



**La Junta
Junior/Senior
High School**

Home of the Tigers!

2018-2019 STUDENT HANDBOOK

La Junta Junior/Senior High School
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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year. On behalf of the administration, teachers, and staff, we would like to assure you that we stand ready and willing to assist you in any manner possible. We would also like to express a special welcome to those students who are new to La Junta Junior/Senior High School this year. We believe you will find the atmosphere positively engaging.

Our goal is to bring more effective, intensive, and creative instruction to each of you. Your responsibility is to perform at your highest level each and every day that you are in class. We would like to challenge each student to begin this school year on the right foot and keep moving forward. Any time wasted is time that cannot be replaced. We encourage you to take advantage of the many extra-curricular activities that we offer, whether it is academic activities, school organizations, and/or athletics. Your school years will slip by you so quickly - *Get involved and take pride in our school!*

We look forward to this school year with great anticipation. We wish each of you the very best in the many opportunities that await you. Make the most of them. With mutual respect and cooperation, we can succeed together.

Our door is always open to you – let us know how we can help.

La Junta Junior/Senior High School
Administration

Dan Nuschy
Principal

Scott Goheen
Assistant Principal
Activity/Athletic Director

Richard Romero
Dean of Students

WHO TO CONTACT

The purpose of this information is to make clear to students and parents the policies and procedures of La Junta Junior/Senior High School. We hope you will take time to go over it carefully so you can be informed and supported. Should a problem or concern arise regarding a particular teacher, we encourage you to follow these steps:

- a. Contact the teacher. The teacher is the best person to clarify and resolve concerns in the classroom. Do not fear a question or a complaint. You benefit when you show enough interest to contact a teacher. Email is a more efficient way of contacting teachers. However, if necessary, you can call 384-4467 to contact a teacher. All staff email addresses can be found on our website, www.lajuntaschools.org.
- b. The Infinite Campus Parent Portal is a valuable tool students and parents can use to monitor student progress. Contact our Student Advocate for help in getting set up on the portal.
- c. Contact an administrator. If you have discussed the problem with the teacher and still have concerns, feel free to contact the appropriate administrator. If the problem concerns discipline or attendance, please contact the Assistant Principal or Dean of Students.

Note: Teachers are expected to keep parents informed of any concerns they have regarding student behavior and academic progress. Consequently, a teacher may contact the parent to arrange a conference or to discuss the student's behavior.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	384-4467	Pool Office	384-3047
Counseling Center	384-4460	Tiger Stadium	384-9371
Attendance Office	384-4469	Kitchen	384-9066
Fax number	384-2581	TLC	469-5366
Tech. Dept	384-5633	Business Office	384-3043





La Junta Jr/Sr. High School Bell Schedules 2018-2019

High School Regular

Period	Start	End
1	7:45	8:48
Breakfast	8:48	8:55
2	8:55	9:55
3	9:59	10:59
4	11:03	12:03
5	12:07	1:07
Lunch	1:07	1:37
6	1:41	2:41
7	2:45	3:45

High School Late

Period	Start	End
1	9:45	10:30
Breakfast	10:30	10:37
2	10:37	11:20
3	11:24	12:07
4	12:11	12:54
5	12:58	1:41
Lunch	1:41	2:11
6	2:15	2:58
7	3:02	3:45

7th Grade Regular

Period	Start	End
Breakfast/1	7:45	8:48
2	8:55	9:55
3	9:59	10:59
Lunch	10:59	11:29
4	11:33	12:33
5	12:37	1:37
6	1:41	2:41
7	2:45	3:45

7th Grade Late

Period	Start	Late
1	9:45	10:30
2	10:37	11:20
3	11:24	12:07
Lunch	12:07	12:37
4	12:41	1:24
5	1:28	2:11
6	2:15	2:58
7	3:02	3:45

8th Grade Regular

Period	Start	End
Breakfast/1	7:45	8:48
2	8:55	9:55
3	9:59	10:59
4	11:03	12:03
Lunch	12:03	12:33
5	12:37	1:37
6	1:41	2:41
7	2:45	3:45

