

# **Peet Junior High School Student Handbook 2024-2025**



**Work Hard, Be Nice, Keep Climbing.**

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The Conroe Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding these non-discrimination policies:

**Title IX Coordinator, 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas 77304; (936)-709-7700 and the Section 504/ADA Coordinator, 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas 77304; (936) 709-7670.**

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**Peet Junior High School  
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Chris Kuempel.....	Principal
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Victoria Reed.....	Counselor (A - Gon)
Melissa Reagan & DeeDee Withers.....	Counselors (Goo - Pal)
Suzi Wilson.....	Counselor (Par - Z)
Andrew Egnor.....	Student Success Counselor
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**Peet Junior High School Guidelines for Success**

**Core Values of a Peet Student**

**Perseverance** - Continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failures, or opposition.

**Respect** - Accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.

**Integrity** - Having high moral standards, doing what is right every time no matter who is watching.

**Dedication** - Commitment to a belief or activity.

**Excellence** - Commitment to be your very best, to reach the highest standards.

- Beliefs and Behaviors of Cubs**
- Cubs continue to try to achieve in ALL areas.
  - Cubs do their best at all times.
  - Cubs do not get discouraged, they will persist until success.
  
  - Cubs treat each other the way they want to be treated.
  - Cubs react appropriately when in a disagreement.
  - Cubs abide by campus and classroom rules.
  
  - Cubs always do the right thing, even when no one is watching.
  - Cubs are not dishonest and do not cheat.
  - Cubs do not take what is not theirs.
  
  - Cubs always give their best effort in everything they do.
  - Cubs work to be better in all areas every day.
  
  - Cubs work to be the best version of themselves.
  - Cubs helps others to achieve and support them when they do.
  - Cubs have self-PRIDE, WORK HARD, and ARE NICE.



Our Goal at Peet Junior High School is for ALL students to feel loved, accepted, and to grow academically every day.



This portion of the Peet Junior High School Student Handbook is an addendum to the CISD Secondary Student Handbook. Students and parents are expected to read and understand all information included, and should sign the acknowledgement form at the back of the CISD Secondary Student Handbook.

Any questions may be referred to the campus administration.

### Student IDs

Students are required to wear school-issued IDs at all times. If a student does not have their ID, a temporary ID will be provided. Temporary ID usage will be tracked for each student. Students requiring temporary IDs repeatedly will be subject to disciplinary consequences. If an ID is lost, the student is financially responsible for the replacement ID card. Students found without an ID will be issued lunch detention.

### Student ID Sweeps

Students are subject to random Student ID Sweeps in which an announcement is made by administration, and any student without a permanent or temporary ID is sent to the Assistant Principal’s Office for correction and/or disciplinary consequences.

### Assignments for an Extended Absence

A student may request assignments when absent from school for more than three days due to illness. This may be done by calling the Front Office or the Assistant Principal’s Office. The assignments will be ready for pick up by the end of school on the day they are requested if arrangements are made by 9:00 a.m. This will allow our office staff sufficient time to gather the work for the student. The front office number is (936) 709-3700.

### Attendance

#### Student Liability - Education Code 25.094

Students are required to attend school under the Compulsory Attendance Law. Failure to attend school ten or more days, or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, can be cited for nonattendance and may have to appear in truancy court. This could impact summer school, and/or possible retention, and a possible court appearance as well. If your child is going to be absent please contact the Attendance Clerk at 936-709-3710.

#### Reporting an Absence

When a student is absent, the school should be notified of the reason for the absence. Please call the Attendance Office at 936-709-3710 between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. If no communication is made on the day of absence, the student must bring a signed note to the Attendance Office the day the student returns to school. The note must state the reason for the absence.

#### Time Limit on Excusing Absences

If a student’s parents did not contact the school, and the student fails to bring a note from his/her parents or guardians on his/her return, the student normally has one more day to have his/her absence excused. After that time, the absence will remain unexcused.

### Bus

*Riding the bus is a privilege.* Students are expected to follow the rules and expectations listed in the district handbook. This includes obeying the bus drivers, monitors

and safety rules. Any bus infractions may result in being removed from the bus indefinitely.

