Sickles High School Back to School Newsletter



Welcome Back!

I am proud of all the accomplishments our students and staff achieved during the 2023-24 school year, including impressive state standardized test scores, top ranking in the pass rate of our Advanced Placement exams, and hundreds of Industry Certifications and Dual Enrollment credits. I am incredibly proud to announce that once again we are one of the top schools in the district! Sickles has once gain been rated as an A" school by the state!

I am excited to continue this high academic tradition in 2024-25 with our students and staff and look forward to seeing all our students back on campus on the first day of school, Monday, August 12, at 8:25 am. As always, we plan to offer a strong academic program for all our students through challenging and engaging learning experiences. We also focus on the social and emotional well-being of all our students by offering supports through our Student Services office. Finally, we are conscious of the safety and security of all our staff and students. For this reason, please be sure to follow the school protocols for entering campus and signing your students in or out of school.

Take some time to review this newsletter, as well as the Sickles website as there is a great deal of information related to curriculum, student services, athletics, clubs, and PTSA. You will also find useful information from the Office of Student Affairs regarding attendance, parking, lockers, buses, and expectations for student behavior, including details on the district's new cell phone policy.

Our student bell schedule to start and end the day is 8:30 AM to 3:25 PM Tuesday through Friday and 8:30 AM to 2:25 PM on Mondays. Adult supervision will be in place beginning at 8:00 AM. Please do not drop your student off prior to 8:00 AM. Traffic is always congested on the first day of school, so be sure to allow for extra travel time. The faculty, staff, and I are looking forward to seeing our students on August 12!

Krista Luloff

Principal, Sickles High School

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Open House August 8

(details next page)

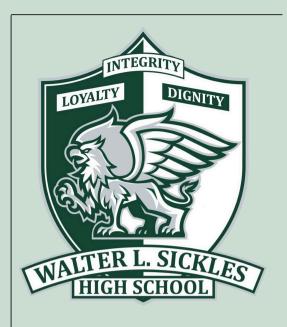
Senior Parent Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 7 6 pm. Cafeteria

First Day of

School August 12

End of 1st 9 Weeks October 11





THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH

10TH-12TH GRADE

10:30am - 12:30pm STUDENTS PICK UP SCHEDULES IN THEIR HOMEROOM

9TH GRADE

3:30pm-5:30pm

STUDENTS PICK UP SCHEDULES IN THEIR HOMEROOM

ALL STUDENTS:

Check out the Cafeteria to get information about athletics, talk with your counselor and purchase yearbooks, lockers and Sickles gear!



SENIORS ONLY:

Parking Pre-sale in Gryphon's Corner

Curriculum and Guidance News

The Sickles High School Student Services staff is looking forward to the opening of the 2024-2025 school year and is committed to the success of every student and staff member.

We support our district's mission to provide an education that enables each student to excel as a successful and responsible citizen.

The administration, faculty and staff work in conjunction with the Student Services department:

- a. To provide students and parents with information and support to help students fully develop academically, socially, and emotionally.
- b. To ensure that every student is provided with rigor and relevance in every course, and that every student is placed in courses that meet the students' abilities and needs. We utilize individual student data to make these decisions.
- c. To educate students about mental health, college resources, technical-career education, scholarships, and financial aid.

We will continue to focus on increasing student enrollment in advanced placement courses and to provide support for students on all levels. Our staff members, as well as other resource teachers are listed below.

Listed next to each counselor are the letters of the alphabet they serve, as well as their phone extensions.

Shane David	Assistant Principal for Curriculum	Ext. 224
Brooke Ruhe	Counselor A-B & AVID	Ext. 249
Michael Paleveda	Counselor C-D	Ext. 251
Michael Barrineau	Counselor E-K	Ext. 248
Armando Tapia	Counselor L-O	Ext. 246
Michael Paleveda	Counselor P-Q	Ext. 251
Julie Russo	Counselor R-V	Ext. 247
Kenneth Gennaro	Counselor W-Z & ESOL	Ext. 243
Alexis Patel	Social Worker	Ext. 244
Robert Bryant	Social Worker	Ext. 270
Matthew Radzicki	ESE Specialist	Ext. 250
Lisa Held	Testing Coordinator	Ext. 293
Annalays Simeon	ELL (ESOL) Resource teacher	Ext. 518
Osmara Reyes	Counseling Secretary	Ext. 225
Jenny Alvarez	Registrar	Ext. 241
Melissa Walter	Data Processor	Ext. 229

Our Sickles family strives to provide our students with the best education, and we look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Shane David, APC

Brooke Ruhe, Counseling Department Head

[&]quot;The two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why."

What You Should Know About Senior High Athletic Eligibility Athletics / Student Forms (hillsboroughschools.org)

Academic Requirements

If you are in the 11th grade or 12th grade, you must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester. If you are in the 9th grade or 10th grade, you must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester; OR you must have earned a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in the courses taken in the previous semester alone, provided you sign an academic performance contract (FHSAA form EL5) with your school and attend summer school as necessary. (Article 9.4, FHSAA Handbook, Bylaws and Policies)

Ninth Grade Eligibility

A student shall be eligible during the first semester of his/her ninth-grade year provided that it is the student's first entry into the ninth grade and he/she was regularly promoted from the eighth grade the immediately preceding year.

