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F I N D Y O U R G E N I U S

Parent Informational Meeting

The Highland Advantage

- Smaller Class Sizes–
 - Average of 26 students per class (middle school) and 22 for elementary school
 - More Individualized Instruction
 - School of Choice
- Hands–On Curriculum
 - Project–Based Teaching Model
- Emphasis on Technology
 - Curriculum through Chromebooks, STEM lesson plans, STEM elective classes
- Focus on Self Motivation, Creativity, and Leadership
 - Find Your Genius!

The Highland Advantage (cont'd)

- Block Schedule to increase use of class time
 - Minimized homework load
 - More effective class periods
- Campus Safety
 - Strict Behavior Policy to prevent bullying and distractions



Find Your Genius



Highland Academy exists to build strong character, foster self-motivation, and help all of our students to Find their Genius.

Students will be expected to strive for academic success with hard work, personal excellence through self-discipline, and develop strong character through honesty, integrity, and service.

Our goal is to help all students discover their individual genius and take steps toward achieving their goals.

Elementary Program Grades K-5

- **Grades K/1 and 2/3 are in combo classes**
Maximum class size of 22
- **Grades 4 and 5 are individual classes**
Maximum class size of 22
- **All Elementary PE students will participate in weekly PE**
- **Grades 1-5 also participate in Extra Curriculars on Fridays (i.e. ASB, Arts and Crafts, Junior Fitness)**

Elementary Schedule Grades 2-5

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
7:45-9:10	Class	7:45-9:10	Class	7:45-9:10	Class	7:45-9:10	Class	7:45-9:20	Class
9:10-9:25	Break	9:10-9:25	Break	9:10-9:25	Break	9:10-9:25	Break	9:20-9:35	Break
9:25-11:15	Class	9:25-11:15	Class	9:25-11:15	Class	9:25-11:15	Class	9:35-11:15	Class
11:15-11:50	Lunch	11:15-11:50	Lunch	11:15-11:50	Lunch	11:15-11:50	Lunch	11:15-11:40	Lunch
11:50-1:00	Class	11:50-12:40	Class	11:50-1:00	Class	11:50-12:40	Class	11:40-12:25	Class
1:00-1:25	Recess	12:40-1:30	PE	1:00-1:25	Recess	12:40-1:30	PE	12:25-1:25	Extra Curr.
1:25-2:15	Class	1:30-2:15	Class	1:25-2:15	Class	1:30-2:15	Class		

Student Schedules

Middle School (6 classes)

- English
- Math
- Science
- History
- Physical Education
- Elective

- Extra Curricular Activity (Fridays only)

Middle School “Block” Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1- 8:00-9:50 Break- 9:50-10:05 2- 10:05-11:55 Lunch 11:55- 12:40 3- 12:40-2:30	4- 8:00-9:50 Break- 9:50-10:05 5- 10:05-11:55 Lunch 11:55- 12:40 6- 12:40-2:30	1- 8:00-9:50 Break- 9:50-10:05 2- 10:05-11:55 Lunch 11:55- 12:40 3- 12:40-2:30	4- 8:00-9:50 Break- 9:50-10:05 5- 10:05-11:55 Lunch 11:55- 12:40 6- 12:40-2:30	1- 8:00-8:35 Passing: 4 minutes 2- 8:39 - 9:14 Passing: 4 minutes 3- 9:18 - 9:53 Passing: 4 minutes 4- 9:57 - 10:32 Passing: 4 minutes 5- 10:36 – 11:11 Passing: 4 minutes 6- 11:15 – 11:50 Lunch- 11:50 – 12:25 12:25 - 1:25 Extra Curricular Time

Elective Classes

- STEM 1, STEM 2, STEM 3
- Art
- Spanish
- Yearbook
- Drama and Advanced Drama
- ASB (Student Government)
 - Officers are elected by students
- Choir
- Teacher's Aide