8th Grade Late

Period	Start	End
1	9:45	10:30
2	10:37	11:20
3	11:24	12:07
4	12:11	12:54
Lunch	12:54	1:24
5	1:28	2:11
6	2:15	2:58
7	3:02	3:45

**Late Start
2 Hour Delay
Classes Start at 9:45**



OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND BEHAVIOR

The East Otero School District invests heavily in some of the key elements that make schools successful:

- **Curriculum** – carefully laying out “*what we teach*” our students
- **Learning** – focusing on “*how we teach*” our students
- **Assessment** – creating measurements of “*how well we taught*” our students

We are committed to having high expectations of ourselves, and we also have high expectations of all our students and believe you can succeed.

We make education our top priority! That is the reason we come to school every day. Our staff firmly believes that all students can pass their classes and be successful. We maintain high expectations for our students so we can create a productive culture of learning.

Unfortunately, some students don’t keep their focus on learning and when they don’t, they disrupt learning for everyone else in the classroom. Much of what goes on at school is dictated by the law. The Colorado Revised Statutes give us direction on how we are to manage certain situations. For example:

C.R.S. 22-33-106. Grounds for suspension, expulsion, and denial of admission

(1) The following shall be grounds for suspension or expulsion of a child from a public school during a school year:

(c) Behavior on or off school property that is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other pupils or of school personnel, including behavior that creates a threat of physical harm to the child or to other children . . .

(d) (I) Serious violations in a school building or in or on school property, which suspension or expulsion shall be mandatory; except that expulsion shall be mandatory for the following violations: Carrying, bringing, using, or possessing a dangerous weapon without the authorization of the school or the school district; the sale of a drug or controlled substance as defined in section 12-22-303. C.R.S.

These two things (c and d above) we all find easy to support – we don’t want safety issues such as threats, weapons nor drugs for students, and we already respond to these issues when they arise with the appropriate consequences. There are also other points in the law that people are not as familiar with:

(e) Repeated interference with a school’s ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.

What does that mean? It means when a student is disruptive and will not engage in the learning that has been prepared for that day, in that class, they are keeping the other students from learning, and this is a violation of the law. Notice it says “repeated” – which means that a student is given warnings (often called redirects) to get their behavior in line. These are usually from the teacher. They can also be from the administration if the teacher’s warnings aren’t getting the job done. Do students always settle down when they are redirected to do so? Unfortunately, some do not. Therefore, they are violating (e) above, and then another article in the statute addresses the situation:

(a) Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority;

Ultimately, if the student chooses not to be focused on the learning, and chooses to continue to disrupt the classroom, according to the law he/she should be suspended. Three of these suspensions usually lead to an expulsion from school, for up to 365 days, because the student is then considered “habitually disruptive”.

- We want to protect the rights of all students in a classroom so each can receive their education.
- We want to maintain a culture of learning in classrooms where students value what has been prepared for them that day and they allow their teachers to teach.
- We want parents to be confident in the fact that their student is coming to school and learning every day and not having their right to an education interfered with by students who refuse to be focused in classrooms.



We commit to involving students and parents in this process. When a teacher has to issue multiple redirects to a student and the student's behavior is not changing, the teacher will contact the parent about the situation for assistance with improving it. If this situation continues and works its way up to administration, administration will contact the parent again to work together on resolving the situation. Our intention is to convince students to change this kind of behavior before they get suspended for it.

We will also teach all our students about our high expectations for them. We will gather students together in the first week of school, by grade levels, and talk through this process. We want students to know how this process works and how to succeed.

We want our students to succeed, and schools can't do it alone. We need parents to be involved with students and the school. Research has shown that when parents are involved, students perform better at school. Parents should regularly monitor student grades and attendance. We want to work together to create a successful school and incredible futures for ALL!

