



8-2 Hornets

2017 - 2018

Welcome to the 8-2 Hornets! We are looking forward to a great year together!

Eighth grade is an important year that helps students develop the knowledge and skills required to be successful in high school. The 8-2 team has high expectations for all of our students, and we hold ourselves to even higher expectations. We work with our students and parents to ensure all students are successful. The 8-2 teachers are very excited to have you and your child as part of the Hornets team this year!

If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us. E-mail is the best way for us to respond in a timely manner. In order to ensure that we are all working together to meet the needs of your child, we schedule parent conferences as a whole team. If you would like to schedule a conference, please contact Mrs. West.

Mrs. Courtney West (Team Leader)
Mrs. Brooke Perkins

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Team Communication

Hornets love technology and use it to communicate to our parents about special dates, Hornets news, core class information, questions, and school announcements. We believe that frequent communication between parents, students, and teachers is essential to a child's success in middle school. The team newsletter (The Buzz) will be sent home weekly. Once the school year begins, please email Mrs. West if you are not receiving the newsletter or need to update your email address.

Class websites:

Mrs. West: www.west8-2.weebly.com

Mrs. Perkins: www.perkins8-2.weebly.com

Important Upcoming Dates

- **Thursday, July 6th from 4:00-6:00pm:** Schedule pick-up for all 8-2 Hornets; students can purchase LRMS agendas and LRMS athletic apparel
- **Monday, July 10th:** First day of 8th Grade
- **Thursday, July 20 from 6:00 - 7:30pm:** Parent Information Night - Hornet teachers presentation followed by Q&A

Interim Reports

Interim reports will be distributed approximately four weeks into each quarter. Students will need to have these interims signed by a parent/guardian and returned by the date listed. If the interim is not turned in by the due date, the student will receive lunch detention until the report is turned in.

PowerSchools

WCPSS has an online program that enables parents and students to check grades. You can also view student information including attendance and discipline. All student login information from 7th grade transfers with them to 8th grade. Parents can create their own login by following the link to PowerSchool from the LRMS website. This resource is updated weekly and is the best way to get frequent academic information.

Hornet Team Expectations

We expect self-control and good choices from all of our Hornets. Most importantly, the classroom is for learning and we set high expectations for all student behavior. The Hornet teachers are proactive and will contact you with any questionable behaviors or concerns. This year Lufkin has implemented the BOLT system schoolwide: **B - Be respectful. O - Own your actions. L - Learning comes first. T - Think about safety.**

REQUIRED:

- Two 3-subject college-ruled notebook (for Science & Math)
- Endless supply of college-ruled lined paper
- Highlighters
- Endless supply of graph paper for Math
- Blue or black ink pens
- Pack of 12 colored pencils
- Endless supply of lined index cards (3" x 5")
- 1 box of tissue
- 2 glue sticks
- Mini-stapler & staples
- Pack of erasers
- 2 containers of disinfecting wipes
- One Marble top composition book (9.75x 7.5 inches with about 100 sheets – Science)
- One binder (2.5-3 inches) for all classes
- Dividers for each subject in binder (w/pockets preferred)
- Two 3-subject college-ruled spiral notebooks (8.5" x 11" page size, minimum of 200 pages) w/pocket folders for LA & SS
- Agenda (LRMS agenda sold by PTA)
- Novels might be required at a later date for ELA

RECOMMENDED but NOT required:

- Ti-83 Plus Calculator
- USB Flash-drive (min. 2GB)
- 3-hole punch

CLASSROOM DONATIONS (Please send in to homeroom teacher):

- Boxes of tissue
- Paper towels
- Disinfecting wipes
- Non-bleach spray cleaners (Windex or 409)
- AAA batteries for calculators
- Permanent markers
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Pencils/Pens
- College-ruled notebook paper
- Lined index cards
- Construction paper
- Hand Sanitizer
- Chart Paper