ASB and Class Council

- ASB is an elective class. It is leadership focused and is for students who previously held officer positions in Early Act.
- ASB puts on all the events on campus and runs the student store.
- The 6th Grade Class President will be the liaison between ASB and Class Council. They are in both organizations.
- ASB is accepting 3 more 6th graders and one of those will be the 6th grade class president.
- ASB members are appointed by staff and ASB cabinet.
- Class President will be approved to run and then an election will determine who the winner is.
- ASB members must maintain a 3.0 GPA
- You can pick up an ASB application today!
- Class council is for students who are interested in helping out and gaining leadership experience, but don't want to take ASB as their elective.
- Class council meetings will be once or twice a month and will be led by the class president and staff class advisor.
- The positions available for Class Council are as follows:
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Student At Large (2)
- You can pick up a class council application today!

Extra Curricular Activities

- Kung Fu
- Soccer
- Chess
- Garden Club
- Basketball
- Archery (2nd Semester)
- Dance
- Yearbook
- Creative Writing
- Academic Improvement Program**
- All Extra Curriculars are subject to change. We add and remove activities each semester based on student demand and several other factors.
- Elementary ASB will be offered as an Extra Curricular activity for grades 4 and 5

Sports

- Basketball– Boys and Girls Teams
- Flag Football– Boys Team
- Softball– Boys and Girls Team
- Soccer– Boys and Girls Teams
- Volleyball– Girls Team
- Cross Country– Co-Ed Team
- Archery– Co-Ed Teams



PowerSchool



- Online Grading and Attendance Program
- Parents and Students can log in anytime to check grades and assignments
 - Grades will be current within a week.
- Mobile App: PowerSchool Mobile
 - Free on Apple iStore and Android Marketplace

Teacher Communication

- All teacher emails are on PowerSchool
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences require 24 hour notice**
 - All appointments must go through the Main Office
- Administrative appointments **must be** scheduled before hand with Main Office
- Teachers will offer tutoring for students
 - Times will be posted during third weeks of school

Student Medical Needs

- Medications must be stored in Main Office
 - Must have Doctor's Permission in writing
- Please make office aware of all student allergies
- Student may self-carry an inhaler only, but doctor's written permission must be on file in the Main Office
- Please notify office of any current medication changes/new health diagnoses

Immunizations

- TK and Kinder: California now requires 2 MMR doses and 2 doses of varicella to enter school
- 7th grade: Tdap, 2 MMR doses, 3 doses of Hep B, and polio booster

Special Education and IEP's/504

Special Education services are provided through Beaumont Unified School District. BUSD does not deny enrollment to any student based on a disability. Highland Academy and the BUSD Special Education Department work together and will hold an IEP meeting for each HACCS applicant with an IEP to review the student's educational needs.

If BUSD is unable to meet the needs of the student at Highland Academy, then the district will provide Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for the student in the Least Restrictive Environment at another district campus based on the student's IEP.

SAI Services

- **A push in model. Teacher/Instructional Aide goes into the classrooms**
- **ELA and Math are main classes focused on due to goals**
 - **Starting to go into History and Science at times due to writing/reading done across the curriculum**
- **We Do Not bring attention to students with IEPs, we assist all students in the classroom but have our eye and attention on those students making sure they have the help/assistance they need.**

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SAI Services (cont)

- **Pull outs are only if needing to retake a test or class too distracting and wanting to finish work.**
 - **If a specific area of need is noticed they may be pulled in none core class to target the assistance.**
- **Failing/Missing work is made up on:**
 - **AIP Friday in my office**
 - **Lunch time**
 - **Before/After school - prearranged with Ms Andres due to IEP meetings.**

Transition IEPs

Students coming to HAC for Middle School (6th grade) will hold Transition IEP meetings. Please have your child's case manager contact me so I can be at the IEP to have the minutes/services and location of Charter School set up and correct in the IEP to start the year.

When 8th graders leave HAC to go to High School we hold a Transition IEP and invite the SAI teacher from Highschool and a counselor to come to the meeting and set up class schedule and needs.