Expected Behavior

1. Maintain a respectful attitude toward other students, teachers, and all support personnel.
2. **No smoking of any kind (including electronic devices) allowed on school campus. Law enforcement will be notified if students are smoking near the school.**
3. The possession of or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or non-prescribed drugs by students while on school properties, or under the school's jurisdiction, or while participating in a school sponsored event is prohibited. Students in violation will be suspended immediately.
4. Students while in the building or on school property will refrain from outward demonstration of affection. Anything beyond holding hands is strictly prohibited. Students may receive consequences including parents being notified.
5. Fighting or the filming of any fight will not be tolerated at any time. Suspension may result and legal authorities may be notified.
6. Damaging school property is considered a serious offense and expense of repair or replacement will be paid by the offender. Suspension may result.
7. Toys and gimmicks which have no bearing on school work or on school property are forbidden. Examples are chains, laser lights, water guns, water balloons, eggs, fire crackers (possession of, or discharge of, will be cause for immediate 5 day suspension and possible recommendation of expulsion), smoke bombs, etc. Confiscation of all objects will result, and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
8. Rudeness, vulgarity, rebelliousness and profanity will not be tolerated at any time. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken immediately.
9. Discipline for misconduct in classrooms, halls, lunch areas, commons, assemblies, parking lots, etc. will be at the discretion of the administration.
10. Hazing and/or bullying are not permitted.

Classroom Disruptions/Discipline

Teachers will make every effort to work through discipline situations in the classroom and with parents. Any ejection from class will be to the office. Penalty for ejection may result in the following:

1. Parent Conference
2. Suspension / After school detention
3. Class withdrawal – no credit
4. Social probation – student on social probation will not be allowed to attend any function or Extra-curricular activity as a participant or spectator. The administration will determine length of probation in each individual case.
5. Other consequences deemed appropriate by administration.

Suspension

Continuous and willful refusal to accomplish school tasks, insubordination, disorderly, vicious, illegal or immoral conduct, and persistent violation of school regulations are cause for suspension from school. This includes violation of narcotics laws, possession or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, hazardous or unauthorized use of automobiles, possession or use of weapons or fireworks, or violation of any local, state or federal law. Length of suspension will be determined by school authorities and will reflect the offense committed. Parents will be notified by phone or in writing of the action taken. A suspended student may not loiter or appear on school property, or at any school sponsored activity. During any suspension, all social



activities are denied the individual and participation in any Extra-curricular activity or athletic practice/contest is denied. After a student receives their 3rd suspension, the case may be referred to the superintendent for an expulsion hearing. Be aware that state law **requires** expulsion from school for possession of a gun or other deadly weapon, distribution or sale of controlled substances or being habitually truant or disruptive (multiple suspensions).

ATTENDANCE

The Board of Education believes that attendance is a key factor in student achievement. **The primary responsibility lies with the student and the parent.** The objective of the following procedures is to encourage students to be in class and to increase student self-discipline by requiring them to take responsibility for their actions. These procedures should not prove difficult for any student who is coming to school to learn.

Clearing Absences

Absences must be cleared the same day that they occur by phone or the following day if the student brings a note, signed by parent, to the attendance office by 7:45 am.

- *Your parent may call the Attendance line, 384-4469, 24 hours a day.* Calls may be made in advance for planned absences.
- Your parent may send a note when you return (or before if you know in advance) – take it to the attendance office **by 7:40 am.**
- Your parent may come into the attendance office personally.
- Any time you leave the building you must sign out in the office. A parent must contact the office and provide permission for you to be released. **Leaving the school without permission is considered truancy.**
- **Junior High students** – A parent is required to come into the office to sign you out.

When students are missing from school and nobody has called in, the attendance secretary will contact the home and inquire as to the nature of the absence. If the school cannot verify why the student is absent, then the absence will be unexcused.

Decisions about unexcused absences are made by the principal, not the attendance secretary. If you feel that an absence should have been excused but was not, you can make your case about that absence if you reach an 8 day review meeting.

In response to CRS 22-33-107 and our local courts we have designed the following system:

4 days/periods of un-cleared absence – A warning letter is sent that explains the attendance procedures and states that the child has reached 4.

8 days/periods of un-cleared absence – A meeting is scheduled with parent(s), student and administration to discuss what is causing the absences. A brief plan will be written to address any interventions that are agreed upon. If the parent cannot attend, this meeting may be held over the phone. If the parent does not show up to the meeting or call, the Truancy Officer will be sent for a home visit and will notify the home that 8 absences have been reached.

