



Welcome to DMS!



Eric Dahlstrom Middle School has been the home of the Mighty Mustangs since 1985. We educate and enrich students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. We also have a wide range of extracurricular activities to support student interests. We are excited that you will be attending middle school at DMS and hope to ease your transition to our school by providing the following information for you to review.

Backpacks: There are no lockers. Students will need to carry a backpack that contains any notebooks, folders or assignments for each class. Students do not carry around books; books can be found in the classroom if needed or online for some courses. It is important for students to clean out and organize their backpacks weekly.

Cell Phones: Students are allowed to have cell phones at school but they are not necessary for blended learning or classroom use. Each teacher sets his or her own expectations in their classroom for cell phone use. Devices are provided to students as needed for academic support in the blended learning environment.

Google Classroom: DMS is moving towards a blended learning environment. Most teachers will be using google products to facilitate learning in their classroom. All students will have a g-mail account and will have access to google classroom during school and at home if you have internet and computer. (Mrs. Flores is presenting more information about blended learning.)

Grades: Students and parents have access to review grades and receive alerts. Students can do this through www.hayscisd.net/sss and parents can do this by signing up on <https://www.hayscisd.net/pss>. We recommend that students and parents get into the habit of checking grades weekly and communicating with teachers through email when there is a concern.

Student Reports: When a student or a parent has a concern there are various steps that can be taken to address an issue, below are some common concerns and what to do next.

- **Bullying:** If you believe your student or another student is the victim of bullying, please notify a teacher, a counselor, or an Assistant Principal.
- **Safety:** If a student needs to report an incident that occurs in the classroom, they need to tell the teacher in the classroom. If there is a general safety concern, you or your student may report this to a counselor or an Assistant Principal.
- **Social Media:** If an incident occurs at school, take a screen shot and notify a teacher, counselor, or Assistant Principal. If an incident occurs after school hours, please notify parents, take a screen shot, block the account and notify local police department if necessary.
- **Suicidal Statements:** If an incident occurs at school, please notify a teacher, a counselor or Assistant Principal immediately. If an incident occurs after school hours, please notify parents and local police department.

Sonic: Sonic is not affiliated with Dahlstrom Middle School. If your student chooses to walk to Sonic after school hours, it is at parent or guardian discretion. If an incident occurs at Sonic, please notify parents and local police department if necessary.

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Hays CISD Website: <https://www.hayscisd.net/>

DMS Website: <https://www.hayscisd.net/dms>

We strive to continually update our website to provide information about upcoming events and activities. Information on attendance, the bell schedule, daily announcements, PTA, teacher and staff contact information, student registration and summer reading information can also be found on this website.

Under the Essentials tab, you will find information about assessments, attendance, bell schedule, bus hotline, child nutrition, school supplies, student health services and homelessness/foster resources.

Under the Parents & Students tab, you will find information about café menus, daily announcements, handbook, Parent Self-Service Portal (PSS), PTA, Registration, School Nurse, Student Clubs, UIL and more.

Under the Mustang Zone tab, you will find information about Art, Athletics, Band, Career Cruising, Choir, Clubs, Edgenuity, Late Bus Sign-up, Library Media Center, NJHS, password reset, Student Self-Serve (SSS), UIL and Yearbook.

Parent Self-Serve Portal: www.hayscisd.net/pss

When you access the Parent Self-Serve Portal, you will be able to update your contact information and view your student's grades. Please contact the DMS registrar with questions or visit the PSS website for helpful resources.

We use the contact information provided in the Parent Self-Serve Portal to send out Parent Links. Parent Links provide updates to parents on important information via phone calls or emails. If you would like to receive these updates, visit your Parent Self-Serve Portal to update your contact information and select "OPT IN".

Counselor Website: www.hayscisd.net/DMScounselors

On the counseling website, you will find information for college and career guidance, community resources, bullying reports, testing and assessments, summer school information, course information, high school information, incoming 5th grade students, and new students.

Band Website: <https://dahlstromband.wixsite.com/mysite>

The band website will have information about band events such as tryouts and concerts as well as the contact information for the band directors.

Athletics Website: <http://dahlstromathletics.weebly.com/>

The athletic website will have the contact information for coaches, information on physicals (7th-8th grade Athletics requirement), game schedules, information on summer camps, and a link for purchasing athletic/PE apparel.

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