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Dear Desert Edge High School Students and Parents,

Welcome to Desert Edge High School. Please read carefully. The stapled portion of this packet contains information for you to review and keep. The other two forms require action and must be returned to ensure enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. The first day for freshmen this year is Monday, August 5th. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will begin on Tuesday, August 6th. Upon arrival, students will be directed to their advisory classroom. In the first advisory class, students will be given their class schedules. Our incoming freshmen will participate in a series of activities that will provide them with the information that they need for the upcoming year.

How do I know that my child is enrolled at Desert Edge High School? Our intention is to avoid long lines and using up valuable time so we ask that each family return the **2 required forms** by mail to complete student enrollment. If there are any questions or further information needed, you are welcome to come to school Monday through Thursday 8AM to 2PM, through August 2nd. We have enclosed a checklist below to ensure your student's enrollment is completed.

Completed Forms to be Returned to Desert Edge before August 2nd to Ensure Enrollment:

_____ 1. Student Profile Form: Please make any changes to student information on the Student Profile Form. **If your address has changed, please attach a copy of your water, electric or gas bill.** Parent/Guardian Signature required at bottom of Student Profile Form. **(Required)**

_____ 2. Medical Form: Please complete the enclosed medical form. The health office requires the information annually to ensure your child's health needs are being met. **(Required)**

When does my child receive their class schedule? Freshmen will receive their class schedule on their first day of school Monday, August 5th in advisory class. Lists will be posted with their advisory teacher and room number when they arrive at school on Monday, August 5th. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will receive their schedules in their advisory class on Tuesday, August 6th. If they want to get their class schedule early, a parent can pick it up at Open House/Meet the Teacher Night on Monday August 5th, from 6PM – 8PM. Class schedules will NOT be given to students at Open House/Meet the Teacher Night. If parents are unable to join us for Open House/Meet the Teacher Night, students will have to wait until their first day school on Tuesday, August 6th to receive it.

What if my child's schedule shows a class that was not on the course selection sheet I signed in March? Unfortunately, not every course offered at registration becomes available. There are a variety of reasons why a class might not be offered (teacher availability, student interest, etc.) resulting in another course being selected for your student. Every effort is made to schedule students in the classes they selected whenever possible.

What fees do I need to pay? At the beginning of each season, students participating in athletics are required to pay a \$100 participation fee per sport (limited to \$400 per family). Tax credits may be used to pay this fee. Your student may also be enrolled in a course that has a required fee. To determine what those fees might be for your student, you can find the fee schedule on the district website in the 2019-2020 Course Description Book. You can check your student's account at any time and are more welcome to visit the Bookstore in person. In addition to

the required fees mentioned above, optional purchases can be made for student athletic passes, family athletic passes, yearbooks, and parking permits.

What happens if my child has an outstanding debt on their account? Students that have **any** outstanding debt on their account, academic or athletic, will **NOT** be permitted to purchase **Desert Edge Extra-Curricular Events or Dance Tickets such as Homecoming tickets and Prom tickets**. Students must have all debts cleared before these types of purchases will be allowed. Seniors with outstanding debts will **NOT** be able to complete **Senior Checkout and participate in Desert Edge's graduation ceremony**, until their student accounts have been cleared through the bookstore. Please contact the Bookstore with any questions regarding student accounts.

How does my child get a School ID card? Student ID's are required to be visible at all times. ID pictures will be taken on Wednesday, August 7th. ID cards will be distributed during advisory class.

How does my child buy lunch without an ID Card? Students provide their ID number to the cafeteria (student ID number is on their class schedule) for the first two weeks. After ID cards are distributed, students will be required to use their Student ID.

How does my child ride the bus without an ID Card? Students will be permitted to ride the bus without an ID for the first two weeks of school. After ID cards are distributed, students will be required to show an ID before being permitted to ride the bus.

What bus does my child ride? NEW to Agua Fria Union High School District this year! The Parent Transportation Portal Mobile App is a game-changing, secure and easy-to-use feature that gives parents real-time information. It will provide details such as, where's my bus; true estimated time of arrival (ETA), bus arrival notifications, customized messaging, planned stop information and personalized notifications. Further details coming soon on the district website.