Residence

A student will be eligible at the first school in which he/she enrolls, or participates in an athletic practice, at the beginning of each school year. The student will be eligible in his/her first school of choice each year as long as the student remains enrolled in that school (Florida Law 97-53). Additionally, home school students who are registered through Hillsborough County Public Schools and charter school students who are enrolled in a Hillsborough County registered charter school are eligible for athletic participation at their school of residence.

Transfers

Per School Board Policy 2431.01, student-athletes who transfer are allowed to immediately participate in interscholastic athletics for their new school as long as they are enrolled prior to the start of a specific sport's season. Student-athletes that participate in a sport at their previous school during the same school year may not participate in the same sport unless they meet one of the following criteria:

- 1) Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders.
- 2) Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.
- 3) Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
- 4) Authorized good cause established in this policy.

Age

Students reaching the age of 19 before July 1st will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for that school year and beyond.

Limit of Eligibility

A student shall be eligible for no more than four (4) consecutive academic years upon first entrance to ninth grade as defined by the pupil progression plan of the school in which the student is enrolled. A student who does not attend school, repeats any grade, is declared ineligible to participate, or otherwise fails to exercise the opportunity to participate for any reason for any length of time during this four-year period shall not be entitled to any additional period of eligibility.

<u>Athletics / Overview (hillsboroughschools.org)</u>



Eligibility Requirements for Extracurricular Participation

Eligibility Period	Grade	Eligibility Requirements
First semester	Students first entering the 9 th grade	Must be regularly promoted from the 8 th grade to the 9 th grade.
	Students entering 10 th grade	Must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester; OR must have earned a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in the courses taken in the previous semester alone, provided he or she signed an academic performance contract with his or her school and attended summer school as necessary.
	Students entering 11 th and 12 th grades	Must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester
Second semester	9 th and 10 th grade	Must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester; OR must have earned a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in the courses taken in the previous semester alone, provided he or she signed an academic performance contract with his or her school and attended summer school as necessary.
	11 th and 12 th grades	Must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all courses taken through the end of the previous semester

A student shall be eligible for no more than four (4) consecutive academic years upon first successful completion of the eighth (8th) grade as defined by the pupil progression plan of the school in which the student is enrolled. Four years from the date he or she first successfully completes the eighth grade, he or she shall become ineligible for further interscholastic athletic competition. A student who does not attend school, repeats any grade, is declared ineligible to participate, or otherwise fails to exercise the opportunity to participate for any reason for any length of time during this four-year period shall not be entitled to any additional period of eligibility. Original school records shall be submitted to the Commissioner in the event of conflicting information as to the date of first successful completion of the eighth grade. (Article 9.5 FHSAA Handbook, Bylaws and Policies)

Note 1: A grading period is defined as one semester. A semester is defined as one half of a school year (approximately 18 school weeks or 90 school days). This definition is applicable to all schools regardless of the type of class scheduling format used (i.e. block, traditional, etc.)

Academic Performance Contract for Athletic Eligibility is a school generated form.



SICKLES GRYPHONS

HEAD COACHES 2024-2025

BASEBALL

BASKETBALL/BOYS

BASKETBALL/GIRLS

CHEERLEADING

CROSS COUNTRY

FLAG FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL

GOLF

LACROSSE/BOYS

LACROSSE/GIRLS

SOCCER/BOYS

SOCCER/GIRLS

SOFTBALL

SWIMMING

TENNIS/BOYS

TENNIS/GIRLS

TRACK/BOYS

TRACK/GIRLS

VOLLEYBALL

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ATHLETIC INTEREST MEETING

Learn about how to complete athletic applications, our Booster Club and more.

Thursday, Aug. 8 2:30 p.m. (before freshman open house) Media Center



SPORT

TRY-OUT DATES

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading (Sideline Cheer) 6/3/24
Cross Country 7/29/24
Football/Varsity & JV 7/29/24
Golf 7/29/24
Swimming 7/29/24
Volleyball 7/29/24

WINTER SPORTS

Soccer 10/14/24
Comp. Cheer 10/16/24
Basketball/Girls 10/28/24
Basketball/Boys 10/28/24
Wrestling/Girls TBA
Wrestling/Boys TBA

SPRING SPORTS

Tennis TBA
Baseball TBA
Lacrosse TBA
Softball TBA
Flag Football TBA
Track & Field 1/27/25

Updates to this schedule can be found on FHSAA.com

Dates/times subject to change



OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Office of Student Affairs welcomes all new and returning Gryphons to Sickles for the 2024-2025 school year. We are confident that this year's students will continue the tradition of excellence that has been established here at Sickles.

The Office of Student Affairs encourages all students to utilize our office to make their high school experience more enjoyable and successful. The following list is just a few of the services we provide in the Office of Student Affairs: attendance verification, bus schedule and passes, parking, and lockers.

In addition, the Office of Student Affairs handles all discipline issues. Our goal at Sickles is that our Gryphons will value their academic success and strive to hold themselves accountable for good decision making. We hope to shape Gryphons who are respectful and accept consequences with dignity and learn from these experiences.

