

# Welcome Philosophers Team

## Hickory Ridge Middle School

We are so excited to start the 2020-2021 school year with you! Our contact information and team expectations can be found below. We are looking forward to a great year!

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**Classroom Expectations:** Teachers expect students to be responsible for their own words, actions, and to make good choices at Hickory Ridge Middle School. Expectations in our classrooms include:

1. Come to class on time and prepared.
2. Follow directions and classroom procedures.
3. Get permission to speak or leave your seat.
4. Respect all people and things.

**Grading Scale:**

<b>A</b>	90 – 100	<b>C</b>	70 – 79	<b>F</b>	Below 60
<b>B</b>	80 – 89	<b>D</b>	60 – 69		

**Grade Communication:** Hickory Ridge Middle School is a paperless school. Paper progress reports and report cards will not be sent home. We use Power School, an online gradebook, for parents to view their child's grades. Power School will be up and running in the next few weeks. **It is imperative that you check Power School weekly to monitor your child's progress, as this is our way to communicate grades with you.** You can even sign up for phone notifications whenever a grade is entered. Power School log in information will be sent home in the next few weeks. If you cannot access your child's account after receiving these instructions, please contact the office, and Ms. Longberg can assist you.

**Agenda:** It is the student's responsibility to bring his/her agenda to class DAILY. An opportunity will be provided in each class daily to record nightly homework. There should never be a blank space in the agenda for core classes. If no homework is assigned, students will be asked to write "NONE" in the space for that class. **We ask that you check your child's agenda daily for assignments.**

**Classwork/Homework Policy:** It is important for all assignments to be turned in on time. We encourage students to be organized and keep up with his/her assigned work.

**Make Up Work Policy:** Students are responsible for obtaining makeup work after an absence.

**Perfume and Cologne Policy:** Upon return to school, due to allergies and asthma of students and teachers, please ask your child to refrain from wearing perfume or cologne. However, deodorant **is** acceptable and highly recommended.

**Cell Phones:** Upon return to school, cell phones must be turned off and in lockers at all times. Inappropriate use of technology will result in the device being confiscated and turned into the office.

**Gum:** Upon return to school, sixth grade has a no gum policy. Students may not chew gum during the school day.

**Water Bottles:** Upon return to school, students may have water in class, as long it is in a clear, plastic water bottle.

**Supply Fee:** Cabarrus County Schools has a mandatory \$20 Supply Fee per semester for each student.

**Locks:** Upon return to school, students should have two locks. One for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade hall locker, and one for PE.

**Communication:** The Philosophers Team uses Remind 101 for team and class reminders. We use this app to send text reminders periodically about upcoming tests, field trips, and important events at school. **Please have at least one parent/guardian sign up for this** (See Mrs. Timerson's Canvas page for sign-up information). It is even helpful for students to sign up for these reminders as well!

We look forward to a fantastic and successful year working with you and your child. Welcome to Hickory Ridge Middle School and to the Philosophers Team!

Thank you,

The Philosophers team