10 days/periods of un-cleared absence – The case will be assigned to the court and all documentation of absences and any notes from the parent meeting will be emailed to the judge. The student should be required in court within a few days of this absence.

12 days/periods of un-cleared absences – For students age 17 and over, there is the possibility of being withdrawn from the class and receiving an F on their transcript. The 4 day and 8 day steps will still take place as noted above, and the 10 day step will be the final contact with the home/student to warn them of the possible withdraw/fail grade in that class should they miss two more days. The student will become the parents' responsibility for any class period that they have been removed from. The student must leave campus during this time. In response to CRS 22-33-107, and our local courts we have designed the following system:



Chronic Absenteeism

When a student has an excessive number of absences, these absences negatively impact the student's academic success. For this reason, a student who has 10% or 16 total absences in a school year, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, may be identified as "chronically absent" by the principal or designee. Absences due to suspension or expulsion shall not be counted in the total number of absences considered for purposes of identifying a student as "chronically absent."

If a student is identified as "chronically absent," the principal or designee shall develop a plan to improve the student's attendance. The plan shall include best practices and research-based strategies to address the reasons for the student's chronic absenteeism, including but not limited to offering students alternative school options, online courses, counseling, and mentors. When practicable, the student's parent shall participate in the development of the plan. Nothing herein shall require the principal or designee to identify a student as "chronically absent" prior to declaring the student as a "habitual truant" and pursuing court proceedings against the student and his or her parents to compel the student's attendance in accordance with state law.

Truancy

If a student is absent during the school day without **prior** parental permission or if the student leaves school or a class without permission of the teacher, administrator, or attendance office, the student shall be considered truant. Parents will be notified when a student is truant.

Tardy Procedures

It is very important for students to be in their classrooms when class begins. This helps them academically because they will hear the day's lesson and tasks explained by the teacher. The school is also required legally to know your child's whereabouts during the school day. Please understand the importance of being in class on time and ready to learn!

Below is an overview of our basic approach to tardiness at the Junior/Senior High School

Students MUST be in class at 7:45 a.m. for 1st Hour!

District policy JH states: Tardiness is defined as the appearance of a student without proper excuse after the scheduled time that a class begins and is not caused by school personnel. Because of the disruptive nature of tardiness and the detrimental effect upon the rights of the non-tardy students to uninterrupted learning, appropriate penalties may be imposed for excessive tardiness. The school administrator shall develop regulations to implement tardiness penalties.

These penalties can include loss of privileges, suspension, or other consequences that will help change the behavior.

1. Students are expected to be in class each period before the tardy bell. Any student who is late to school MUST report to the office, sign in, and obtain a tardy pass. *Students who are more than five minutes late to any class without a valid excuse will be sent to the office and marked truant.*
2. Excessive tardiness will be considered reason for disciplinary action and will be referred to administration by teachers. Students will receive 4 "free" tardies per semester. Students will receive detention after reaching a 5th unexcused tardy; any further tardies accumulated after the 5th will result in 1 hour of after school detention or for each accumulated tardy.
3. Teachers have the discretion to appropriately address tardies within their classrooms with administrative approval.



STUDENT DRESS CODE

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to quality education. These guidelines for student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. Students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the learning environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

1. You must wear shoes and undergarments.
2. Both **boys and girls** must wear a sleeved shirt. Girls, you may layer your shirts, but there must be a sleeve involved and your shoulders must be covered.
3. You may not wear inappropriately sheer, tight, low-cut, or revealing clothing (e.g., garments made of mesh or similar see-through material, bare midriffs, transparent leggings).
4. Jeans, pants, shorts & skirts must be worn at the waist.
5. Your underwear can not be showing. This includes bra straps and boxers.
6. Caps, hats, bandannas, gloves, and hoods are not to be worn in the building. On Thursday, only LA JUNTA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL/Tiger orange and black headgear may be worn.
7. You cannot wear clothing with logos or words which promote drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, that is sexually suggestive, gang related, have profanity, obscene gestures, or are otherwise offensive.
8. No pajama pants, tops, or bedroom slippers.
9. Shorts/skirts must be finger-tip length.
10. Sunglasses, hanging belts, and chains are prohibited.
11. Any other attire or any hairstyle considered by administration to be inappropriate or a distraction will be prohibited.

