

# Thunderbird High School



2018-2019  
Student Handbook

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Chiefs,

Welcome to Thunderbird High School.

I am extremely excited about the opportunity to be associated with students, parents, faculty, support staff and the larger community of Thunderbird High School. As the Principal, I extend my support and guidance to each of you as we begin another excellent year. I urge each of you to take advantage of the many academic and extra-curricular opportunities that are available to you at Thunderbird High School.

Thunderbird High School has many outstanding traditions. I am looking forward to continuing those traditions, as well as working toward continual growth that will keep Thunderbird High School a school of choice.

May the 2018-2019 school year be a positive, productive and successful year for each of you!

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Principal



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Assistant Principal  
Student Services  
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# GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

## PHONE NUMBERS

Thunderbird Main Office 623-915-8900

GUHSD District Office 623-435-6000

Athletics & Activities	623-915-8910	Health Center	623-915-8903
Attendance Office	623-915-8901	Social Worker	623-915-8924
Bookstore	623-915-8917	Student Records	623-915-8922
Counseling	623-915-8915		
Discipline Office	623-915-8912		

### **Health Center 623-915-8903**

The Health Center is located at the northeast corner of the Administration building (Bldg. A).

Students who become ill during school hours should report to class to get a pass to see the nurse.

If a student needs to leave school due to illness, the following procedures must be met:

1. The nurse will contact the parents to get permission to send the student home and then give the student a pass.
2. A parent has called the attendance office informing them of the illness. The attendance office will then call the student out of class and provide a pass to leave campus.

Missing classes with an excuse of illness, without reporting to the nurse, **will be treated as a truancy.**

### **Immunization**

Arizona Law (A.R.S. 15-803) requires that students must furnish the school with an immunization record upon entering school. New enrollees not complying with the law may be excluded from school until records are provided

### **Medications**

If a student unexpectedly needs medication during a school day, the school nurse has a limited supply of over-the-counter medications.

Permission forms must be on file in order for the nurse to dispense these medications.

When it is necessary for a student to take a prescription medication during school hours, the nurse may cooperate with the family physician, parents and student if the following requirements are satisfied:

### **Please meet with nurse the week BEFORE registration to fulfill these requirements**

1. A physician must prescribe the medication.
2. There must be a written order on file, from the physician stating the name of the medication, the dosage and the time of administration.
3. There must be written permission from the parent on file to administer the medication to the child.
4. The medication must come to the nurse in the original or refilled prescription bottles prepared by the pharmacist.
5. Students are not permitted to have over the counter or prescribed medication in their possession at any time. Failure to follow the directive may result in discipline action. (Exception is for students who have an emergency medication and have met requirements 1. 2. & 3 listed above.)

### **Bookstore 623-915-8917**

The student bookstore is located on the north side of the administration building. Student supplies such as paper, pencils, pens, PE uniforms, and other basic school supplies may be purchased at a reduced retail price.

### **Regular bookstore hours**

Before School 7:30-8:00 AM

Both lunch periods

After School 2:35-3:00 P.M.

### **Debts**

No records or transcripts will be sent to any other institution until all debts to the school are paid.

### **Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found department is located in the bookstore. On the last day of school, all lost and found items are donated to a local charity.

## Identification Cards

Identification cards are required and will be issued to each student at the time of registration. Students are required to possess their ID cards at all times while on campus. Students will be subject to disciplinary action for not possessing their ID card. The card is also required for admission in all non-public extra-curricular activities, such as school dances, and for all transactions with the Bookstore, Media Center and Attendance Office. Students who do not have an ID card will be charged adult prices at public extra-curricular events. Students will be charged for each replacement card. ID's may be purchased at the Bookstore.

## Student Activity Cards

A student activity card will admit the holder to all home regular season athletic contests. The card is available during registration and sells for \$30.00. Parent passes are also available for \$60 and will admit up to two adults and 4 children (age 5-13)

## Textbooks

In compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes, the Glendale Union High School district will provide free textbooks for all students. Additionally, A.R.S. 15-727 requires students to be responsible for the care of textbooks and related material.