IEP Meetings

- IEP meetings are held at 7:30 am before school or 2:15pm after school
- Meeting days are on Monday - Thursday (Friday is ERD and staff meetings/trainings)

Contact information:

Email: aandres@highland-academy.org

Phone: 951-266-0220 (office will put you through to me)

Travel Cards and SST

- Students who need additional support and/or monitoring can be placed in our Travel Card program to help parents and administrators monitor grades and behavior in an effort to help students develop positive behaviors and work habits.
- Students who struggle in multiple classes can be evaluated using the Student Success Team process to determine if they meet eligibility for a 504 plan or other classroom accommodations.

Student Support and Late Work

Grade 6:

All supports in place

- AIP Mandatory for all F's. Teachers provide assignments
- Make Up Work accepted anytime during quarter
- Tutoring Mandatory for chronic failing grades
- Travel Cards Mandatory per PTC Requirement
- Student Planner optional unless specifically assigned by a teacher.

Grade 7:

Moderate Supports

- AIP mandatory/voluntary for all F's. Teachers provide assignments.
- Make Up work/Re-take Tests later than 2 weeks not accepted.
- Tutoring voluntary unless PTC stipulates.
- Travel Cards Mandatory per PTC Requirement.
- Student Planner optional unless specifically assigned by a teacher.

Grade 8:

Minimal Supports

- AIP Voluntary unless PTC stipulates. Student brings own assignments.
- Make Up work/Re-take Tests later than 1 week not accepted
- Tutoring available with individual arrangement with teacher.
- Travel Cards available upon student request. Daily Checks initiated by student.
- Student Planner optional unless specifically assigned by a teacher.

**Academic Improvement Program (AIP)

- Students with an "F" in one or more of their classes will go to AIP on Fridays to:
 - Make-up missing work
 - Get help with their class(es)
 - Develop a plan and learn strategies to improve academically
 - 6th Graders required if they have F's
 - 7th and 8th graders are voluntary unless problem persists
 - Elementary Program: Husky Huddle

Dress Code (Boys and Girls)

- Shoulders must be covered– No tank tops
 - Capped sleeves are OK
- Skirts and shorts must reach the tip of the student's fingers with hands down at their sides.
- All T-shirts must have school-appropriate pictures, words, and logos.
- Flip flops and sandals are OK, except during PE.