Please do not push the limits when dealing with dress code! If you come to school dressed inappropriately that is not an issue of forgetting, that is a conscious choice.

1st offense – Student will be asked to correct the problem.

2nd offence -- Parents may be contacted. The student will go on a list of first offenders.

3rd offense – The student may be suspended for a minimum of 1 day.

According to policy JICF-R, the type of dress, apparel, and activities displayed by students must not cause school officials to reasonably believe that they are gang related and would disrupt or interfere with the school environment. The administrators are empowered to make this decision, and it is typically done on a case-by-case basis. If a student is asked by administration to correct this issue, they will only be asked once. The second time it occurs, the student will be formally written up on the district gang policy with parents being notified. After that, an immediate 5 day suspension will result.

CELL PHONES, EARPHONES (ANY TYPE), AND ELECTRONIC MUSIC DEVICES

The overall philosophy of the cell phone procedures at La Junta Junior/Senior High is:

WHEN A CELL PHONE BECOMES A DISRUPTION TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS, THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A WARNING TO STOP USING THE PHONE. THE PHONE MAY BE CONFISCATED IF THE STUDENT REFUSES TO COMPLY AFTER THIS WARNING. A PARENT MAY BE REQUIRED TO PICK UP THE PHONE WHEN IT HAS BEEN CONFISCATED. If a student continues to have issues with their cell phone at school, they may be suspended on the third confiscation.

Earphones of any type are not allowed in the building.

Students may use their cell phones in the hallway and/or commons areas between classes and during lunch. They may not be used in a classroom **unless they are part of a specific lesson designed by the teacher.** **Be aware that the school is NOT responsible for your private property! You bring and use these devices at school at your own risk! If you choose to bring your private property to school please use the lockers and locks provided to you, especially in the gym. We will not be able to assist you if your private property is stolen!**



MAKE-UP WORK

Any work missed during an absence should be made up. It is the student's responsibility to ask for the work and complete it appropriately. Students have one class day for every day of absence (not to exceed 5 days) to make up the assignments.

Following an excused absence of 5 days or more, two days will be allowed for each day missed (not to exceed 10 days) to make up the assignments. It is preferred NOT to gather homework for students when only 1 or 2 days will be missed.

Remember that the student has the above mentioned days to makeup the work, and the responsibility rests on them to contact the teacher for their work. If a student knows in advance they will be absent, they should check with their teachers prior to the absence to see what they will be missing on those days.

COUNSELING

Counseling services are available to every student at La Junta Jr/Sr High School. These include social/emotional counseling and guidance counseling to help with educational planning, interpretation of test scores, occupational information, etc. Counselors are available during the day for walk-ins, but appointments are preferred when possible.

Schedule Changes

To instill a sense of commitment and responsibility in students, student-initiated schedule changes are determined on a case by case basis. In the event a valid circumstance exists requiring a schedule change, the following procedures will apply:

1. All valid requests for schedule changes will be handled after registration. Valid reasons for schedule changes include:
 - a. Computer error
 - b. Changes needed to satisfy graduation requirements
 - c. Changes necessitated by failing a course
 - d. Changes related to student health
2. Administrative changes needed to balance classes or correct student misplacement will be made during the first week of the semester.
3. Students who withdraw from a course after the first week will receive a Withdraw/Fail grade, which will be recorded on the student's transcript. This does not apply to students who transfer from another school.
4. Students who have withdrawn from class or who have been dropped will be the responsibility of the parents and MUST vacate campus during that period.

Personal Information to Recruiters

La Junta Jr/Sr High School is required by law to provide to military and college recruiters the names, and addresses, and phone number of juniors and seniors. If you do not wish to have your personal information released, please notify the counseling office in writing.