### Late Bus

The late bus is offered to students who are participating in an extracurricular activity, tutorial program or attending after school detention. Parents must register their student online for the late bus service each school year via the CISD Transportation website found at [conroeisd.net](http://conroeisd.net). Only students that have late bus permission can ride the late bus. Students will receive a late bus pass from the after school sponsor each time late bus transportation is required. The late bus pass must be signed by an administrator or sponsor in order to ride the late bus. The bus leaves at approximately 5:15 p.m. and makes satellite stops. Satellite stops are not intended to be within a short walk to each student’s home, but more of a central place where parents may pick up their children without having to drive all the way to Peet Jr. High. The following is the information regarding the late bus satellite stops:

Red Line	Blue Line
Wedgewood Blvd & Woods Estates Dr	N Frazier St & Hildred Ave
13786 Highway 105 W	N Frazier St & Valero Turnaround
Gordon-Reed Elementary	Hillcrest Dr & Plantation Dr
Stewart Bus Ramp	Houston Elementary
FM 2854 Rd & Felder Ln	CHS9 Back Entrance
	Rice Back Entrance
	Armstrong Bus Ramp

### Cafeteria Rules

1. Students will be escorted to and from the cafeteria by the classroom teacher, and walk in a calm, quiet, and orderly manner.
2. Students will sit with their class at assigned lunchroom tables.
3. Students will become silent when the administrator gives the attention signal.
4. Do not push, break, save places, or crowd in the lunch lines.
5. Clear tables when finished eating.
6. Talk at normal conversational levels. Loud noise is not permitted.
7. Food and drinks are not allowed down the hallways or in the classroom.
8. Remain seated during lunch until returning to the classroom.
9. Throwing items in the cafeteria will not be tolerated and is subject to disciplinary action.

## Cell Phones, Earbuds, and Electronic Devices

### CISD Junior High School Cell Phone and Smartwatch Guidelines:

- Cell phones and smartwatches may be used respectfully and responsibly before school and after school.
- Cell phones and smartwatches should be set on silent mode and be kept in the designated storage area during class time (e.g. backpacks, cell phone caddy, or lockers), and should not be visible during instructional time. Cell phones should not be used for reward time or free time.
- Cell phones and smartwatches should not be utilized in any area of the building during class time. This includes hallways, offices, restrooms, locker rooms etc. Cell phones and smartwatches should remain in the designated storage area when students leave the classroom during class time.
- Cell phone and smartwatch use during common times (e.g. lunches and class change) will be determined by campus administration in collaboration with the campus Foundations Team.
- Cell phones and smartwatches should not be used to capture video, audio, or images at school or on the bus.

Per Peet Junior High School Administration and the campus Foundations Team, students are allowed the privilege to use cell phones during the following common times: class change and lunches. However, this privilege is subject to change and can be revoked at any time. While in the hallway, students should only have one earbud in their ear.

Students in after-school activities, including tutorials and detention, may not use a cell phone without permission from the supervising extra-curricular sponsor, coach, or teacher.

Parents and Guardians: Allowing your child's phone to have picture/video transmitting ability, although common, is extremely dangerous. It is highly recommended that you talk with your child about your expectations and Texas Sexting Laws.

Any phone confiscated with inappropriate pictures must be reviewed by the Montgomery County Juvenile Prosecutor's Office before it will be returned to the parent or guardian.

Although it is rare for sexting cases to have any involvement with the school or a campus consequence, information brought forth to administration on these events which occur outside of school is required to be communicated with the police and the Montgomery County Juvenile District Attorney's Office.

Failure to comply with CISD Junior High School Cell Phone and Smartwatch Guidelines and Peet Junior High School Electronic Policy will result in disciplinary consequences. Examples include a behavior notification, After School Detention, and/or Saturday Detention. Multiple violations of the CISD Junior High School Cell Phone and Smartwatch Guidelines and Peet Junior High School Electronic Policy will result in In School Suspension.

### **\*\*Bringing these items to school are at your own risk.\*\***

Electronics, cell phones, cameras, tablets, speakers, recording devices, earbuds/AirPods, smartwatches, etc. are high theft items and the school is not responsible for these items or investigations.