Please review the Student Affairs guidelines provided in this newsletter and the student handbook that will be available electronically during the first few days of school. Being aware of the school rules and procedures will increase the chances of having a successful school year.

The Office of Student Affairs is looking forward to assisting you in the upcoming year. Our staff members are listed below as well as their phone extensions. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Affairs with any questions or concerns.

Assistant Principals:

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Ms. Marci Willis, School Nurse	Ext. 226	marci.willis@hcps.net
Deputy Jason Santiago, SRO	Ext. 236	jason.santiago@hcps.net

1. VISITORS FOR STUDENTS AND/OR STAFF (HCPS Policy 9150, 9160)

Visitors must have prior approval from a staff member at least 24 hours prior to visitation on campus. Administration will determine whether meetings can be held virtually. Meetings with administration should be scheduled prior to visiting the campus.

Visitors to Sickles High School (including those making deliveries) must sign in with the receptionist in the main office. Photo identification is required. Any individual considered a non-student must obtain administrative clearance prior to entering the building. **Any person on campus without a visitors pass will be subject to a trespassing violation and possible arrest.**

Students cannot receive food deliveries to campus. Drivers will be turned away.



2. ABSENCES

- a. Parents/guardians can report excused absences by phone (call 813-631-4742 and press 1) or email (sickles.high+attendance@hcps.net.)
- b. It is the student's responsibility to ensure accurate attendance. Students must have their parent/guardian call the attendance line within three days of their absence. If a parent does not call the attendance line within this time period, the absence will be unexcused. Absences cannot be changed after the third day.
- c. All parents whose child is absent- excused or unexcused -will receive a courtesy call and/or email from the district office at approximately 9:30am indicating their child is absent.
- d. Students with more than 15 unexcused absences in a 90-day period will be reported to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and will have their drivers license or permit suspended until they have attended 30 consecutive <u>school</u> days of school with no unexcused absences.

3. PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES

Any student who knows he/she will be absent from school for a valid reason other than illness should report to the attendance office located in Student Affairs at least three days in advance of the absence for a "Prearranged Absence Form" that will be signed by all his/her teachers and his/her assistant principal. This includes all college visitations, accompanying family out of town, etc. College visitations in the second semester are considered absences unless they are required by the college.

4. SIGN-IN PROCEDURE

Any unaccompanied student arriving to school after 8:45 a.m. must report to Student Affairs. Students who are accompanied by parents will sign-in through the Main Office. A sign-in pass will be issued indicating excused/unexcused tardy or absence. It is the student's responsibility to show the sign-in pass to his/her teacher so that he/she can be marked accordingly. Only students accompanied by either a parent/guardian or a doctor's note will be considered excused. No phone calls or emails will be accepted. Students with more than three unexcused sign-ins in a nine-week period are subject to disciplinary action. Student drivers may lose on-campus parking privileges with excessive unexcused sign-ins. Any additional sign-ins will require medical or other documentation or parent conference with an Assistant Principal for Student Affairs.

5. SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE (PRE-APPROVED AND EMERGENCY)

Once students arrive on campus, they may not leave without following sign-out procedures. Students who become ill must sign-out through the clinic. If a parent needs to call regarding a student's sign-out, the parent must call the Student Affairs Office. Please do not call the attendance clerk or leave sign-out messages on the attendance line. Parents whose children do not have a parking hang tag will have to go to the Main Office to sign their child out. Only a student who drives to school with a current parking hang tag may leave without being accompanied by the parent or guardian signing him/her out. Drivers will only be permitted to leave campus during passing periods. Students may not walk off campus unaccompanied after signing out. Signing out a student during his/her assigned lunch may result in a longer delay due



to the ability to locate the student. Assistant Principals will meet with parents of students with an excessive number of sign-outs.

The following list are examples of what is acceptable regarding sign-ins and sign-outs:

SIGN-IN:

EXCUSED

- a. Illness/ Medical/Dental appointments (doctor's statement may be required)
- b. Automobile accident
- c. Deaths/funerals
- d. Emergency situations
- e. Required court appearance (subpoena required)
- f. Established religious observance
- g. College Visitation: College visits by students will be considered an excused absence. School Business will be granted for college visits if a visit is required for admission and is documented on letterhead.

UNEXCUSED

- 1. Car problems (flat tire, no gas, car won't start, traffic, etc.)
- 2. Overslept
- 3. Returned for forgotten items (books, lunch, money, homework, projects, absentee notes etc.)
- 4. Missed the bus

SIGN-OUTS: (No sign-outs after 2:55 p.m or 1:55 p.m. on Mondays)

EXCUSED

- 1. Medical/dental appointments (doctor's statement may be required)
- 2. Deaths/funerals
- 3. Emergency situations acceptable to Student Affairs Office
- 4. Court appearance (subpoena required)
- 5. Personal reasons acceptable to Student Affairs Office

UNEXCUSED

- 1. Forgotten items (books, lunch, money, homework, projects, admit etc.)
- 2. Violation of dress code (to obtain appropriate dress)
- 3. Non-educational appointments

8. ALTERING/FORGING DOCUMENTS

The altering or forging of parent notes, passes, or any other official school document will result in disciplinary action which may include suspension from school. Additionally, students willfully giving false information to a school official or calling in to excuse his/her own absence are subject to major disciplinary action which may include suspension.

9. IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Student must have a Sickles ID in their possession while attending classes or any other school function. ID will be issued free to new students after picture day. Replacement cost for a lost or stolen ID is \$5 and can be purchased in the Media Center.



COMMON DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES:

Timeout – Student will report to the In-School Suspension (ISS) room for one or multiple periods during the day, depending on which periods he/she has had behavior concerns.

Lunch Detention – Student will report to the Lunch Detention room for his/her entire lunch period for one or multiple days. He/she will eat lunch in the detention room.

Work Detail – Student will report to Work Detail after school from 3:30-4:30 (or 2:30-3:30 Mondays). Student is monitored by a teacher while assisting with campus beautification and/or recycling program activities around the campus.

ISS (**In-School Suspension**) – Student will report to the ISS room for one or multiple entire school days. The ISS room is monitored by teachers. Students are expected to obtain all assignments prior to attending ISS. Students can earn "Gryphons cash" for being on task in ISS and can "buy" their way out after fifth period.

Saturday School – Student may attend a Saturday School session on a pre-arranged date for three hours as an alternative to in- or out-of-school suspension based on the offense and discretion of the assistant principal. Saturday School consists of 1.5 hours of academic work as well as 1.5 hours of school beautification projects.

OSS (**Out-of-School Suspension**) – Student is suspended out of school for one or multiple days depending on the offense. Students are unable to come to school or any school functions while suspended.

EPIC (Education, Prevention, and Intervention Center) – Student is allowed to attend an alternative school setting while suspended out of school in order to complete classwork. If a student attends EPIC, he/she is considered present in school. Students are NOT allowed to attend any extracurricular events during the time they are assigned EPIC.

every day MATTERS

Teaching and Learning Begins Monday, August 12

Every day matters when it comes to attendance! There is a strong link between regular attendance and academic success. Research indicates that missing 10% of the school year, which is 2 days a month, negatively affects a student's academic performance.

Compared to students who are chronically absent, students who attend school regularly have greater success in all grade levels.

Elementary school

students who regularly attend class are 1.7 times more likely to achieve grade-level scores in English Language Arts and 2 times more likely to achieve grade-level scores in Math.

> Chronic absenteeism leads to students struggling to read proficiently.

Middle school students who attend school on a regular basis are 2 times more likely to score on grade level in English Language Arts and Math.

> Absenteeism in sixth grade leads to students facing difficulties with their coursework.

High school students who are consistently in class are 1.7 times more likely to score on grade level in English Language Arts and 2 times more likely to score on grade level in Math.

> Chronic absenteeism for high school students leads to them being offtrack for on-time graduation.

If your student is facing any obstacles that affect their attendance, our schools and counselors are here to help. Please reach out to your school for assistance. You can also visit hillsboroughschools.org/attendance for additional resources. Let's work together to make the 2024-2025 school year the best one yet!

We'll see all students back on Monday, August 12!













SICKLES HIGH SCHOOL IMPLEMENTS A PROGRESSIVE AND INCREMENTAL APPROACH TO CONSEQUENCES, IN TERMS OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY. IF A STUDENT CONDUCTS AN ACADEMIC VIOLATION, THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE IMMEDIATE.

ACADEMIC VIOLATIONS INCLUDE:

- PLAGIARISM
- CHEATING
- UNAUTHORIZED COLLABORATION
- MISREPRESENTATION
- UNSCHOLARLY BEHAVIOR

CONSEQUENCES

IST OFFENSE

- REWORK AND RESUBMIT THE ASSIGNMENT/TEST/QUIZ. THE NEW SUBMISSION WILL RECEIVE NO MORE THAN 50% CREDIT.
- PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACTED.

2ND OFFENSE

- AUTOMATIC 0% ON ASSIGNMENT/TEST/QUIZ.
- PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACTED.

3RD OFFENSE

- AUTOMATIC 0% ON ASSIGNMENT/TEST/QUIZ.
- PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACTED.
- REFERRED TO COUNSELOR FOR FURTHER REMEDIATION.



DRESS CODE POLICY



- PANTS AND SHORTS <u>MUST BE SECURED AT THE WAIST.</u> PANTS OR SHORTS THAT EXPOSE UNDERGARMENTS ARE PROHIBITED. BOYS' SHIRTS **MUST HAVE SLEEVES**.
- SHORTS AND SKIRTS **MUST BE FINGERTIP LENGTH** (MID THIGH).
- CLOTHING SHALL NOT EXPOSE THE MID-CHEST AREA.
- PAJAMA PANTS, BARE MIDRIFFS, SPAGHETTI STRAPS, SEE-THROUGH SHIRTS, RACERBACK TANKS, CROP-TOPS, OR TANK TOPS LESS THAN 3 FINGERS IN WIDTH ARE PROHIBITED.
- GARMENTS AND/OR JEWLERY THAT DISPLAY/SUGGEST SEXUAL/VULGAR, DRUG, GANG, WEAPONS, OR ALCOHOL RELATED WORDING/GRAPHICS SHALL NOT BE WORN. WALLET CHAINS ARE PROHIBITED.
- HEAD COVERINGS-HATS, BANDANAS, ETC. SHALL NOT BE WORN DURING SCHOOL HOURS.
 CONSEQUENCES