All students must return their books within five (5) days of withdrawing from a class whether from a schedule change or the end of semester.

Students who fail to return textbooks and materials to school prior to June 10 will be charged the full purchase price to replace lost or missing books and materials. Any alteration of the bar code originally stamped in the books will be classified as a lost book and the student will be charged full book value.

## Financial Responsibility

Each student is fully responsible for books, equipment, or uniforms entrusted to him/her in the event of theft, loss, or damage. If the equipment issued to a student is not accounted for in a satisfactory manner, participation, awards and clearance for other sports/ activities will be withheld until a satisfactory resolution is achieved. P.E athletic lockers should not be shared or left unlocked.

## Personal Property

The school assumes no responsibility for any personal property which is brought to school. This includes motor vehicles, bicycles, clothing, musical instruments, cell phones, and other electronics, etc. Any theft, however, should be reported IMMEDIATELY to the attendance office. Items in PE and Athletic lockers are kept at the student's own risk. Neither the school nor the District carries insurance to cover such losses.

Do not bring expensive items to school. Do not bring excessive amounts of cash to school.

## Tax Credits

Taxpayers may choose to contribute tax monies to the school or program of their choice instead of paying it to the state general fund. **Put your money where YOU want it to go** by choosing a school and activity you would like to support. The amended Arizona tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows taxpayers a TAX CREDIT on their state taxes. The TAX CREDIT maximum contributions are \$400 for married couples filing jointly on their returns, \$200 for single individuals and head of household, or \$200 married couples filing separate returns. It is *NOT* a requirement that the taxpayer have a child enrolled in a public school to donate.

*A Tax Credit form must accompany any money to be used as a tax credit. Or a donation can be made online at <http://thunderbird.guhsdaz.org/>*

## Library/Media Center 623-915-8934

The school Library/ Media Center, staffed by a certified librarian and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 p.m. It is designed to facilitate research and to provide an opportunity to pursue leisure-reading interests.

Student ID cards are required for checking out books and materials. To protect the students, ID cards should not be loaned to other students for checking out materials, as the ID card owner is responsible for all fines and/or replacement costs. Students will be assessed replacement costs for lost or damaged materials. Students with fines or overdue items will not be allowed to check out additional library materials until their debts are paid.

The media center contains many different types and formats of reference resources to help students do research. In addition to an ever-expanding reference and book collection, magazine and newspaper databases are available online. These resources may also be accessed from the student's home computer. Media Center materials are the property of the state of Arizona.

## Cafeteria 623-915-8918

The student Cafeteria serves hot plate lunches and a la carte during both lunch periods. The student snack bar serves breakfast, hot and cold sandwiches, drinks and snacks. Thunderbird High School participates in the Federal Free/Reduced Lunch Program. Information regarding this program will be available at registration or by calling the cafeteria manager.

Breakfast: 7:15-7:50

Both Lunches: 11:05-11:35 and 12:05-12:35

# STUDENT SERVICES



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504 Coordinator  
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## **Counseling Center** 623-915-8915

### COUNSELORS

Ms. Austin	623-915-8902
Ms. Bergen	623-915-8925
Ms. Arnold	623-915-8923
Mr. Riney	623-915-8921
Counseling Secretary	623-915-8915
Records Secretary	623-915-8922
Career Center	623-915-8975

Upon enrollment, students are assigned a counselor who will meet with the student and parents to complete an educational plan for graduation. Students and parents may make an appointment with the counselor to discuss future career plans, college admissions, financial aid, scholarships and personal problems that interfere with learning.

The Counseling Center is located in the Administration Building and is open daily between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Students may drop in to talk with counselors before and after school or during lunch periods. Also, counseling appointments may be initiated by the student. When signing up for an appointment, the student will be called from class to confer with the counselor.

