



TOM GLENN HIGH SCHOOL

A DESTINATION SCHOOL IN LEANDER ISD

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Hello Grizzly Families,

For those of you new to the Glenn family, welcome aboard! For those of you returning, welcome back! This is an exciting year as it marks our first year with all four grade levels, and we have Seniors for the first time. I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am for what this year will bring.

As we start our third year, we will introduce new activities and programs, such as Senior Events, a parade for "homecoming" week, our new Criminal Justice program, and additional Advanced Placement (AP) classes. One of our goals is to make sure that every student who walks the halls of Glenn HS is taking at least one or more advanced course and is also participating in at least one or more extracurricular club/activity. To do this, we need to provide a positive and safe environment for our students and maximize learning time.

This year, we will have a few important school wide initiatives designed to ensure learning and safety remain the priority for everyone at Glenn High School.

New Cell Phone/Device Expectation During Class

As we are all aware, monitoring cell phone/device usage is a challenge in society today. Recent studies reveal that when attention is divided between two unrelated tasks, retention of information decreases. In addition, smartphone use can decrease the efficiency of completing a given task. Simply put, cell phones or other devices not supporting instruction, can be a distraction to learning and to completing assignments. Fortunately for Glenn students, we participate in mLISD and are a 1:1 campus, which provides every student with a laptop that filters distracting or inappropriate content and allows us to use technology to enhance learning in the classroom.

This year, students will be expected to put their cell phones and devices, other than their laptop, out of sight during each full 82 minute class period unless specifically allowed permission by a teacher for educational reasons. This is the same expectation that we have of students during athletic or performing arts classes and events. This consistent expectation in all classes will help our students maintain focus on what is most important - learning. Exceptions will be made to students who need accommodations as part of their individualized learning plans.

The following steps will be taken for students who continually use their cell phone or other device without permission in class:

- First Offense: student will be asked by the teacher to put the phone/device away and will be reminded of school wide expectations.
- Second Offense: student will be sent to Assistant Principals (AP) office to turn in their phone/device. The student picks up phone/device after school.
- Third Offense: student will be sent to the AP office to turn in their phone/device. A parent will be called to pick it up at their earliest convenience.
- Fourth Offense: student will be sent to the AP office to turn in their phone/device. A parent will pick it up at their earliest convenience and a meeting will be set up between the student, parent, and Assistant Principal.

Students will still be allowed to use their phone/device before school, during passing times, at lunch, and after school. The purpose of this expectation is to maximize learning in our classrooms. If you have a special need, please contact your student's Assistant Principal to develop a personalized plan.

New Safety Procedures

Glenn High School and LISD continually work to ensure the safety of students and staff. This fall, GHS will be spending additional time on safety procedures and routines. With a full building and many new students, we will practice all types of protocols, including a lock in, lock out, weather drills, and fire drills. I wanted to make sure that we informed parents that we plan to have multiple drills each month.

Glenn Communication

At GHS, we strive to provide multiple ways to inform students and parents about upcoming events and announcements. Here are a few ways to stay connected:

Glenn Website: www.ghs.leanderisd.org

Glenn Weekly Updates via email: Please make sure that we have an up-to-date email in our system by emailing our Registrar at kim.black@leanderisd.org.

GHS Twitter: @TomGlennHS

GHS Facebook: Follow Glenn High School

In Closing...

Graduating at Glenn High School is not the end of the journey; it is just the beginning. For seniors, and all students, the expectation will be that you are enrolled at a University, Community College, Military, or Specialized Program before leaving GHS. It is our job to help you create those opportunities. It is your job to challenge yourself, work hard, stay focused, and seek help when it is needed. **We are here to support you!**

Let's have a great year Grizzlies!



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Proud Principal