IST VIOLATION

CHANGE OF CLOTHES/LUNCH DETENTION

2ND VIOLATION

CHANGE OF CLOTHES/WORK DETAIL/PARENT CONTACT

3RD VIOLATION

CHANGE OF CLOTHES/SATURDAY
SCHOOL/PARENT CONTACT

FAILURE TO REPORT TO SAO OR REFUSAL TO CHANGE CLOTHES WILL RESULT IN A DAY OF ISS OR PARENT PICK UP

Important Cell Phone Update 24-25



Dear Sickles Parents and Students,

Recently the Hillsborough County School Board, responding to Florida State Law, has adopted a new policy for wireless devices including cell phones, ear buds, smart watches, etc. We here at Sickles want to ensure that our parents and students are aware of these changes for the upcoming school year. We as a staff are still reviewing this brandnew policy and will share more information regarding how Sickles High School will be implementing these policies in the upcoming days. Below is a copy of the policy for your review.

Policy 5136 Wireless Communication and Other Electronic Devices

"The use of wireless communication devices is always prohibited during the instructional day, unless expressly directed by a teacher, staff, and/or administrative staff. Wireless communication devices (WCD) will remain on silent in the student's backpack, lunchbox, purse, pocket, or out of sight while the student is on school property or in attendance at a school function. Use of a device is restricted to before school and after school. Students in high school may use phones during lunch. In elementary and middle schools, cell phones may only be used during lunch with the express permission of the school's principal. A school principal may impose more restrictive conditions at their school.

Violations of the cell phone policy will be handled in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and may result in confiscation of said device. If the WCD is used in a criminal act (such as sexting, as outlined in Florida Statutes and the Student Code of Conduct), the cell phone will be provided to law enforcement and the student may face criminal penalties.

Students may not receive discipline if they use their cellphone and/or ancillary device(s) to monitor a health condition that is documented through medical records provided to the school including, but not limited to, an IEP, a Section 504 Plan, or a Health Plan.

At no time shall Hillsborough County Public Schools be responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones or other electronic devices brought onto its property.

Students shall not operate a motor vehicle owned or leased by the district on or off school property, or personal motor vehicle on district property, while manually typing into a personal communication device or while sending or reading messages on such a device, for the purpose of non-voice interpersonal communication, including, but not limited to, communication methods known as texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, including Snapchat, and any forms of social media.

The use of WCDs that contain built-in cameras (i.e., devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) is prohibited in locker rooms, shower facilities, and/or rest/bathrooms. Furthermore, students are prohibited from using WCDs to take unauthorized photographs or videos involving students and/or staff and posting those online or on social media platforms.

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of WCDs on school premises/property. Students may not use a WCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. In particular, students are prohibited from using WCDs to: (1) transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, ancestry, or political beliefs; and (2) engage in 'sexting' - i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails or other materials of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form.

Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture, record and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using WCDs to receive such information. Students must adhere to any additional restrictions imposed within a testing environment regarding the use and/or possession of WCDs during testing.

In an emergency situation, all WCDs must be placed in silent mode."

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LOCKER ISSUE: _	OFFICE USE ONLY	
FIXED:		

Name: ID:_

Sickles Locker Request Form

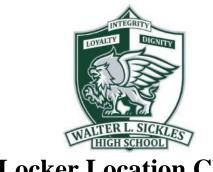
1. Choose two locker numbers or hallways that you would like to use. Rank in order of preference.

	Locker Hallway or Number	Combination		
		(Given at time of purchase)		
First Choice				
Second Choice				

2. Bring this form along with your Student ID or class schedule and \$5.00 (CASH ONLY) to the gym on assigned day

Thursday, Aug. 8 (Open House)	Cafeteria
Tuesday, August 13	Gym during lunch
Wednesday, August 14	Gym during lunch
Thursday, August 15	Gym during lunch
After August 15	Student Affairs

- 3. Once you have been assigned a locker, check to see if the combination works.
 - Turn the knob to the right several whole turns and stop at the first number.
 - Then turn the knob left one whole turn, past the first number, and stop at the second number.
 - Now turn the knob right to the third number and open.
- 4. If you have a problem with your locker, come back to locker sales during lunch, and we will have a "Locker Problem Table." At this time, we will try to fix your locker; and if not, assign you a new one.
- 5. CHOOSE YOUR LOCKER WISELY, AS IT REMAINS YOURS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR,
- 6. DO NOT GIVE YOUR COMBINATION TO ANYONE.
- 7. **DO NOT SHARE YOUR LOCKER WITH ANYONE.** **During an emergency, your locker may be searched and you will be responsible for all items found in your locker. **
- 8. Do not overload your locker. This will cause the locker to jam.



Locker Location Chart

Students: Use the chart below when determining which two locker choices you wish to have.

