

FAQ for New Students at Holicong



Advice from Student Council

Studying pays off!

The three minutes between classes is a lot longer than it sounds.

Don't be afraid to ask questions and get to know people!

Don't be afraid to try new things; all the activities are fun, and they give you an opportunity to make friends.

Always try your best work because the results will really show.

If your locker gets jammed, teachers have a master key to help open lockers.

It's okay to ask older students for help.

Stay organized!

Q: How much time is in between periods?

A: There are 3 minutes to get from one class to another in between periods.

Q: Are there assigned seats at lunch?

A: No, you can sit wherever you want, as long as you stay in your seat for the whole lunch period.

Q: What time does lunch occur?

A: Lunch occurs with your whole grade and happens at the same time every day. 9th grade has the first lunch block, 7th grade has the middle block, and 8th grade has the last lunch block.

Q: What is my agenda book?

A: Your agenda book serves many purposes. You can use it to record your homework assignments, as a hallway passport, and it includes important rules and policies

Q: How do buses work at the end of the day?

A: On the first day of school the teachers show you where your bus is located to go home. The location of your bus will be the same every day, located at either CB East or Holicong. At 2:30 the bell will ring for dismissal, you will go to your locker, and then go to your bus. If you are staying after for a club, sport, or other reason, you will go to that location after you go to your locker. It is not like elementary school where you are released by class, but don't worry, you will get the hang of it very quickly! We will make sure you know where to catch your bus at the end of the day and will help you during the first week.

Q: What are teams?

A: Teams are groups of teachers who all work collaboratively (and typically teach in the same hallway/general area). Teams consist of approximately 120 students who all rotate through the same classes/teachers, and there are three teams per grade. You will stay with and bond with your team throughout the year. For example, if you are an incoming 7th grader, the three teams are 7-0, 7-1, and 7-2.

Q: When can I stop at my locker?

A: Some teams have rules about this, but generally, good times to stop are before 1st period, before resource, before lunch, after lunch, and at the end of the day. You will find what works best for you based on your schedule once you get into the routine.

Q: Can I carry my backpack from class to class with me?

A: No, leave your backpack in your locker and carry your class materials (i.e. binder, pencil case, textbooks, etc.) with you.

Q: What if I get lost?

A: This could happen during the first week, but don't worry! The layout is easy to understand - and staff and other students are always happy to help direct you. When in doubt, ask for help!

Q: What if I can't get my locker open?

A: Teachers spend a lot of time with you practicing this the first week of school. Once again, teachers and faculty are always there to help. There is plenty of space for all your supplies, so don't worry about space!

Q: Where should my parents pick me up and drop me off?

A: By the tennis courts on the side of the school there is a car lane designed for parents to pick up and drop off students. Please do not have them drop you off in front of the H. That is for student and staff pedestrian traffic.

Q: How do A days and B days work?

A: Every week your specials alternate between A and B days. You'll have two specials each day, and you'll go to these specials based on what day it is (A or B day). For example, if you can have chorus and gym on an A day while you have Art and resource on a B day. The announcements will tell you what day it is each morning.

Q: What is Advisory?

A: Advisory is a 19-minute period where students and staff focus on social emotional wellness, consult with teachers as needed, engage in teambuilding, and much more. You are assigned an advisory teacher and you will meet every day.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please visit the Student Council table or ask a faculty member around the school. It is going to be a great year at Holicong!



And Remember at Holicong we...

Get in the Game!