### **Change of Address, E-mail, or Phone Number**

If you move to a new address in our attendance zone, please notify our registrar of the change immediately and be prepared to provide the necessary documentation. Accurate information is critical in case of an emergency.

### **Changing Schedules**

If a student or parent feels a schedule change is necessary, the principal requests that the parent/guardian contact the student's counselor. No changes will be made in a student's schedule after the first two weeks of school. Changes in athletics for seventh grade students may be made during the first two weeks of school.

Examples of legitimate schedule change requests for required and elective courses are provided below.

#### *Required Courses*

In some cases students may be placed in the wrong level of a required course. Legitimate requests for course level changes are always honored.

#### *Honors Courses*

Students will only be able to get out of an Honors course at the end of the first nine weeks or at the end of the semester.

#### *Elective Courses*

Elective classes cannot be changed after the first two weeks of each semester.

### **Counseling Center**

The Counseling Center is available to parents and students that need assistance in academic, personal or social situations. The following is a list of services offered by the Counseling Center:

- Academic Counseling
- Short term Crisis Counseling
- Scheduling/Facilitating Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Referrals to appropriate and/or community programs and agencies
- Small Group Presentations
- Parent Information
- Student Information

Students that wish to speak with a counselor should stop by the Counseling Center between class, before school, or after school to sign up. The counselor will arrange a time to conference with the student. In case of an emergency, the student should obtain a pass from their teacher and report directly to the Counseling Center.

Parents that wish to speak with a counselor should call the school's main number (936) 709-3700 and ask to speak to the school's counselor. The counselor will speak with you if they are available at that time. If they are not available, a message will be taken and the call will be returned as soon as possible.

Information that a student shares in a counseling situation is considered confidential unless the student suggests harm to him/herself or to others. In that case, the parents and/or appropriate guardian will be contacted by the counselor.

### **Closed Campus**

All students in the Conroe Independent School District are required to remain on the school grounds during the lunch hours, unless picked up by the parent.

**Note: Once a student has arrived on campus, whether from the bus or private transportation, he or she is not allowed to leave campus under penalty of discipline.**

### **DAEP**

DAEP placement can be for 5, 10, 15, 30, 45, 60, or 90 days. It is located at Washington High School in Conroe. It is the consequence for serious or persistent misbehavior identified in the Student Code of Conduct. If a student is placed in DAEP, there is a strict dress code, and the student must ride the CISD transportation. The student's Assistant Principal will make sure that the student and parent are aware of all rules and regulations. All students will have a Transition Plan when returning to campus.

### **Deliveries (Flower, Gifts, Food)**

Due to our need to protect the instructional time, deliveries of flowers, balloons, gifts, food, etc. will not be accepted or delivered to students on the campus. It is suggested that you send these items to the student's home address as we also must be aware of allergies and potential risks of having these items delivered to school.

### **Discipline Management Plan**

#### **After School and Saturday Detention**

A student requiring disciplinary action may be assigned to After School or Saturday Detention. Parents are responsible for transportation and will be notified in advance by phone or by a detention slip given to the student. Parents are responsible for contacting the Assistant Principal if a transportation problem exists. Detention times will be specified. Lunch, After-school, or Saturday detention may be used as a discipline technique if the principal or his/her designee chooses.

Students assigned to detention should bring work or a book to read. Students are not allowed to utilize cell phones, any other electronic devices, or sleep in detention.

If the student continues to have problems, the student will be assigned additional Saturday Detentions, In School Suspension and/or DAEP.

The following rules exist for detention assignments:

1. The student must be on time. If late, the student will not be admitted.
2. The student should bring their own books.
3. The student must be seated and quiet.
4. No food, drinks or related items.
5. The student cannot leave the room or seat.
6. The student is responsible for transportation.
7. There will be no sleeping.

Failure to follow the above regulations will result in dismissal from detention and further disciplinary measures.

### **Early Pull-outs**

Any disruption of class is considered unacceptable. Pulling students out of class during the last 30 minutes of the school day is disruptive and should be done only in cases of extreme emergencies. Dates and times of checking students out early can be tracked in Parent Access.