<u>Building</u>	Locker Numbers
100 Upstairs	1(front of school) – 399 (courtyard)
200 Downstairs	400-561 (Culinary only – see Chefs) 562-705 (front of school)
200 Upstairs	706 (courtyard) – 1095 (front of school)
300 Downstairs	1096 (courtyard) –1443(front of school)
300 Upstairs	1444 (courtyard) –1953(front of school)
700 Hall	1954 (end of hall) – 2128 (middle) 2191 (middle) – 2295 (guidance)
900 Hall	2296 (bus ramp) – 2673 (300 hall end)
3200 Building	2674 (driver's ed) – 2982 (gym)



SICKLES HIGH SCHOOL PARKING REGULATIONS



- HANG TAG FEE: \$20.00 (Paid in advance via MyPaymentsPlus.com)
- **SENIORS** with a valid driver's license may purchase on-campus student parking hang tags in advance during the first week of school on a first-come, first-served basis (dates and times will be announced).
- After the first week of sales, any remaining parking hang tags will be sold only to SENIORS and JUNIORS.
- All applicants are <u>required</u> to read and initial the <u>Parking Regulations</u> (below) and complete the attached <u>Student Parking Application</u> prior to purchasing a hang tag.
- Students may purchase hang tags ONLY during lunches/club time/before or after school in Student Affairs.
- Be prepared to show: (1) valid driver's license; (2) vehicle registration; (3) class schedule (if OJT/FLVS/Dual student).

PARKING ON CAMPUS IS A PRIVILEGE – ANY STUDENT IN VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING RULES/REGULATIONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION and/or VEHICLE BEING TOWED FROM CAMPUS AT OWNERS EXPENSE. (PARKING PASS REVOKED/ SUSPENDED)

Student Initials:	
	1. Parking hang tags MUST BE ATTACHED to the rearview mirror and visible though the front windshield. HANG TAGS MUST BE DISPLAYED WHILE ON CAMPUS. A FINE OF \$25.00 WILL BE IMPOSED IF YOU DO NOT DISPLAY YOUR ISSUED HANG-TAG. Failure to properly display a parking hang tag could result in the vehicle being towed from campus. All towing fees are the responsibility of the student and/or parent/registered owner.
	2. Vehicles should be parked in the <u>student parking lot only</u> . The parking spaces marked "reserved" (before the gate entrance into the student parking and the coaches' spots) are off limits. The faculty, handicapped, visitor, and bus ramp areas/spaces are also off limits. Only OJT and FLVS students can park in Lot B (before the gate entrance). Parking in unauthorized areas or parking inappropriately will result in a fine of \$25.00, the loss of parking privileges, and / or disciplinary action.
	3. Parking hang tags are NOT TRANSFERABLE . Students must not loan or sell their hang tag to another student. Duplication or forgery of hang tags will result in the loss of all parking privileges for the remainder of the year.
	4. The Student Parking Lot is OFF-LIMITS during the school day without written permission from an ADMINSTRATOR . Any student found in the parking lot without permission is subject to disciplinary consequences.
	5. Standing around or sitting in a car is prohibited in the parking lot. Students must report directly to the patio/classroom upon arrival to school and must leave the parking lot immediately after dismissal. Playing loud and/or obscene music is prohibited.
	6. If any vehicle information changes (make, model, etc), it is the student's responsibility to update the Parking Application on file in Student Affairs.
	7. The speed limit on campus is 10 miles per hour . Safe driving must be observed at all times, including wearing seatbelts when required by law. Students who are seen driving over curbs, cutting in front of other cars, driving in the wrong lane, etc. will have parking privileges revoked for 2 weeks .
	8. Students must be clear of any school debt before purchasing a parking hang tag.
	9. The cost to replace a damaged or lost parking hang tag is \$20.00.
	10. Student vehicles parked on campus are subject to search with probable cause. The school is not responsible for theft or damage to vehicles while parked on campus.
	11. The gate to the student parking lot is locked 10 minutes after the tardy bell of each period and re-opens at the end of each period. Parents/guardians must call Student Affairs to sign out drivers on campus.
	12. Out of School Suspensions and EPIC will result in the loss of parking privileges for the remainder of the year.
	13. Students who accumulate 4 unexcused tardies to 1 st period or 4 unexcused sign-ins/outs during a Quarter will have their parking hang tag revoked for two weeks along with the assigned disciplinary consequences for tardies/sign-ins-outs



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SICKLES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARKING APPLICATION ---- SENIORS AND JUNIORS ONLY----