In the event of an urgent situation students will be seen as soon as possible by the first available counselor. Students at Thunderbird High School

are strongly encouraged to utilize resources available to them in the Counseling Center.

## **The College and Career Center**

The purpose of the Career Center is to help all students plan for their post high school careers, whether it is the military, a university, a community college, or a technical school. Scholarship and financial aid information is available. Representatives from various colleges and schools will be scheduled to meet one-on-one with students throughout the year. All students are invited to come in and use the computers to research opportunities for their futures. The Career Center is open before school, after school, and during both lunches.

## **Pride Point**

Thunderbird offers a learning center and computer access in room F109 which provides students homework assistance. The learning center is open before-school, at lunch and after-school until 3:30 every day. There is a late bus available at 3:30 Monday – Thursday.

## **Registration Guidelines**

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors are scheduled into six full-credit classes. Seniors are scheduled into at least five full-credit classes. There is no school guarantee of early dismissal or late arrival if a student enrolls in fewer than six classes. Those students who utilize school bus transportation are required to enroll in six classes daily.

## **Schedule Changes**

Success in the classroom is directly related to time on task. In order to insure that students are in class the maximum amount of time, it becomes imperative that students be enrolled in the correct classes from the very first day of school. Once final registration is completed in August and school begins, schedule changes are rare and will be made only with administrative approval. Absences will be recorded for the days not in the new class when students initiate the schedule change.

Parental permission is required for a student-initiated schedule change. No course may be

added for credit after the 12th day of any semester.

**Students may not withdraw from a 1st semester class after fall break. Students may not withdraw from a 2nd semester class after the first 13 days of the semester.**

Changes for the following year may be made with parent permission:

- During the education plan conference.
- By contacting the counselor prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- After February 1st, but prior to the end of school, changes are made on a "room available" basis. Counselors or the Assistant Principal must be contacted **in writing** by the parent/guardian.

### **Report Cards / Grades**

A conference should be arranged immediately if grades are not satisfactory. School officials and teachers are eager to become acquainted with parents and to advise them regarding students' work.

Students participating in extracurricular activities should read the section on eligibility located in the athletics section. (*See GUHSD parent/student handbook*).

### **Summer School**

Summer school is offered each year within the district. Courses offered depend upon requests and registration. If your student is in need of summer school, the student is responsible for contacting his/ her counselor for information and fee amount.

### **Make-up credits**

Thunderbird High School accepts credits only from summer schools, which offer 72 hours of classroom instruction and accredited correspondence schools. It is recommended that students use the GUHSD on-line school for credit recovery. See page A-13 of the student handbook, and consult with your counselor.

Any student repeating a class for grade improvement will receive a notation on the Permanent Record Card recognizing the higher grade as the final grade for the course. This grade will be averaged in the GPA and HPA. In all

cases, there will be NO increases in credits or honor points.

To maintain the integrity and legitimacy of our honors/AP programs, the Glendale Union High School District will not allow students to retake an honors/AP class for HPA improvement. To improve their CPA, honors/AP students can retake a standard non-honors/non-AP version of the course so that the transcript reflects the grade improvement, but no honor point will be awarded.

### **Examinations**

All students must take all examinations required by departments. If an examination is missed, it should be made up as soon as possible. There are no exemptions from final examinations, which must be taken on the assigned dates. Dates of final exams are announced sufficiently in advance of the end of the semester. (*See GUHSD parent/student handbook*)

### **Leaving School before Semester Exams**

Students will not be permitted to leave school before the end of the semester and receive course credit except for in an extreme emergency. No semester exams will be given early.

Parents must request early withdrawal in writing at least one week in advance from the Assistant Principal. Students who leave before the end of a school term without making proper arrangements will not receive credit for the semester's work.

