



RUSK JR. HIGH STUDENT HANDBOOK APPENDIX

2019-2020

1345 South Main

Mailing: 203 East 7th Street

Rusk, TX 75785

903-683-2502

www.ruskisd.net/rusk-junior-high

School Day: 7:55 – 3:20 p.m.

Perfect Attendance

Requires a student to be present the full day, 7:55 a.m. – 3:20 p.m., with no absences (excused or unexcused), late arrivals, or leave earlies. All campuses will notify parents regarding excessive late arrivals and leave earlies. This notification may be done through conference or letter, and will include that 5 late arrivals; leave earlies = 1 day absent for compulsory attendance. Fives tardies to any RJH class will constitute an absences for that class.

7:30 a.m. – Doors open. Parent must drop students off in the front by driving on the street next to the front curb. *Students are NOT allowed to be dropped off and walk across from the parking lot.*

3:20 p.m. – Pick-up. Parents will up students under the awning attached to the gym. Students will use the crosswalk to go to their ride if parked in a designated parking place.

RJH & RHS Staff Children Before & After School

In addition to RJH students, only students of RJH staff are allowed on the Junior High campus outside of regular school hours. Students are to be in their parent’s classroom. RJH students are not allowed on the High School campus unless their parent is a member of the RHS staff.

Food in Classrooms

Food is not permitted in classrooms outside the designated breakfast time. Students are not permitted in classrooms during lunch periods. Students may be allowed transparent water bottles. No opaque containers are allowed.

Cafeteria: Rusk Junior High is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave during lunch without a parent. Approved visitors may provide lunch, and eat, with their child/grandchild ONLY.

Lunch Schedule:

11:30 – 12:00 Sixth Grade

12:15 – 12:45 Seventh Grade

1:04 – 1:34 Eighth Grade

Rusk Junior High is a closed campus and Lunch prices for adults will be \$4.00. Breakfast for adults will be \$2.50. Student lunch prices will be \$2.75 for full prices, \$.40 for reduced price with breakfast free for all students.

Lunch Application: Please refer to Rusk ISD website Family/Student Access, under Food Service Applications.

Academic Dishonesty

All instances of cheating including digital or electronic will follow the following steps:

First: discipline referral, zero, and parent contact;

Second: discipline referral, zero, detention, and parent contact;

Third: discipline referral, zero, In-School Suspension, and parent contact.

Public Display of Affection (PDA)

Public Displays of Affection (PDAs) include but are not limited to holding hands, hugs and kissing. PDAs are not permissible on the Junior High campus; during school events; or, while on school trips.

Dress and Grooming

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. Wearing articles of clothing or jewelry that promote gangs, racial division, hate, alcohol, tobacco, or drugs as defined by the principal or principal's designee is prohibited;
2. Clothing with language, pictures, or drawings which may be interpreted to be inappropriate/obscene will not be acceptable. Any representation (picture or words) of negative entertainers (music, actors, sex symbols, etc.) will not be acceptable and will be determined by the principal or principal's designee;
3. Refrain from immodest dress. A few examples might include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Strapless dresses/tops, sundresses, see-through material;
 - b. Tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps (tops must be at least three inches on the shoulder), low cut dresses, low cut blouses;
 - c. Inappropriate sleeveless shirt or mini-skirts;
 - d. Clothing which reveals a bare midriff when arms are extended in the air;
 - e. Leggings, jeggings and tights must be covered by a non-see-through fabric and appropriate length garment.
4. Head-dress articles will not be permitted at school unless specific permission is provided by the principal or principal's designee. A few examples might include but are not limited to the following: curlers, caps, hats, hoods, shirts, animal ears or other head ornaments.
5. Sunglasses (except by written permission of physician) or improper eyewear will not be permitted unless specific permission is provided by the principal or principal's designee;
6. All shirts, blouses or any top garment must be buttoned appropriately;
7. Shoes must be worn at all times. Socks are required when appropriate. House shoes or shoes with wheels are not allowed. Stilettos are not allowed;
8. Belts are required as needed. No sagging pants or shorts as determined by principal or principal's designee.

9. Holes or ragged/frayed areas in clothing must be at the knee or below. Areas above the knee must be patched or have an undergarment (no skin showing). Any holes above the thigh is prohibited regardless of patch or undergarment.
10. Shorts cannot be spandex or plastic and must be of acceptable length as determined by the principal or principal's designee. Cut offs are not allowed.
11. Unusual or non-traditional jewelry will not be permitted, (examples include, but are not limited to – tongue rings, nose rings, eyebrow rings, including clear ornaments, boys wearing earrings; items with negative connotations).
12. Any attire considered in poor taste or judged to be a possible disruption as determined by the principal or principal's designee will not be allowed.
13. Pajamas, swimming suits and any night time attire are not permitted. Exceptions to the dress code may be made for special events such as pep rallies, spirit day, etc.
14. Tattoos that are gang related and insignias are forbidden. Other tattoos must be covered at all times upon the discretion of the principal or principal's designee.
15. All garments must meet minimum length requirements. The test for this requirement will be as follows. Students with shoulders not lifted (possibly against the wall) shall extend their arms down their sides to determine garment length. The bottom hem of the garment must be middle fingertip length or longer. Garment will be measured at the top of a slit if one is present (shortest area of garment).

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

GROOMING

Cleanliness and proper grooming are necessary for the students to project a positive image and personal appearance affects behavior. Because of the importance of appearance, RISD has established these guidelines to be followed:

1. Unusual hairstyle considered to be disruptive will not be permitted. Examples include but are not limited to the following: Hair coloring that is unnatural, style, length, fad haircuts, lines, designs, ponytails and Mohawks. The length of boys hair shall be above the eyebrow, no lower than the earlobe and above the shirt collar. All styles considered to be potentially disruptive cannot be listed; therefore, the principal or principal's designee will determine whether a particular style is to be considered disruptive and inappropriate.

2. Facial Hair. Beards, goatees, mustaches, excessive sideburns or other facial hair that may be determined inappropriate by the principal or principal's designee will not be permitted.
3. Unusual facial make-up or adornments that may be considered to be a possible disruption will not be allowed as determined by the principal or principal's designee.

Students who are found to be in violation of the school dress code and grooming standards will be required to comply or face disciplinary action. It is the responsibility of teachers and administrators to judge the appropriateness of a student's attire and personal grooming. Students are encouraged to ask the opinion of school administrators before purchasing questionable clothing or changing personal appearance in a way, which according to these guidelines, might be considered inappropriate.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is correct, or until a parent or designee performs an acceptable solution. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Cell Phones: Students MUST turn off cellular devices (including smart watches) and must be kept in a student's backpack. Ear buds are only allowed for instructional purposes. Cellular devices violations will result in the device being confiscated and turned in to the office. A \$15.00 fine is due when a parent picks up the phone.

Report Cards: Report cards require a signature, and must be returned to the student's homeroom teacher.

Additional Campus Information is available in the Rusk ISD Student Handbook or on the Rusk ISD website.

Rusk Junior High School
John Burkhalter, Principal
1345 South Main Street
Rusk, Texas 75785
903-683-2502
903-683-4363 Fax