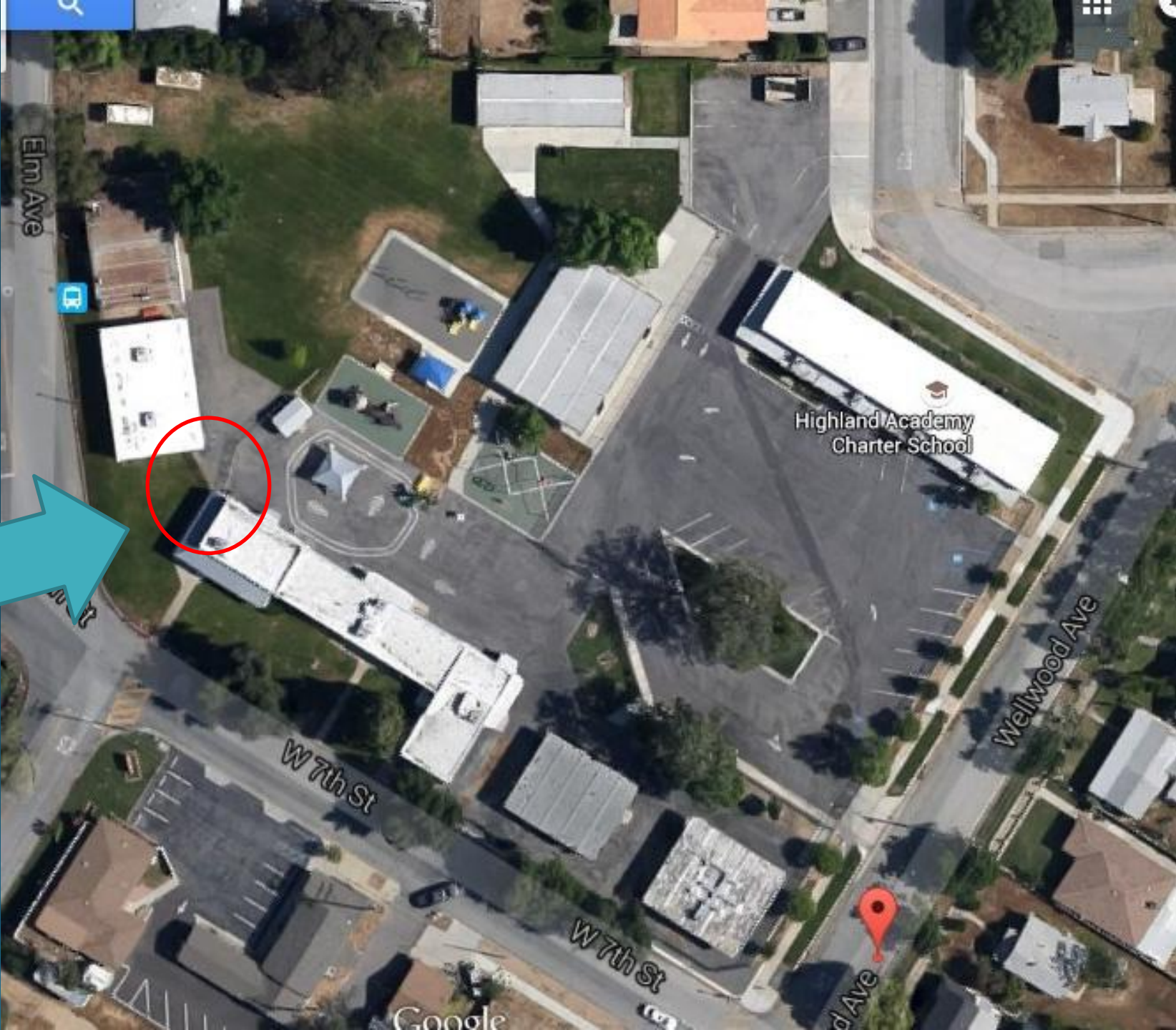
Food Services

- Free and reduced lunch program beginning this year. Details to follow
 - Make sure you complete the Free or Reduced Lunch Income Eligibility Form on the Enrollment Application
- Microwaves are available for student use
- Student Store offers snack items and other drinks

Devices

- Chromebooks in every class
 - Google Classroom, online research, etc.
- Student Phones Devices
 - Bring devices at your own discretion
 - School is not responsible for student devices
 - Social Media Misuse/Cyber Bullying is punishable by law
- Off and Out of Sight in class
 - Three Strikes rule
- Student cell phones will NOT be connected to school WiFi

Middle School Student Entrance



Crossing Guards and Traffic Laws

All teachers will serve as Crossing Guards each day after school on a rotating basis. This will help with having sufficient supervision and traffic safety for all students.

We are a small school, so unsafe situations or parents who do not obey traffic laws are easy to see. Please be extra cautious when dropping off and picking up your students.