### **End-of-Day Dismissal**

All walkers and car riders will be dismissed at the 4:00 p.m. bell, and will exit the building through the front doors. Walkers need to exit the campus immediately upon their dismissal. Students attending Tutorials and After School Detention will be released at 4:05 p.m. Bus riders will be released at 4:05 p.m. or as their bus arrives. Students will immediately report to the bus ramp to board their bus. All bus riders will exit from the cafeteria. Students are expected to be in an assigned area at all times. Students caught out of area at dismissal will be assigned a disciplinary consequence.

### **Fighting**

Any type of altercation involving physical contact is considered a fight. Fighting is considered a serious violation of the school behavior management plan. Students that engage in fighting at school, on the school bus, or during extra-curricular activities will be suspended and/or assigned to ISS or DAEP. Students may also be referred to a CISD Police Officer for investigation. Students who engage in repeated fighting on campus or at school-sponsored activities will be recommended for expulsion.

### **Food and Drink**

No open food and/or drinks will be allowed in the hallways or other areas away from the cafeteria at any time. Food or drinks may be allowed in the classroom with teacher permission.

### **Glass Containers**

Glass containers are not allowed on campus, parking lots or athletic facilities. Students who bring their lunch to school are allowed to bring thermos containers.

### **Gangs**

The school has a zero tolerance policy against student gangs on campus. Any gang dress, language, signs, or behavior will not be tolerated. Students violating this policy are subject to school consequences.

## Grading

The school year is divided into two semesters. Each semester is approximately 18 weeks. A report card will be issued to each student at the conclusion of each nine-week period. The semester grade will be determined by averaging the numerical average from each nine-week period. To determine yearly averages, the two semester grades will be averaged numerically. All grades will be reported numerically on report cards.

The grade scale is as follows:

90	-	100	A
80	-	89	B
75	-	79	C
70	-	74	D
0	-	69	F

Daily Grades 20%  
Quiz Grades 30%  
Major Grades 50%

## Semester Grade Calculation and Procedures

High School Credit course:

Semester 1:  $MP1(.425) + MP2(.425) + FINAL (.15) =$   
semester 1 average  
Semester 2:  $MP3(.425) + MP4(.425) + FINAL(.15) =$   
semester 2 average

Junior High Course:

Semester 1:  $MP1(.45) + MP2(.45) + FINAL(.10) =$  semester  
1 average  
Semester 2:  $MP3(.45) + MP4(.45) + FINAL(.10) =$  semester  
2 average

## Hall Pass

Students will not be allowed in the hallways during class time or before or after school without a hall pass. The hall pass must be signed by a teacher or school staff member. Administrators, teachers and campus security will check passes. If a student leaves class to enter a restroom on campus, they should have a color-coded pass for the restroom that is assigned for that particular classroom. Student priority is to be in class during the period.

## Leaving School During the Day

A student who must leave school during the day must sign out at the attendance office. Students who leave should be accompanied by a parent. In instances where the parent cannot come to school to pick up the student, the student must have a note from the parent or guardian stating the date, time and reason the student needs to leave campus. A school official will contact the parent via telephone to verify the note before the student is released. Students who fail or refuse to sign out before leaving the campus, or who leave on a forged note will be considered truant.

## Lockers

Lockers are only issued by request from the parent/guardian. Please see the Assistant Principal's Office for a Locker Request Form.

## Loitering After School

Students are to vacate the campus by 4:30 p.m. If they are still present at that time, they will be asked to contact a parent/guardian to pick them up.

## Lost and Found

It is the student's responsibility to keep up with personal property. The school is not responsible for these items or investigations. Any items found will be turned in to the AP's Office. All items not claimed by the end of the semester will be donated to the Community in Schools Program.