### **Homework**

It is the belief of the Governing Board that worthwhile, appropriate homework is an important aspect of a high school education. Homework is defined as work or study assigned by the teacher for completion outside classroom time. The purposes of homework in the Glendale Union High School District are:

- To aid the student in the review, mastery and application of the concepts, skills and information being taught by the teacher
- To expand and enrich the subject matter being taught
- To help the student develop self-discipline
- To help the student develop the ability to work independently



- To provide knowledge of results for teacher and student and to prepare the student for the next day's class

The following statements outline our expectations for student responsibility. Thunderbird High School students are responsible for:

- Scheduling his or her activities to make time for doing homework
- Doing his or her own work
- Doing neat and legible work
- Using correct communication as required by the teacher
- Completing the homework assignment
- Submitting homework at the designated time

### **Make-up Policy**

**TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACQUIRING AND COMPLETING WORK MISSED DURING AN ABSENCE LIES WITH THE STUDENT.**

Classification of an absence does not affect the student's right to make up work missed; however, this should not be interpreted to mean those identical activities or tests will be given for make-up work after absence. (*See GUHSD parent/student handbook*).

### **Notice to Seniors**

All work must be satisfactorily completed four (4) school days before graduation if a senior is to participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors satisfactorily finishing work after this deadline might lose their right to participate in the graduation ceremony but would receive their diploma upon the successful completion of required work.

### **Peer Tutors**

Peer Tutors are students, assigned to a teacher, who work with other students to offer academic assistance. Students needing help in any class should request Peer Tutor assistance from their counselors or teachers

### **Class Project Fees**

Arizona Law provides Governing Boards the power to assess reasonable fees for fine arts and vocational education courses for materials offered beyond those required to successfully complete the basic course requirements. Students taking specialized laboratory classes may be charged for materials used in the production of personal projects. These fees are subject to change.

### **Physical Education (P.E.)**

A P.E. uniform is required for all students who are enrolled in PE classes. Uniforms may be purchased in the book store, or students may wear same color shorts and shirt. More information will be given to students on the first day of class. For safety reasons, students who participate in Physical Education classes (or athletics) will be expected to remove all jewelry/ body piercing adornments from their bodies prior to the start of class activities. Thunderbird High School assumes no responsibility for injuries received from a student's failure to abide by these rules. The school is not responsible for personal property brought on the school campus.

### **Withdrawing From School**

To withdraw from school for any reason, a student should take a written request from the parent/guardian to the Records Office and obtain an Official Notice of Withdrawal Form. If transferring to another school, the student will receive grades to date of leaving and copies of other records to help enroll in the new school. All books and other school equipment must be returned at this time.

# DISCIPLINE & ATTENDANCE



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Report Absences            623-915-8901  
Español                        623-915-8912

## Absences

It is the parent's or legal guardian's responsibility to call the 24-hour Attendance Hotline on the day of the student's absence at 623-915-8901. A note signed by a parent or guardian will be accepted by the Attendance Office before school upon the student's return. After **24 hours** without parent or guardian contact, the student will be considered truant and disciplinary consequences will be assigned. Information concerning absences may be viewed on the THS website under the Attendance tab at [thunderbird.guhsdaz.org](http://thunderbird.guhsdaz.org). For additional information, please refer to the *GUHSD Student/Parent Handbook*.

## THS Time and Clocks

We do our best to keep our clocks set to the most accurate time, please take note of the time in the main office, the marquee, and the bells and set your watches to THS time to ensure your punctuality to classes.

## Tardy

Students arriving to class after the tardy bell should go directly to the Attendance Office, where they will be marked tardy and receive a pass to class. A tardy is **ONLY excused for verified medical, dental, or legal appointments, and documentation MUST be provided.** Students over thirty minutes late to a class are considered absent as over half the class has been missed.

## Absences / Loss of Credit

For each class in which a student has exceeded a combined twelve (12) absences/tardies in a semester, the student may lose credit eligibility in those classes

for the semester.