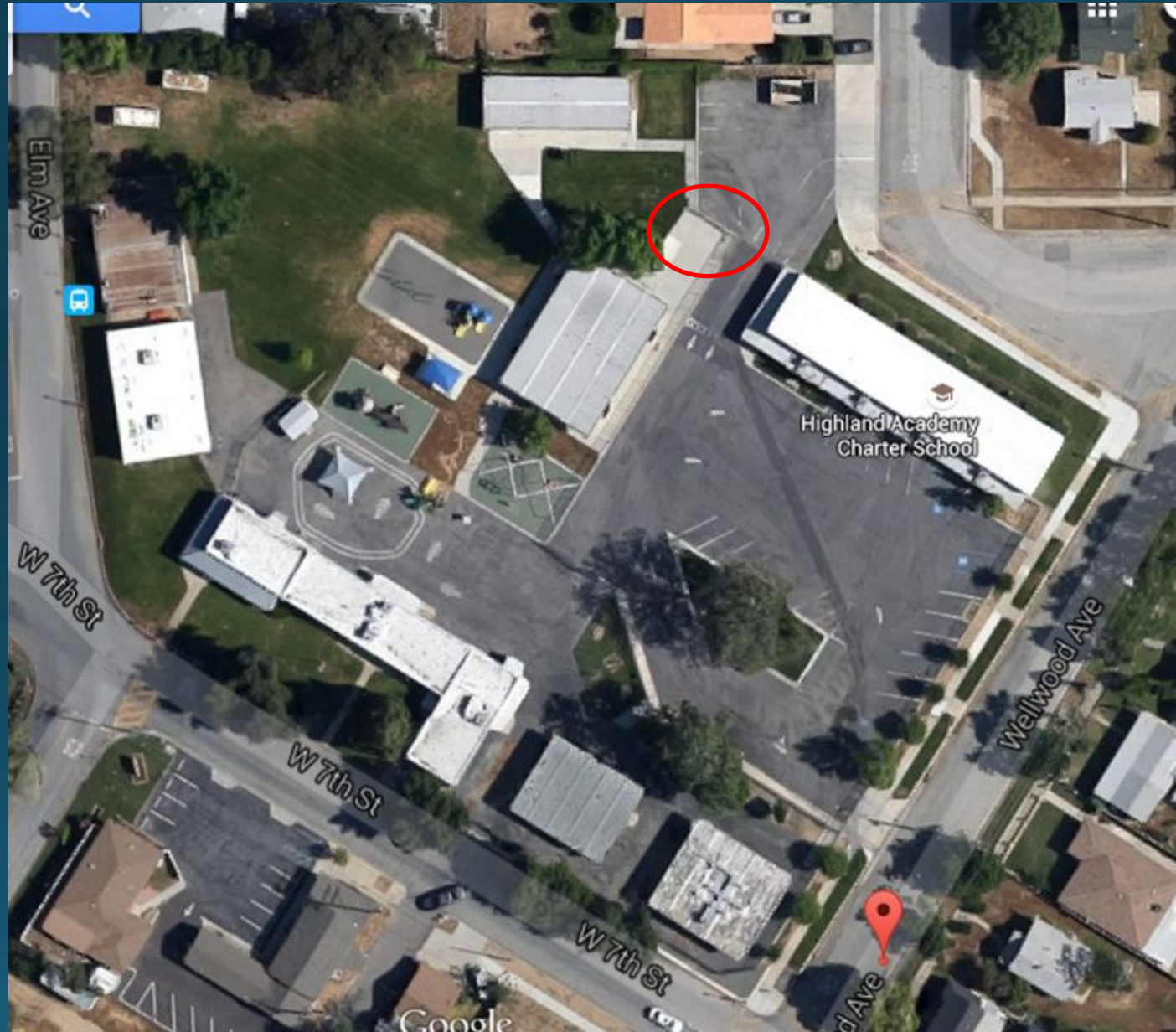
Student Entrance – Street View

Used for dropping off students in the morning and picking them up at the end of the day

This gate is closed during the school day. Visitors must sign-in at the Administrative Office.



Elementary Entrance and Exit



Street View



Administrative Office

- Meetings or appointments
- Picking your student up early (doctor appointment, etc.)



Registration Process and Lottery

Applications may be submitted starting March 1 at 7:30 am.

Open Enrollment will continue through March 22

If number of applicants exceeds number of available spots, the law requires we hold a random, public lottery.

If number of applicants does not exceed available spots, then all applicants are enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

****If a lottery is to be held, you will be notified during the first week of April.**

Enrollment Packets

Enrollments Packets are on the back table

Packets can also be downloaded from our website at highland-academy.org under the Resources tab. Packets must be filled out completely.

*If your student has an IEP, you must include a copy of the IEP with your application to be considered for enrollment. Failure to disclose an IEP is grounds for denial of enrollment or withdrawal from school.

Questions???