## Once Students Arrive on Campus

Once students arrive on campus, leaving is prohibited, even to cross the street, under penalty of disciplinary measures. Upon arriving, students should report to the cafeteria and should not enter a classroom without written permission from a teacher. **No student should arrive at school before 7:45 a.m. unless he/she has an appointment with a teacher. It is an expectation that students who attend tutorials should be picked no later than 5:10 p.m. If this can't be arranged, students should ride the late bus.**

## Parent Communication

At Peet JHS, communication with parents is a vital part of the success of our students. If you have any concern about your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the class where the area of concern lies. This contact can be made by telephone or e-mail. Staff email addresses can be accessed through the CISD homepage, [www.conroeisd.net](http://www.conroeisd.net). Our staff is committed to responding to your concerns in a timely manner. However, please keep in mind that each teacher has only one designated conference time each day. Therefore, some calls and emails may not be returned until the following day if the teacher's conference time has passed. Although concerns in a specific class should be conveyed directly to that teacher, any immediate safety concern should be addressed immediately to a school administrator or counselor.

## Parent Visiting Classrooms

A parent must contact their child's Assistant Principal in order to visit any class on campus. A minimum of 24 hour notice is required.

## Parent View-It

Additionally, school information that your child receives by announcement or written memo to convey to you is periodically e-mailed home to parents by the school. **You are encouraged to register to be a part of Parent Access. Registration for parent email can be accessed through the CISD homepage. This is the quickest way to get student report cards and progress reports. Contact our webmaster DaWanna Wilkins at 936-709-3700 or [dwilkins@conroeisd.net](mailto:dwilkins@conroeisd.net).**

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

A Parent-Teacher Conference is a great way to find out how your child is doing in school. To schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference, please contact the Counseling Center at (936) 709-3742 at least two days in advance of the meeting. All teachers will be present at the conference unless the parent requests to meet with teachers individually. You will receive a written copy of the highlights of the conference to help you pinpoint concerns and solutions. Before requesting a teacher change, the student and/or parent should schedule two conferences.

1. Conference with the teacher.
2. If concerns are not resolved, the student and/or parents should request a conference with the Counselor or Assistant Principal and the teacher.

### **Participation in Physical Education**

Students in physical education may be excused from participation for no more than two days if the parent provides a written excuse including the date, reason for non-participation, parent's signature, and phone number. Excuses from participation for more than two days should be provided by a physician. Failure to provide such written documentation will result in a loss of grade points.

*If a student is under the care of a physician and must be excused from physical education for more than one week, alternate arrangements for class assignments will be made.*

### **Possession or Use of Prohibited Items**

#### **Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco or other Illegal Substances or Paraphernalia**

Lockers may be searched for tobacco, alcohol, drugs or other prohibited items in accordance with Board Policy FNF. Non-prescription drugs, prescription drugs or natural herbal products or any type of stimulants are specifically prohibited from campus. Students possessing or using such drugs will receive disciplinary action. Any student in possession of and/or use of any substance identified by law enforcement agencies as a substance that is or has been used as a drug to elicit a behavioral change may result in disciplinary action. Possession and/or use of any drug paraphernalia as identified by law enforcement agencies may result in disciplinary action. E-cigarettes and Vapes are included in drug paraphernalia and are not permitted on campus. Students found in possession of E-cigarettes and/or vapes will serve a mandatory DAEP placement.

#### **Promotion**

In grades 7—8, promotion to the next grade level shall be based on the following:

- 2) Attaining an overall yearly average of 70 or above in all classes taken.
- 3) Passing Language Arts and Math in addition to a 3<sup>rd</sup> academic core class (History or Science).

Both these conditions must be met to be promoted to the next grade.

### **Selling on Campus**

Students may not sell magazine subscriptions, candy, or any item or service on campus. Unauthorized fundraising is not allowed.

### **Student Behavior**

Peet students are expected to exhibit Peet Pride at all CISD campuses and facilities. These core values are as follows:

*Perseverance* - Continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failures, or opposition.

*Respect* - Accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.

*Integrity* - Having high moral standards, doing what is right every time no matter who is watching.

*Dedication* - Commitment to a belief or activity.

*Excellence* - Commitment to be your very best, to reach the highest standards.

Further information on the Peet Pride Program and the student incentive system associated with it will be available on the Peet webpage.