It is evident that success rates tie to student achievement, therefore Thunderbird High School will continue its SWEEP discipline program. This program helps us in correcting and changing the behavior of students arriving tardy to class. Under the SWEEP program, students who are not in class on time are "swept" to the Attendance Office, marked tardy for that hour, and given a pass to class. These tardies are recorded, and disciplinary consequences will be assigned. Disciplinary consequences will increase with each successive tardy and could result in an off-campus suspension.

A tardy is viewed as a disruption to the classroom environment. Coming in late not only deprives the tardy student of full learning time, but also disrupts the education of other students. If a student is to learn, the student must be in an assigned workstation prepared to work **BEFORE** the tardy bell rings. For additional information, please refer to *GUHSD Parent/Student Handbook*.

The disciplinary consequences for tardies are as follows:

- **1<sup>st</sup>** – tardy student receives a warning
- **2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>** student receives a lunch detention
- **4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>** tardy student is assigned a 1.5-hour detention
- **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** tardy student is assigned a 3-hour detention
- **9<sup>th</sup>** tardy student is assigned one day of In-School Suspension (ISS)
- **10 or more** student is assigned an Off – Campus Suspension (OCS)

## Leaving Campus

Students must be excused by a parent to obtain a permit from the Attendance Office prior to leaving campus. Permits should be picked up in the Attendance Office and shown to the parking lot attendant. The student will be assigned discipline for truancy and/or non-check out if these procedures are not followed.

## Closed Campus

Thunderbird High School is a closed campus for all students. This means that no student is to leave campus prior to the end of the school day for lunch or any other reason without permission from the Attendance or Nurse's office. The student will be assigned disciplinary consequences for truancy and/or

non-check out if these procedures are not followed. These days will count against the student's absences in accordance with the district's attendance policy. Additionally, students must obtain a pass from the attendance office in order to be in the parking lots during the school day.

### **Student Pick-Up**

For the safety of our students, parents/guardians or designees are required to have a photo ID when picking up or requesting to see a student during school hours.

### **Off Campus Conduct Guidelines**

All policies and procedures regarding student conduct are in effect from the time the student leaves home in the morning until the time he/she arrives home after school. Students participating in or attending any school function any time during the day, on or off campus, will be held responsible for all policies and procedures regarding student conduct. For additional information, please refer to the *GUHSD Parent/Student Handbook*.

### **Bikes**

Bikes are acceptable means of transportation to and from school, but they must not be ridden on campus. Students riding bikes must walk their bike and lock it in the bike rack upon arriving on campus. Thunderbird High School is **NOT** responsible for lost or stolen bikes.

### **Skateboards, Skates, Roller blades & Scooters**

Skateboards, skates, roller blades, and scooters are **NOT** acceptable means of transportation to and from school, and are prohibited on campus. Any student bringing skateboards, skates, roller blades and scooters on campus will be disciplined.

Thunderbird High School is **NOT** responsible for any lost or stolen skateboards, skates, roller blades, and/or scooters.

### **Electronics and Other Devices**

In order to minimize distractions, academic dishonesty, and theft of cell phones and other personal electronic devices, the Thunderbird High School Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Device Usage Policy says that cell phone and personal electronic device use is **prohibited during class**, (unless at the direction of the classroom teacher).

### **Cell Phone Violation Consequences**

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense - Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - 1.5 hour detention
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense - 3 hour detention and parent picks up phone from attendance office
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense - In school suspension & parent picks up phone from attendance office.

A student's refusal to relinquish their cell phone upon request by a faculty or staff member, may result in additional consequences.

If students need to use the phone, phones are available in the Attendance office for use.

Thunderbird High School is **NOT** responsible for any lost or stolen iPods, E-Readers, phones, MP3 players, personal property, gaming devices, etc.