How does my child get a parking pass? Parking passes can be purchased in the bookstore for \$50 along with parent permission form, proof of insurance, registration, and driver's license. An assigned parking space will be given to students. It will be on a first come, first served basis. All students parking on campus must have purchased a parking pass by August 16th.

Where do I drop off and pick up my student? As with any school, traffic flow around our campus can be a challenge in the morning and afternoon. It is imperative that you use the designated areas as they are intended. This helps everyone get on and off our campus safely. **PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK ENTRIES AND DRIVES! USE PARKING SPACES DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP!** Please see the enclosed map for the Desert Edge access and traffic flow information. We thank you for your cooperation!

When does my child receive their Chrome Book? Chrome books were turned in to advisory teachers on the last day of school. Every student will be required to have a **District Issued** Chromebook. Our procedure is changing. Please see the 1:1 Technology Program 2019-2020 flyer.

How do I apply for Free and Reduced Lunch? We encourage all families to apply for Agua Fria Union High School District Free and Reduced Lunch program. In addition to receiving free and reduced price lunch, it has many other cost benefits when it comes to athletic and academic programs. The Free and Reduced Lunch Application is available on the Agua Fria Union High School District website under Departments, Food Service tab or <https://www.aguafria.org/domain/33>. Please see enclosed Food Service information.

What is the dress code policy? Student dress, personal appearance, and conduct must be such that it will not disrupt the instructional procedure of school. Student dress and grooming shall be such that they meet reasonable safety, health, and decency standards and will not diminish the disciplinary control of the teacher or administrator. The list below is an example of **unacceptable** clothing and appearance to aid you in your Back-to-School Shopping:

No strapless dresses or tops (Spaghetti straps are allowed); Bra straps will not be considered straps and deemed inappropriate; See through and midriff-baring blouses; Cleavage showing or underwear displayed; Ribbed, sleeveless undershirts of any color; Lewd, obscene, or suggestive clothing T-shirts that display illegal activities, violence, drugs, or alcohol; Jewelry, clothing, hats, and/or tattoos that display an illegal substances, gang affiliation or symbols associated with hate groups, violence, nudity or lewd behavior.; Hats, caps, hairnets, headgear,

skullcaps, bandanas, hoods, do-rags, and sunglasses; Shorts/skirts which are of an inappropriate length; blankets, pajamas, loungewear, and slippers; and Clothing/attire that disrupts school activities.

What is the Power Hour/Academic Overtime Program?

Power Hour is a positive school-wide initiative to encourage and support student achievement. This program allows for a one-hour lunch period with extended learning opportunities. During Academic overtime, students will be able to retake tests, makeup assignments, ask specific questions, work on projects, refine skills, etc. Students needing more individual assistance will need to attend after-school tutoring. Power Hour gives students the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities:

- Eat lunch
- Attend required 30-minute Academic Overtime session for extended learning opportunities
- Participate in club/sports meetings
- Conduct school business such as bookstore, athletics, guidance office, etc.
- Meet with counselors for group sessions/academic questions
- Meet with Career Specialist/ Attend college visitation meetings
- Attend AP Study Groups/Performance Practices

Only students who are passing all their classes with a C or better are awarded an extra 30-minutes for lunch and activities. The assigned 30-minute academic overtime takes priority over extra-curricular meetings and activities. All students are given 30-minutes for lunch.

What is Academic Overtime?

Students will be required to attend Academic Overtime if they are receiving a D or an F their class(es). An email will be sent to students every Friday with their schedule assigning them to their mandatory academic overtime session for the following week, Monday – Friday. Furthermore, every Friday, teachers will post grades, by ID numbers, in their classrooms for student to regularly monitor. Students are responsible for checking the posted grade lists and checking their school emails. Students ditching or late to their scheduled academic overtime session will be assigned appropriate consequence. Any student not failing may attend Academic Overtime if they choose too.

What happens if my student does not attend Academic Overtime?

