



MASON HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

It is time for the beginning of another school year! I look forward to working with the best students and staff in the state. This year promises to be memorable for all involved, since there are many exciting opportunities in academics, extracurricular activities and athletics.

Please make plans to attend registration for high school students. **All students will register on Wednesday, August 10th.** Students must be in compliance with all dress code regulations. Students will turn in their registration forms, check out and cover their textbooks and have their school pictures taken. Students who want to park on campus must bring their own driver's license to registration. ***Technology devices will be issued to students who turn in the completed contract as well as all of their completed registration forms and a check for to cover the insurance fee.*** Please see enclosed technology agreement for more information. Central Texas tuition is due August 22nd, the first day of school.

We will hold an orientation session for new students and freshmen and their parents in the auditorium beginning at 5:30 on August 10th. This is a very important meeting, and we strongly encourage your attendance. We will share our expectations and procedural information with you, and we welcome your comments and questions.

Registration Schedule *

Freshmen: 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Sophomores: 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Juniors: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Seniors: 11:00 am - 12:00 am

*Football players, cheerleaders and trainers will register from 1:00 – 2:00. Everyone else must register at their appointed time.

Freshmen & New Student Orientation: 5:30 – 6:30 in the auditorium.

Please complete the registration packet included with this letter to the best of your ability and send it with your child on registration day. **Please note: MHS is required to have on file a copy of the enrolling parent or guardian's driver's license and proof of residency (such as an electric bill) with the physical address printed on it.** Please send these items with your child to registration. If there are any questions, staff will be available to help fill in the blanks. Also please note: **Some of the forms are printed on both the front and back sides of the pages.**

All students will be taking school pictures on the day of registration. Even if you do not wish to purchase pictures, all students need to take the school picture. **THESE ARE THE REGULAR SCHOOL PICTURES. FORMAL SENIOR PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN LATER IN THE FALL; HOWEVER, SENIORS WILL ALSO NEED TO TAKE A REGULAR SCHOOL PICTURE.** Purchase of photos is not mandatory. **Please dress appropriately and according to dress code for the pictures.** Make sure to return the picture packet if you want to purchase pictures.

If you have any questions, please call the high school at 347-1122 ext 221.

Sincerely,
Chris Habecker

EXPECTING EXCELLENCE

Mason ISD

Student Housing Questionnaire

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Please use one form per student. Return to school registration office. If you require additional copies, please contact your school.

The answers to the following questions can help determine the services this student may be eligible to receive under the McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11435.

- 1. Is this student's home address a temporary living arrangement? Yes No
- 2. Is this a temporary living arrangement due to a loss of housing or economic hardship? Yes No
- 3. Is this student awaiting foster care placement? Yes No
- 4. As a student, are you living with someone other than your parent or legal guardian? Yes No

If you answered YES to **any** of the above questions, please complete the remainder of this form. If you answered NO to all of the above questions, you may stop here.

Where is this student currently living? (check box)

- Temporarily with another family because we cannot afford or find affordable housing.
- With an adult that is not a parent or legal guardian, or alone without an adult.
- In a hotel/motel.
- In a vehicle of any kind, RV park or campground, abandoned building or substandard housing.
- In an emergency/transitional shelter.
- Other

ADDRESS OF CURRENT RESIDENCE: _____

With whom are you currently staying? _____ Contact Number: _____

Print name of parent(s)/legal guardian(s): _____

(Or print student's name if you are an unaccompanied youth)

Signature of parent/legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

(Or student's signature if you are an unaccompanied youth)

Migrant Education Program Identification and Recruitment Parent Survey

Please complete entire form and return to school office.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Telephone Number # 1: _____ Alternate Number: _____

Best Time To Contact You: _____ Today's Date: _____

Dear Parents,

In order to better serve your children, the Mason Independent School District would like to identify students who may qualify to receive additional educational services. The information provided below will be kept confidential. Please answer the following questions and return this survey form to your child's school.

- 1. Have you moved within the last 3 years? Yes _____ No _____
- 2. If yes, have you done agricultural or fishing related work since your move?(field work, canneries, lumbering, dairy work, meat processing) Yes _____ No _____

If you answered "yes" to both of the questions above, the SAISD Migrant Recruiter may contact you to find out whether your child is eligible for additional educational services. For more information, call the Migrant Education Program at 325-347-1122.

Military Recruiters

Federal law requires the school district, upon request, to release the name, home address and telephone number of all high school students to military recruiters unless the student or the student's parent/guardian have directed the school not to release this information. If you do NOT want the school district to release this information to **military recruiters**, fill out and return the form below. Once you have completed this form, you do not need to do so again unless you wish to change your mind.

_____ As a student, I am exercising the right to "opt-out" and request that my own name, address and telephone number **not be released to military recruiters.**

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_____ As a parent/guardian, I am exercising the right to "opt-out" and request that my student's name, address and telephone number **not be released to military recruiters.**

Acceptable Use STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand and will abide by the **Mason ISD User Policy** for network use found on the Mason ISD website. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to a staff member. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal actions may be taken.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Mason ISD User Policy for network access found on the Mason ISD website. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and will not hold Mason ISD responsible for materials acquired on the network. Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in the school setting. I understand this access enables my son/daughter powerful opportunities and responsibilities to become a learner of the 21st century.