### **Student Dress**

School is a professional environment. Students must dress in compliance with the dress code posted on campus, in this handbook, and in registration information. Complete dress code information is also available in the Attendance Office. Please note that as fashion trends evolve so may the dress code, for additional information please refer to the *GUHSD Parent/Student Handbook*.

### **Students may NOT wear:**

- Attire or accessories containing obscene or inappropriate words, slogans, insinuations or graphics
- Attire with references to alcohol or drugs
- Transparent clothing
- Cut off shorts
- Attire that allows for exposed buttocks
- Ankle-length overcoats
- Extremely tight fitted clothing
- Any articles of clothing that interfere with the learning process

### **Regarding Shirts:**

- No exposed cleavage, midriff, back, sides, or part of the torso
- No exposed undergarments
- No spaghetti straps, tube or halter tops allowed

### **Regarding Pants:**

- No pants that are sagging, excessively baggy, or that impede walking
- Undergarments of any kind must **NOT** be exposed
- Belts must be of appropriate length and not droop

**Regarding Gang Attire:**

- Clothing or any fashion that can be considered gang-related is not allowed
- No attire containing abbreviations or number combinations, including but not limited to AZ, PHX, LA, SRH, ICP, Raiders, 187, 623, 602, and/or any other territorial identification.

**Regarding Footwear and Other Accessories:**

- No metal wallet chains or spiked jewelry
- No pajamas or house slippers; state law prohibits bare feet
- No spiked jewelry/apparel suggesting or promoting violence
- No color beaded bracelets

*\* If clothing disrupts the educational process and is NOT listed, Administration reserves the right to decide what is deemed appropriate.*

**Visitors**

Parents/Guardians are welcome on campus at any time, but must check-in at the Administration Office. An administrator must approve and assign a visitor's pass. Former students and friends are not allowed on campus from 7:30am – 3:30pm. Failure to follow this procedure may be treated as trespassing.

**Messages and Deliveries**

To keep class disruptions to a minimum, deliveries and messages will not be sent to students except in an emergency. Thunderbird High School does not accept deliveries for students, including but not limited to flower/balloon arrangements, pizza and Uber Eats. Any such deliveries will be turned away by the parking lot attendant.

**Student parking**

Only seniors and juniors are eligible for parking permits. A parking fee will be assessed. Students assigned a parking permit must park in the corresponding parking lot. The THS parking permit must be visible at all times. Any student who drives carelessly or recklessly while entering or exiting the parking lots or while on campus may have their permit suspended and could lose all campus driving and parking privileges. Any student who illegally parks on campus will receive disciplinary consequences and may be ineligible to apply for a parking permit in the future. For additional information, please refer to the *GUHSD Parent/Student Handbook*.

**Clean Air Act**

The 1988 Arizona Legislature passed an Air Quality Bill which requires employers, including school systems, with more than 100 full-time employees/students to reduce single-car occupancy to and from the work or school site by 5%.

In order to comply with this legal requirement, each Glendale Union High School has developed a plan to accomplish this goal. The plan includes encouraging car-pooling, vanpooling, alternate travel (bicycles), and preferred parking. It also includes restricting student parking to upper-grade students. Each school site may use a variety of methods to reach this goal. Methods may vary from site to site.

Community understanding and cooperation will help all Glendale Union School District schools meet both the letter and the spirit of the law.

**Locker Room Cell Phone Policy**

No student will have a cell phone out and visible or use their phone while in the locker room at Thunderbird High School. Any student who is found to have their cell phone out or to be using their cell phone in the locker room is subject to disciplinary consequences and his/her cell phone confiscated.

**Initiation or Hazing**

No initiations or hazing will be allowed at any time. Students found guilty of this infraction will be subject to suspension. Any special "dress up" days must receive prior administrative approval.