Student Name:	Grade	e:
Student #:	Driver's License #	
Vehicle Year: Make:	Model:	
Vehicle Color: V	EHICLE LICENSE PLATE #:	
Registered Owner(s):		
understand that if <u>any</u> of the parking policies are I/we further understand that a violation of parking fees are at my expense. Any student falsifying in understand that my vehicle is subject to search	(attached and initialed by student) and agree to abide by its eviolated, parking privileges can be suspended or permaneng regulations may result in the towing of my vehicle and that information will have the hang tag revoked permanently. Lassany time that my vehicle is parked on the campus of Sickles	ntly revoked. t the towing stly, l
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 Important Information: PARKING HANG TAG FEE: \$20.00 – Seniors and Juniors ONLY. If you are OJT or FLVS and want a Lot B hang tag bring your schedule to verify eligibility Students are required to have a current parking hang tag on file in the Student Affairs office prior to signing out by a parent via phone. Student drivers who accumulate 4 unexcused tardies to 1st period or 4 unexcused late sign-ins/outs in a Quarter will have their parking hang tag revoked for 2 weeks. Students violating any parking regulations shall be subject to the following consequences: First Offense – Written warning to be signed by student driver and parent. Second Offense – Parking fine of \$25.00 and possible disciplinary action. Third Offense – Suspension of parking privileges on campus for the remainder of the semester and disciplinary action. Fourth Offense – Suspension of parking privileges on campus for the entire school year and disciplinary action. 		
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Verified valid driver's license of stu Verified current vehicle registration Debt list checked and clear of scho Payment received on MyPayments	ol debt	
Issued Hang Tag #:	Circle one: TRADITIONAL FLVS/OJT	
Staff Signature:	Date Sold:	

Student Nutrition Services Information 2024-2025

Student Nutrition Services / SNS Home (hillsboroughschools.org)



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Hillsborough County Public Schools is continuing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) option for the school year 2024-2025. All students enrolled at Sickles High School may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge and without a meal benefits application.

Children need healthy meals to learn! Hillsborough County Student Nutrition Services offers nutritious, well-balanced meals for students of all ages and backgrounds. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate in the school meal program.

If you have any questions	, please call Student Nutrition Services at 813-	210-7066
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Sincerely,

Healthy Meals Express Application Center

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Estimado padre/madre o tutor:

Nos complace informarle que las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Hillsborough continúan con la opción de Disposición de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (*CEP*) para el año escolar 2024-2025. Todos los estudiantes matriculados en Sickles High School pueden participar en el programa de desayuno y almuerzo sin cargo y sin haber tenido que llenar la solicitud de beneficios de comidas.

¡Los niños necesitan comidas saludables para aprender! Los Servicios de Nutrición Estudiantil del Condado de Hillsborough ofrecen comidas nutritivas y bien balanceadas para estudiantes de todas las edades y orígenes. Por favor, anime a sus hijos a participar en el programa de comidas escolares.

Si usted tiene preguntas, por favor llame a los Servicios de Nutrición Estudiantil al 813-840-7066.

Atentamente,

Centro de solicitud Healthy Meals Express

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Para presentar una queja por discriminación al programa, complete el formulario de querella de discriminación del programa del *USDA*, AD-3027, que se encuentra en línea en How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint y en cualquier oficina del *USDA* o escriba una carta dirigida al *USDA* y escriba toda la información solicitada en el formulario. Para solicitar una copia del formulario de querella, llame al (866) 632-9992. Envíe el formulario que llenó o carta al *USDA* por: (1) correo: Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos, Oficina del Secretario Asistente de Derechos Civiles, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; o (3) correo electrónico: program.intake@usda.gov.

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2024-2025 Student Academic Calendar Board Approved 9/19/23

Students' First Day of School	Monday, August 12, 2024
Labor Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
End of 1st Grading Period	Friday, October 11, 2024
Non-Student Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Veterans Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Fall Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29, 2024
Students Return to School	Monday, December 2, 2024
End of 2nd Grading Period/1st Semester	Friday, December 20, 2024
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, December 23, 2024 - Friday, January 3, 2025
Non-Student Day	Monday, January 6, 2025
Students Return to School	Tuesday, January 7, 2025
Martin Luther King, Jr./Non-Student Day	Monday, January 20, 2025
Florida State Fair/Non-Student Day	Friday, February 14, 2025
Presidents' Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Strawberry Festival/Non-Student Day	Monday, March 3, 2025
End of 3rd Grading Period	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 21, 2025
Students Return to School	Monday, March 24, 2025
Non-Student Day	Friday, April 18, 2025
Memorial Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, May 26, 2025
Last Day of School End of 4th Grading Period/2nd Semester	Friday, May 30, 2025

Hurricane Day(s) if needed: October 14, November 11, November 25-27, and November 29

Student Early Release Day schedule has not been finalized. The last day of school is a 2.5-hour early release.

WALTER L. SICKLES HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE 2024-25