Initial ONE:

_____ I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child.

_____ I do not wish my child to have individual access to the Internet.

Permission to Photograph & Video

Your child will be involved in projects, activities, and events during the school year that may include photographs and digital video of your child included in published accounts of the occasion. Examples are field trips, class projects, pep rallies, athletic events, Coronation, honor roll awards, school organizations and other. These photographs and digital videos may be presented in a public performance including but not limited to presentation of a project using digital media, posting to a website or publication in a newspaper or other print media. In the event that your child is among those whose photograph or video image is included, we request your permission to use his or her image. I give Mason ISD permission to use my child's photograph and digital image in any medium for the purpose of publicizing the projects, activities and events of which my child is a participant or observer.

Handbook & Code of Conduct

My child and I have been offered the option to receive a paper copy of or to electronically access at <http://www.masonisd.net/> the Mason High School Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct for 2011–2012.

I have chosen to:

Accept responsibility for accessing the Student Handbook & Code of Conduct by visiting the above Web address.

Receive a paper copy of the Student Handbook & Student Code of Conduct.

I understand that the handbook contains information that my child and I may need during the school year and that all students will be held accountable for their behavior and will be subject to the disciplinary consequences outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. If I have any questions regarding this handbook or the Code, I should direct those questions to the principal at Mason High School: 325-347-1122 x 223

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Corporal Punishment

In the event corporal punishment is chosen as a consequence for my child,

- I do give consent for the administrator or designee to give the necessary swats.
- I do not give consent for the administrator or designee to give the necessary swats.

Release of Directory Information

For the following school-sponsored purposes: Any and all extra-curricular activities, Mason ISD has designated the following information as directory information: Student’s name, Address, Telephone listing, E-mail address, Photograph, Date and place of birth, Major field of study, Degrees, honors, and awards received, Dates of attendance, Grade level, Most recent school previously attended, Participation in officially recognized activities and sports, Weight and height, if a member of an athletic team, Enrollment status, Student identification numbers or identifiers that cannot be used alone to gain access to electronic education records. Directory information identified only for limited school-sponsored purposes remains otherwise confidential and will not be released to the public without the consent of the parent or eligible student. I (check one AND initial)

_____ (do give)

_____ (do not give)

the district permission to use the information in the above list for the specified school-sponsored purposes.

For all other purposes, Mason ISD has designated the following information as directory information: Student’s name, Address, Telephone listing, E-mail address, Photograph, Date and place of birth, Major field of study, Degrees, honors, and awards received, Dates of attendance, Grade level, Most recent school previously attended, Participation in officially recognized activities and sports, Weight and height, if a member of an athletic team, Enrollment status, Student identification numbers or identifiers that cannot be used alone to gain access to electronic education records. I

(check one AND initial)

_____ (do give)

_____ (do not give)

the district permission to release the information in this list in response to a request unrelated to school-sponsored purposes.

Texas Education Agency Texas Public School Student Ethnicity and Race Data Questionnaire

The United States Department of Education (USDE) requires all state and local education institutions to collect data on ethnicity and race for students. This information is used for state and federal accountability reporting as well as for reporting to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). School district parents or guardians of students enrolling in school are requested to provide this information. If you decline to provide this information, please be aware that the USDE requires school districts to use observer identification as a last resort for collecting the data for federal reporting. Please answer both parts of the following questions on the student’s ethnicity and race. United States Federal Register (71 FR 44866)

Part 1. Ethnicity: Is the student Hispanic/Latino? (Choose only one)

- Hispanic/Latino** – A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- Not Hispanic/Latino**

Part 2. Race: What is the student’s race? (Choose one or more)

- American Indian or Alaska Native** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Asian** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Phillipine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- Black or African American** – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- White** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Student Signature: _____

Mason High School
Mobile Digital Device Policies
2016-2017

Mason High School will provide each student with a mobile digital wireless device and a charging cable. The recharging cable should be kept at home. Students are expected to bring their device to school fully charged each day. Students can purchase extra chargers from the school for \$20. If the school issued charger is lost, the student must pay the school for a replacement.

The total cost for the mobile device use is broken down as follows:

- Students will have the option to purchase an insurance policy that will cover the mobile device against theft, breakage or loss. Please be advised that if the mobile device must be replaced, there is a no deductible with this insurance and it is for one school year. In case of theft, students will be required to file a police report.
- If the student chooses not to purchase the insurance then the student will be responsible for replacing the mobile device at purchase cost if the device is broken, lost or stolen.

Students will be allowed to take their mobile devices home during school holidays.

Textbooks will be loaded onto the mobile devices. Students will be required to use their school issued email address.

The district will be monitoring student's daily activities online. At home, families will need to arrive at workable solutions to do the same. Students will be held accountable for content on their mobile device.

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____