**Conduct at Dances**

Dances are always well chaperoned and held only with Student Council and Administrative approval. No student will be admitted without an ID card, nor will any student be admitted more than one hour after the scheduled start time without prior approval from the Dean. The discipline regulations for normal school operation apply to dances. Students who do not act as ladies and gentlemen will be asked to leave. All students must remain in the building - no one who leaves will be readmitted. Students who smell of alcohol or drugs will not be admitted. School appropriate dress attire **MUST** be worn.

Requests for special dances guest pass must have prior approval by the Assistant Principal of Discipline.

- Guest must have a state issued identification card or school id card
- Guest cannot be 21 or older
- Middle school students are NOT allowed
- Guest passes are limited to one per student

# ATHLETICS / ACTIVITIES



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Title IX Coordinator  
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## Signs and posters

Bring all signs and posters into the athletic office for administrative signature. This applies for both school and non-school activities. Approved items can be displayed on the bulletin boards located at the entrance of each building. Do NOT attach items to:

- Painted or plastered surfaces
- Doors, buildings, glass, or metal exteriors of any buildings on campus
- Canopy or light poles in the quad

(Specific permission is needed for displaying all signs or posters in any other areas.)

Persons or organizations displaying posters are responsible for immediately removing them following the event or activity. Any items hung without approval will be immediately removed.

## Event Admission

In order to help defray the costs of operating Thunderbird's athletic and activity program, it is necessary to charge admission to most events. Find the admission prices for athletic events, musical events, dances or dramatic productions on the school website and the student newspaper. Information for purchasing a student activity pass and a family pass is available through the book store.

## Interscholastic Athletics

An interscholastic athletic program is available to all students. Programs available are football, cross-country, basketball, wrestling, cheer, soccer, tennis, baseball, swimming, golf and track. Programs available to girls only are badminton, volleyball, and

softball. Participation in one or more of these activities offers a student an opportunity to develop physical skills, proper attitudes, and lasting friendships.

## Athletic Clearance

All students interested in participating in sports must set up an account with Register My Athlete. The link, step-by-step directions and all forms are located in the Thunderbird High School web site under Athletic Clearance (Thunderbird.guhsdaz.org)

Notes:

- Parent/Guardian open up an account and then add their athlete(s).
- A physical exam dated after April 1 of current school year is a yearly requirement.
- Submit physical on the AIA form.  
(*The AIA form is the only form accepted.*)
- Brain Book Concussion Course is a onetime requirement. Submit this form in your Register My Athlete account.

Student athletes must be scholastically eligible.

Transfer students must check with the athletic director regarding eligibility.

## Scholastic Eligibility

Students in their first through sixth semester (freshman through junior year), must be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) credit earning classes. Students in their seventh and eighth semester (senior year), must be enrolled in a minimum of four (4) credit earning classes. Students shall be required to earn passing grades in each class in which they are enrolled.

Students are monitored weekly for eligibility. Students who have failed to earn a cumulative passing grade at the end of any designated interval will be ineligible for the following two weeks or until passing the class. Students who miss the major portion of a school day are ineligible to participate in athletic events for that day or evening without special consent from the Athletic Director. Anyone who becomes ineligible should notify the coach to keep games from being forfeited.

## Athletic Equipment

The coach keeps a record of all issued athletic equipment. The equipment has a specific item number. It is the responsibility of each student to return all equipment at the end of the sport season or if dropping out of the sport. Students will be charged for all athletic equipment assigned to them, but not returned. The exact piece of equipment issued must be returned. Athletes may not participate in another sport until all equipment from the previous sport has been turned into the coach and the athlete is cleared by the athletic department.