### **Student Dress and Personal Grooming**

The Conroe Independent School District recognizes the importance of encouraging high standards in manners of dress and personal grooming. In establishing appropriate standards of school dress, it is not the intention of the school system to attempt to regulate fashion or to determine what is or is not in style, but to encourage good grooming. It is important to remember that school is a formal experience, and appropriate apparel should reflect that fact.

All students are expected to be within the dress code at all times. The dress code regulations are in effect through the last day of school and are in effect for all school activities. If a student misses a class because of a dress code violation, the absence will be considered unexcused.

The following is an outline of the Peet student dress code. However, any form of dress that the principal or his designee deems to be disruptive to the educational process, a health or safety hazard, or inappropriate in any way will not be allowed.

1. No student may wear articles of clothing which are gang related, display obscenities, advertise alcoholic beverages, narcotics or other prohibited substances, depict violence, or are offensive in nature. No student may wear badges, patches, decals, or emblems of any kind or in any place that may be offensive to others or that expound or advocate the use of prohibited substances or actions.
2. Hats and hoods are allowed in common areas as long as they are not disruptive or distracting. Hats and hoods are not allowed in the classroom.
3. Students may bring backpacks to school. Any athletic or extra-curricular bags must be taken immediately to the locker room or appropriate storage area upon arrival at school.



- Appropriate footwear should be worn. No house shoes are allowed.

**Pants and Shorts**

- Shorts must be mid-thigh length.
- Boxer shorts are not allowed.
- No skin should be visible above the mid-thigh.
- Pants must be worn at waist level.

**Skirts and Dresses**

- Skirts and dresses must be mid-thigh length. If skirts or dresses have slits, the top of the slit must not be higher than mid-thigh length.
- Backless dresses or dresses with shoulder straps smaller than two inches/three fingers are not allowed.

**Shirts and Blouses**

- Shirts and blouses worn untucked must be long enough to cover the midriff.
- Backless blouses or tops with shoulder straps smaller than three inches/three fingers may not be worn.
- Tank tops or muscle shirts may not be worn *unless* they have a strap that is wider than two inches/three fingers.
- Low cut blouses/shirts are inappropriate for school and should not be worn.

Students out of dress code are subject to disciplinary consequences.

**Dress Code Sweeps**

Students are subject to random Dress Code Sweeps in which an announcement is made by administration, and any student in violation of dress code policy is sent to the Assistant Principal’s Office for correction and/or disciplinary consequences.

**Student Interactions**

Student interactions are expected to be appropriate for school and respectful of others.

**PDA**

Public Display of Affection (i.e. holding of hands, hugging, kissing) is not appropriate at school. Students exhibiting this type of behavior are subject to disciplinary consequences.

**Bullying**

The policy of Conroe ISD is that all students be free from bullying, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. All reports of bullying, discrimination, harassment and retaliation are taken very seriously. Peet Junior High School will make every reasonable effort to handle and respond to complaints filed in a fair, thorough, and just manner. Every reasonable effort will be made to protect the due process rights of victims and alleged offenders.

**Tardy Policy**

Tardiness is defined as arriving to class after the tardy bell rings without an approved pass. Students arriving to class more than 10 minutes late will be considered skipping. Students tardy to class should report to their classroom where the teacher will mark them tardy.

Being frequently tardy has been directly linked with lower test scores, lower grades, and lower graduation rates. When a student is constantly late, the student is not learning how to be responsible. A tardy student causes disrupted classroom routines and can interrupt the learning of other students as well.

Punctuality is an important habit that shows consideration for fellow students and teachers. In a larger context, absence and lost time due to tardiness are the primary reasons for employee dismissal in the workplace. Hence, this is a trait that is developed at an early age.

The following is the Tardy Policy and consequences that correspond:

Tardy 1-6	Warning
Tardy 7	Warning Referral
Tardy 8, 9, 10	Lunch Detention
Tardy 11	Counselor Referral
Tardy 12, 13, 14	ASD or Mandatory Tutorials
Tardy 15, 16, 17	Saturday School
Tardy 18	ISS

Tardies are counted on a nine-weeks basis. Every nine weeks, the tardy count will start over.

