

PINER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Campus General Information
2019-2020



- 1. School Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.**
7:50 a.m. bell rings for students to go to classrooms

Students may enter the school at 7:20 a.m. If students arrive at school before 7:20 a.m., they will wait in one of two locations:

1. Large walk area in front of the building (flagpole) on Pecan Street
2. Cafeteria (bus students & any student that wishes to eat breakfast)

If there is inclement weather students will wait in the cafeteria and upper main hall.

Students are not to leave campus once they have arrived. Between 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. students are asked to sit or stand outside their 1st period classroom.

- 2. Student Drop Off/Pick Up:** Students must be dropped off in the morning at the circular drive located in front of the building on Pecan Street. All students must enter through front doors and bus students through Cafeteria only. Students may be picked up in one of two locations: the circular drive located in front of the building on Pecan Street or at the driveway located on the east side of the building off Rusk Street. Students waiting for parents to pick them up after school should wait in these areas, as there are staff members to supervise students. The area on the west side of the building located on Lincoln Street is designated for buses only. **Therefore, we request that parents not drop off or pick up students on Lincoln Street in order to insure an orderly traffic flow.**

- 3. Bus Information:** Bus information is located on the Sherman ISD web page on the Internet at www.shermanisd.net. Parents may reach SISD Transportation at 903-891-6433 regarding any specific questions.

- 4. Food Service: Breakfast is available to all students, at no cost, in the cafeteria from 7:30 a.m. until 7:50 a.m.** SISD Food Service operates a computerized point of sale system. Parents can pay for lunches online at MySchoolBucks.

Applications for the federal lunch program are available to students and parents during orientation. Parents must return to the school a completed application in order for students to participate during the 2018-2019 school year, unless they received a pre-certified letter from the SISD Food Service office prior to the start of school.

- 5. Medications at School:** Parents must complete a "Request for Administration of Medication at School" form with the nurse. **ALL** medication in the original bottle (prescription/over the counter) must be left in the clinic with the nurse. Students may **not** keep any medications with them during school unless they make a special arrangement with the nurse. The clinic staff will be available during orientation to assist in making these arrangements.

- 6. Cell Phones:** For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile devices; however, these devices must remain stowed away during instructional time. Students will be allowed to use cell phones during lunch and before and after school. The use of mobile phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event. If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated. Green Zones, where students may use their phones & earbuds are outside before and after school, during lunch and breakfast in the cafeteria. Earbuds are not allowed to be worn in the hallways.

Disciplinary Actions for Cell Phone Violations are:

1st offense: Warning and teacher keeps the device until the end of class period

2nd offense: Phone will be taken up by teacher and turned into the main office. Student may pick up the phone @ the end of the day.

3rd offense: Phone taken up by teacher and turned into the main office – Admin Discretion.

At any time the Administrators reserve the right to deny cell phone usage or possession during the school day.

7. Schedule Changes: The counselors have worked diligently to schedule students with the requests they made last year. Due to increased student enrollment, our scheduling is rather tight with some classes having reached the maximum enrollment. After we have completed the first day of school on Wednesday, August 14th, we will be able to determine the actual student enrollment. Therefore, no schedule change requests will be considered until after the first week of school. In addition to schedule changes, we will need to balance classes in order to insure that there are equitable class sizes. Therefore, schedules will change for some students. Schedule change requests are considered and made based upon academic need, availability of space, and the impact of the change upon the class enrollment.

8. School Supplies: Students should bring ink pens, pencils, and notebook paper for the first day of school. Permanent markers are not allowed. Teachers will provide students with additional supply requirements once students report to classes. A general supply list for each grade level may be found on the Sherman ISD web page at www.shermanisd.net under Parents >Back to School.

9. Physical Education: Students enrolled in both 7th and 8th physical education classes will be required to “dress out” and wear shoes that are appropriate for physical activities (soft soles). Students are expected to have appropriate clothes and “dress out” daily for P.E. We strongly urge that the student’s name be permanently placed on their PE clothes and secure all items in lockers with a pad or combination lock.

10. Attendance: If a student is absent, we ask that parents or guardians please call the Attendance Office at 903-891-6479 before 9:00 a.m. each day that the student is absent. If a student must leave school during the school day, parents must sign the student out in the attendance office.

11. Lockers: Students will receive a locker assignment during the orientation. Students may only store textbooks, backpacks, book bags, and school related items in the locker. Students are not permitted to share lockers. Students are not to give their locker combination to other students.

12. Backpacks and Book Bags: Students are permitted to bring backpacks and book bags to school. Students are required to leave backpacks or book bags in the locker during the school day. All backpacks, book bags, etc. must fit inside the student locker. All athletes must keep their athletic gear in their athletic locker provided. **Students are not permitted to take the backpacks or book bags to individual classes.**

13. DRESS AND GROOMING: The dress and grooming standards of the Sherman Independent School District are meant to promote a positive, professional learning environment where the focus is on instruction and not on clothing. SEE detailed information on Dress Code in the Student Code of Conduct & Handbook on page 44.