## Head Coaches of Athletic Programs

### Fall Sports

Badminton: Kelly Pavlik  
 Spirit Line: Jennifer Kekic  
 Football: Brent Wittenwyler  
 Cross Country: Carl Riney  
 Golf: Bryan Mehr  
 Swimming: Angela Puma  
 Volleyball: Carly Price

### Winter Sports

Boys Basketball: Buddy Rake  
 Girls Basketball: Barry Ringel  
 Wrestling: Lee Chandler  
 Boys Soccer: Kirk Mearig  
 Girls Soccer: Angelo Iozzo

### Spring Sports

Baseball: Michael Jacobs  
 Softball: Nate Mickelson  
 Track: Carl Riney and  
           Michael Sidebottom  
 Boys Tennis: Karen Horine  
 Girls Tennis: Carly Price

## STUDENT BODY ORGANIZATION

Thunderbird High School has a wide variety of clubs, organizations and activities for students who want to become involved. Membership in various groups at THS offers such rewards as forming new friendships, serving others and developing leadership abilities. Some clubs are based on students' special interests. Some clubs are designed to enhance learning in the classroom, while others are geared to aid the various school teams. A certain number of the campus organizations require enrollment in specific classes for participation and offer regular course credit. Students who care about others or who enjoy having a good time are encouraged to select a club, find out its meeting time and place from the morning announcements, and get involved. Participation in extracurricular activities helps to create a successful high school experience.

### Course Credit Organizations

### Organization

### Sponsor

**Student Leadership Sponsor Kelly Pavlik**

Officers elected to student council positions are part of the leadership class. Officers are elected to student council to represent the students; they cannot do their jobs alone.

Elected Student Body positions include;

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Publicity Manager

Freshman Class

Sophomore Class

Junior Class

Senior Class

Peer Tutors

Newspaper Staff

Yearbook Staff

Angela Puma

Patrick Henry

Melissa Zimmerman

TBD

Counselors

Patrick Henry

Dan Sellazzo

## Course Related Organizations

Band / Band Auxiliary/Jazz	Gordon Williford
Choir & Orchestra	Dana Graybeal
Dance Club	Michelle Condor
DECA	Tracy Robinson
FCCLA Club	Lucy Maurer
French Society	Leila Seggar
NJROTC Club	CWO Brian Bell
Skills USA & Photo Club	Dawn Chamberlain

## Honoraries

National Honor Society	Shari Schmidt
National Forensics League	Erin Long
Thespians	Danny Cox

## Service Clubs

Key Club	Victor Vega
Go Green Club	TBD

## Special Interest Clubs

Academic Decathlon	Derica Griffiths/Donna West
Art Club	Craig Winkler
Best Buddies	Michael Sidebottom
Book Club	Alex Fowler
Club S.O.D.A.	Laura Ilardo
Chess Club	Eric Casper
Culinary Club	Lucy Maurer
Fashion Club	Morgan Norris
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Kirk Mearig
Film and TV	Patrick Henry
Games Club	Unsworth/Ellington/Fowler
Japanese Club	Mitsuko Mehnert
Junior Statesman of America	Shari Schmidt
Masque and Dagger	Danny Cox
Neuro Science Club	Renee Kaye
Outdoor Club	Joe Clements
Poetry Club	Joe Clements
Spanish Club	Davina McLeland
Speech & Debate	Erin Long
Sports Medicine Club	Ryan Wolff
Thunderbird Humane Society	Katherine Roberts
Writer's Guild	Nadeen Boykin/Joe Clements





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# CLASS SCHEDULES

## DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

PERIOD	TIME
0	7:00-7:55
1	8:00-8:55
2	9:00-9:55
3	10:00-11:00
4	11:05-12:00
1 <sup>ST</sup> LUNCH	11:05-11:35
5	11:40-12:35
2 <sup>nd</sup> LUNCH	12:05-12:35
6	12:40-1:35
7	1:40-2:35

## EOP WEDNESDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

PERIOD	TIME
EOP	8:20-8:55
1	9:00-9:45
2	9:50-10:35
3	10:40-11:30
4	11:35-12:20
1 <sup>ST</sup> LUNCH	11:35-12:05
5	12:10-12:55
2 <sup>nd</sup> LUNCH	12:25-12:55
6	1:00-1:45
7	1:50-2:35

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