**Tardy Sweeps**

Students are subject to random Tardy Sweeps in which teachers close the classroom door once the tardy bell rings. Students in the hall with an appropriate pass will be allowed to continue to class. All others are subject to disciplinary consequences.

**Technology**

Students may utilize Chromebooks in class and they are responsible for the care of the Chromebook while utilizing them. Students are financially responsible for repairing damaged or broken Chromebooks, and disciplinary consequences may result as well.

**Telephone**

The school telephone is for school business. Students may use the school telephone only in case of an emergency. Students must receive permission from a school staff member before utilizing a phone on campus. Students should utilize the phone in the Assistant Principal’s Office.

**Textbooks**

Estimated costs for textbooks currently utilized by CISD/Peet JHS are listed below:

Book	Cost
7 <sup>th</sup> History	\$83.25
7 <sup>th</sup> ELA	\$98.97
7 <sup>th</sup> Science	\$52.00
8 <sup>th</sup> History	\$83.25
8 <sup>th</sup> ELA	\$98.97

8 <sup>th</sup> Science	\$52.00
Algebra	\$96.00
Geometry	\$98.00

General Information – Textbooks are provided to the students by the State of Texas and remain the property of the state. Each textbook is bar-coded with a unique number on the back of each book. The bar codes are not to be removed for any reason. All books are required by law to be covered at all times. The students and parents are responsible for the books. If a book is lost, damaged, or missing, the parent or student must pay for the book(s) before a new textbook will be issued. In the event that a textbook is not returned or paid for, the parents and student forfeit the right to free textbooks until the book is paid for or returned. A student’s record is not considered clear for release until all books are accounted for.

### Truancy

A student shall be considered truant when absent from class without the consent of a parent or legal guardian or school official. Students who are truant from school will be assigned to ISS.

### Unwritten Regulations

Behavior or misconduct not covered specifically in this handbook or the CISD Student Code of Conduct will be handled by an administrator. Appropriate action will be taken with the student. While every potential fad, nuisance, or problem cannot be covered in this handbook, each incident will be dealt with immediately and with the appropriate action. Anything that detracts from the spirit or dignity of Peet Junior High School will be regulated to maintain a positive and safe learning environment for students.

### Visitors (Parents and/or Friends)

1. All visitors must enter the building through the Front Office. Parents and adult relatives of students must check-in and present a valid Texas ID to the Front Office. A visitor’s badge will be provided and must be displayed while on campus. Visitor badges must be returned to Front Office staff prior to leaving.
2. Parents that wish to discuss problems with teachers should make an appointment with the teacher through the Counseling Center for a conference during the teacher’s conference period or before school. Teachers

cannot take time away from their students to visit with parents during class. Parents that request to visit the building should report to the Front Office.

3. Students’ friends or visitors are not allowed to visit on campus. Unauthorized persons who come onto campus and cause a disturbance will be subject to prosecution.

### What to do in case...

1. *You are absent.*  
Have your parent/guardian notify the attendance office by telephone. If no communication is made on the day of absence, you need to bring a signed note to the attendance office stating the reason for being absent.
2. *You are tardy to school.*  
If you arrive after school begins (8:50 a.m.), go to the attendance office, sign in and proceed to class. Students with unexcused tardies are subject to disciplinary consequences.
3. *You have found an article or have lost an article.*  
Go to the Lost and Found in the Assistant Principal's Office. Do not remove an article from lost and found if it does not belong to you. This is interpreted as stealing.
4. *You want to leave the classroom.*  
Receive permission from your assigned teacher and obtain a pass from your teacher stating where you are going.
5. *You want to go to the Counselor’s Office or the Assistant Principal’s Office.*  
Receive permission from your assigned teacher and obtain a pass from your teacher stating where you are going.
6. *You want to put up a poster.*  
Receive approval from the principal.
7. *You need information concerning school functions or activities.*  
See the sponsor of the activity.
8. *You are hurt or ill.*  
**Tell an adult and go to the clinic. The school nurse or clinic aide is on duty at all times. If no one is in the clinic, please immediately report to the Front Office.**

### Handbook Acknowledgement

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