Disciplinary Actions for Ditching Academic Overtime

- 1st Strike: Student and Parent Email Warning
- 2nd Strike: Student and Parent Email and Detention
- 3rd Strike: Counselor/Parent/Student Conference
- 4th Strike: 1 Day of SIP
- 5th Strike: 1 Week of Lunch Detention
- 6th Strike: Saturday School
- 7th Strike: Admin and Parent Meeting/AO Contract
- 8th Strike: 1 Day OSS
- 9th Strike: 2 Days OSS
- 10th Strike: Parent/Admin/Counselor Meeting

What is the Student Improvement Program (SIP)?

The objective of the Student Improvement Program (SIP) is to prevent students from missing instructional time, provide student redirection for poor decisions/choices through reflection and refinement, and motivate students to make good decisions/choices. Desert Edge does not administer In-School Suspension as a disciplinary consequence but instead assigns students SIP as appropriate.

SIP is a 3-hour after school session that requires students to write an essay reflecting on the poor decisions/choices that required the corrective action. Students will be allowed to work on schoolwork after the completion of the reflective essay, if they have no schoolwork, they will be required to read and summarize an assigned article or book focused on positive behaviors/leadership. Students required to attend SIP will be escorted from class at 2:45PM and dismissed at 5:45PM. **SIP is an administrative disciplinary consequence in lieu of In-School Suspension thus, it cannot be rescheduled.** Students who choose to miss SIP will be assigned a 1 day Out of School Suspension. Students will be required to arrange their own transportation. ****Out-of-School Suspensions and Saturday School will continue to be administered for disciplinary infractions as appropriate****

What is the Saturday School Program?

Desert Edge High School implements a Saturday School Program as an intervention/prevention program designed to provide restorative justice as an alternative to punitive discipline for bad choices. The program will hold offenders accountable while providing educational services that promote long-term positive behaviors. Students will complete a variety of curriculum such as Vaping, School and Community Pride, Boundaries, Sexting, School Threats, Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Anger Management, and Community Service. Community Service is a **required** component of the program that takes place during the session.

- Saturday School will be held bi-weekly at Desert Edge High School in partnership with Teen Court from 7:30AM to 11:30AM.
- Late arrivals will be denied class entry.
- Students are required to attend class the entire time on the date assigned.
- Rescheduling is not permitted.
- Students must fulfill all requirements of the program in good standing or will be dismissed from class and a FAILURE TO COMPLETE will be issued.
- **Students who do not attend their assigned Saturday School or receive a Failure to Complete will receive a 5-day Out of School Suspension.**

Remember the intent of Saturday School is to avoid Out-of-School Suspension, prevent loss of instructional time, reinforce positive behaviors, and keep discipline off a student's permanent record. Saturday School is primarily used for ditching academic overtime and being late to class.

What are the Guidelines for Power Hour?

- DEHS is a **closed campus**. Students are required to remain on campus during Power Hour. Students may not sign themselves out for lunch, even if they are 18. For student safety, parent phone calls releasing students during Power Hour will be not be permitted. Parents must physically sign out/sign in their student in the attendance office during this time.
- Food deliveries (Jimmy Johns, Papa Johns, etc.) are not permitted and will be refused at the security gate. We also discourage parents from delivering food during Power Hour.

How do I call in an absence? The Desert Edge attendance office is a busy place as it is the first entry point of our school. If you are calling in an absence for your student, we ask that you use our dedicated attendance line, **623-932-7501** and leave your student's name, ID number, and the date and reason they are absent on the voicemail and it will be processed as soon as possible.

I want to learn more about Desert Edge. Desert Edge holds an annual "DE101" meeting for parents of freshman but we welcome all of our parents to attend. The orientation is filled with lots of important information, and we look forward to having you as our guest on campus. Please make plans to attend so that you and your child can get off to the best start possible at DEHS. **Wednesday, July 24, 2019, in the Desert Edge Auditorium, from 6:00PM – 7:30PM.** Once again, **please complete the 2 required forms before August 2nd.** **If the required forms are not received, your student will not be registered for their selected classes.** You can return them by mail or use the drop box located inside the school.

1. Student Profile Form
2. Medical Form

We hope that this information is helpful to you. If you have any questions, please contact our school office at 623-932-7500 ext. 3001. *Go Scorpions!*

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