permission card on file. **Any adult planning on chaperoning a field trip must complete an EACS Background Check two weeks prior to going on a field trip.**

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost clothing items should be taken to the cafeteria hallway and placed in the designated box. All other items should be taken to the school office. It is most important that items such as clothing, shoes, book bags, boots, lunch boxes, etc., be clearly marked in permanent ink with the child's name.

MODES OF TRANSPORTATION WHICH ARE PROHIBITED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY:

Mini-bikes, motor-bikes, motor scooters, go-carts, motorcycles, scooters, skateboards, and any other unlicensed motor vehicles will not be permitted on East Allen County Schools property except: If a motor vehicle defined above is legally licensed, it will be permitted to operate on paved areas for vehicular traffic provided such use is for transportation to an activity located on school property.

PARENT RESOURCE MATERIALS:

In the Media Center, there is an area with several books for parents to check out. These books cover several topics such as helping your child with homework, working with ADHD children, divorce, bully, discipline, family reading, etc. Please visit the Media Center during the school day to check out these books. If you can't come in during the day, send a note requesting a listing of the books. This listing will be sent home with your child along with a form that you can return to request the desired book. Your selection will then be sent home with your child.

SMOKE-FREE WORK PLACE:

All persons, including students, staff, and visitors, shall not be permitted to use tobacco products of any kind or any form while inside school corporation owned buildings or while in school corporation-owned, contracted, or other

authorized vehicles. Further, the use of tobacco products of any kind or any form on school corporation-owned property outside school corporation-owned buildings is prohibited during regular school hours and at other school activities.

TOYS:

Toy guns, toys, knives, trinkets, baseball cards or any other trading cards, and other trivia are to be left at home. Children are easily distracted with such items. They will be placed in the teacher's possession for the remainder of the school day, if brought to school, and then turned over to the building principal. Items turned over to the principal will only be returned to the parent/guardian. Skateboards, roller-skates, and electronic equipment (including cell phones) are not appropriate to bring to school. Playground play equipment may be brought with the approval of the child's teacher; however, the school will not assume responsibility for such items.

VISITATION OF SCHOOL:

Every day is visitor's day at Hoagland Elementary School. Parents are always welcome. We would like to submit the following visitation procedures that were prepared jointly by the teachers and the administration.

Immediately upon entering the school, please use the buzzer to announce yourself and the purpose of your visit. Please proceed to the office directly ahead to register and secure a badge to wear. Visitors and parents must enter at the front south entrance. (Door # 5) All other outside doors will be locked during the school day for your child's safety and protection.

Please turn off cell phone ringers upon entering the classroom. Also, if a parent must place or answer a cell phone call, please do so in the hallway so as not to disturb the students in a class.

Short visitations are considered to be more informative than one lengthy one. Usually 30 to 60 minute visitations prove the most beneficial.

Teachers prefer to have visitors enter the room as quietly as possible. Knocking on the classroom door is not necessary. Visitors may quietly enter the room and seat themselves. Please keep in mind that the teacher needs to stay focused on the lesson and the students but will greet you when an appropriate time permits. When you need to have a conference with your child's teacher, an appointment needs to be made in advance. We look forward to your visit and encourage you to stop by your child's classroom when you have time.

The staff and administration at Hoagland Elementary are available and welcome your questions and comments anytime. By partnering together, we can assist your children in their academic journey to success as well as create a positive school experience. We are committed to your child's success and always welcome feedback or questions that will help us achieve excellence at Hoagland Elementary.