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PERIOD	REGULAR	SPECIAL	PEP	HOMEROOM	MONDAY EARLY
		SCHEDULE	ASSEMBLY	SCHEDULE	RELEASE
Warning Bell	8:24	8:24	8:24	8:24	8:24
1 st Attendance/	8:30-9:23 (53)	8:30-9:18 (48)	8:30-9:17 (47)	8:30-9:19 (49)	8:30-9:11 (41)
Announcements					
2 nd	9:29-10:17 (48)	9:24-10:07 (43)	9:23-10:05 (42)	9:25-10:09 (44)	9:17-9:57 (40)
HOMEROOM				10:15-10:37 (22)	
3 rd	10:23-11:11 (48)	10:13-10:56 (43)	10:11-10:53 (42)	10:43-11:27 (44)	10:03-10:43 (40)
SPECIAL		10:56-11:31 (35)			
1 st LUNCH	11:17-11:49 (32)	11:37-12:09 (32)	10:59-11:31 (32)	11:33-12:05 (32)	10:49-11:21 (32)
(LUNCH A)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
English, Science, Fine	11:55-12:43 (48)	12:15-12:58 (43)	11:37-12:19 (42)	12:11-12:55 (44)	11:27-12:07 (40)
Arts/World Languages	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
2 ND LUNCH	11:17-12:05* (48)	11:37-12:20* (43)	10:59-11:41* (42)	11:33-12:17* (44)	10:49-11:29* (40)
(LUNCH B)	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
General, Wellness	12:11-12:43 (32)	12:26-12:58 (32)	11:47-12:19 (32)	12:23-12:55 (32)	11:35-12:07 (32)
Career/Tech, Math,	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Social Studies					
5 th	12:49-1:37 (48)	1:04-1:47 (43)	12:25-1:07 (42)	1:01-1:45 (44)	12:13-12:53 (40)
6th	1:43-2:31 (48)	1:53-2:36 (43)	1:13-1:55 (42)	1:51-2:35 (44)	12:59-1:39 (40)
7th	2:37-3:25 (48)	2:42-3:25 (43)	2:01-2:43 (42)	2:41-3:25 (44)	1:45-2:25 (40)
PEP RALLY			2:43-3:25 (42)		



Dear Students, Parents, and Faculty,

On behalf of the PTSA, I am thrilled to welcome you back and to share my enthusiasm for the exciting opportunities we have planned for our school community this year.

Our PTSA is dedicated to fostering a vibrant and supportive environment for our students, families, and staff. To achieve this, we rely on your valuable input and feedback to shape the programs and activities that best meet the needs and interests of our community.

This year, we are eager to build on our previous successes and introduce new initiatives that will enrich the school experience for everyone. To ensure that we are focusing on what matters most to you, we kindly ask for your feedback on the types of programs and events you would like to see. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and ideas with us by completing this survey: https://tinyurl.com/2024SicklesSurvey by August 16, 2024. Your feedback will directly influence our planning and help us tailor our efforts to better serve our school community.

As part of our services, we hope to be a one-stop resource regarding Sickles' activities, programs, events, and important information. Please be sure to follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter), sign up for Remind messages, and bookmark our website.

Please visit us at Open House on August 8, 2024, in the cafeteria – we will have our NEW Spirit Gear available for sale, as well as PTSA Memberships. We would love to say hello and to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Together, we can make this a memorable and successful year for our students. I look forward to working with you and hearing your valuable input.

Let's make this school year memorable and impactful. Here's to a year filled with growth, achievement, and joy!

Warmest regards,

Sara Dionne
2024 – 2025 PTSA President
president.sicklesptsa@gmail.com



Queridos estudiantes, padres y personal,

En nombre del PTSA, me complace darles la bienvenida de nuevo y compartir mi entusiasmo por las emocionantes oportunidades que hemos planeado para nuestra comunidad escolar este año.

Nuestro PTSA está dedicado a fomentar un ambiente vibrante y de apoyo para nuestros estudiantes, familias y personal. Para lograr esto, contamos con su valiosa opinión para moldear los programas y actividades que mejor satisfagan las necesidades e intereses de nuestra comunidad.

Este año, estamos ansiosos por construir sobre nuestros éxitos anteriores e introducir nuevas iniciativas que enriquecerán la experiencia escolar para todos. Para asegurarnos de que estamos enfocándonos en lo que más les importa, les pedimos amablemente su opinión sobre los tipos de programas y eventos que les gustaría ver. Por favor, tómese un momento para compartir sus pensamientos e ideas con nosotros completando esta encuesta: https://tinyurl.com/Encuesta2024Sickles antes del 16 de agosto de 2024. Sus respuestas influirán directamente en nuestra planificación y nos ayudarán a ajustar nuestros esfuerzos para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad escolar.

Como parte de nuestros servicios, esperamos ser un recurso integral sobre las actividades, programas, eventos e información importante de Sickles. Asegúrese de seguirnos en las redes sociales (<u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>X/Twitter</u>), inscribirse para recibir mensajes de <u>Remind</u> y guardar nuestro <u>sitio web</u> en sus favoritos.

Visítenos durante Open House el 8 de agosto de 2024 en la cafetería. Tendremos disponible para la venta nuestras NUEVAS playeras, así como membresías del PTSA. Nos encantaría saludarles y responder cualquier pregunta que puedan tener.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo y participación. Juntos, podemos hacer de este un año memorable y exitoso para nuestros estudiantes. Espero trabajar con ustedes y escuchar sus valiosas opiniones.

Atentamente,

Sara Dionne (Hablo Español) 2024 – 2025 PTSA President president.sicklesptsa@gmail.com SICKLES

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REMIND texts

If you would like to stay up to date with the PTSA via text, join the group(s) that matches the graduating class of your student(s).

Class of 2025, text @25gryphons to 81010

Class of 2026, text @26gryphons to 81010

Class of 2027, text @27gryphons to 81010

Class of 2028, text @28gryphons to 81010