Calendar/Scheduling Conflicts

We applaud you for being a student who gets involved in school activities! If you find yourself in a situation where there is a conflict between two or more of your activities, you are responsible to:

1. INFORM your teacher (s), coach (es) and sponsor(s) of the conflict.
2. ACT immediately! Don't hope that this situation will just go away. If you delay it leaves all of your coaches/sponsors in a tough situation.
3. You may be faced with making a CHOICE between two activities. Unfortunately, sometimes this cannot be avoided. The Activities Director will help you through the decision making process and with informing your coaches/sponsors.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Health Aide

The health aide will be in the building Monday-Thursday from 7:30 am - 3:45 pm and by special appointment, when necessary. The health aide's office is located in Hex 2, 384-3046 Before and After School

1. No student should be in the building before 7:05 am unless requested by a teacher, the bus arrives early, and/or a student has been issued an early pass at the request of the parents.
2. After arriving on school grounds students are not to leave before first period unless permission is granted from the office.
3. No student should be in the building after 4:00 pm unless requested by a teacher or participating in a supervised activity.

Parent Contact with Students

Parents are asked to avoid calling the school or texting their student with messages during the school day. Important messages will be delivered at breaks. Students will NOT be called from class to speak with family members except in extreme emergencies.

Visitors

Students are NOT allowed to have friends or students from other schools on campus with them.

Fees

Textbooks and instructional materials required by all students are furnished by the school without charge to the student. Nominal fees are charged for courses where consumable materials will be used for individual projects, such as Art and/or Industrial Arts.

Debts to the School

Students are encouraged to pay all fees at registration. Those students who owe money for fees, library fines, textbook damage, etc. will be reminded prior to the end of each year. **At the end of each semester or school year, no transcripts will be provided to students or parents who owe money to the school.** We encourage you to take care of debts promptly in order to avoid problems.

Bus Rules

1. Students should be on time at the designated school bus stop and should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.
2. While on the bus, students should keep hands and heads inside the bus at all times.
3. Remember that loud talking and laughing divert the driver's attention and make safe driving difficult. Horseplay is not permitted around or on the school bus.
4. Bus riders should never tamper with the bus.
5. Do not leave books, lunches, or other articles on the bus.
6. Do not throw anything out the windows.
7. Bus riders are not permitted to leave their seats while the bus is in motion.
8. Bus riders are expected to be courteous to fellow pupils and to the bus driver.
9. Be absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad crossing.

Bus Infractions

1st offense will result in a student conference; parents will be notified.
2nd offense will result in a 5 day suspension from the bus; parents will be notified. 3rd offense will result in permanent suspension from all school district buses.

Student Common Areas

The student commons area is provided for students to study, visit quietly, eat breakfast and lunch, or meet friends. Food and drink during breaks, breakfast, and lunch must be consumed in the commons (or on picnic tables outside for HS students). Students are expected to act in a responsible manner and to assist in keeping the area attractive and neat. Vending machines are provided for your convenience and products should not be taken from the commons area into the classroom. Vending machines are not available during lunch time. Change will not be given during class time. When the tardy bell rings, you must be in class.



Hall Passes

Students are NOT permitted in the halls during class unless they are accompanied by a teacher or have a hall pass from the teacher in hand. This responsibility falls on the student.

Lockers

Lockers will be assigned for all 7th-10th graders. Lockers will be available to 11th-12th graders upon request at registration or in the front office. It is the student's responsibility to keep lockers clean and in good condition. Lockers are the property of the school and are loaned to the students for their personal use. Lockers are subject to inspection at any time by the administration. The school assumes NO responsibility for personal property located in lockers. To avoid theft, it is advised not to set your combination. You should keep your combinations confidential and secure. We suggest that large amounts of money and/or other valuables not be kept in lockers.

Parking Lot

The parking lot is off limits to all students unless you are entering or leaving campus. Please abide by the following procedures.

1. No students may park in the north faculty parking lot or the east side of the lot between the school and gym. These areas are only for faculty.
2. Park only in designated areas and within painted parking lines. Vehicles improperly parked may be towed at the student's expense, have a school fine imposed, or be ticketed by police.
3. Please keep your car locked at all times. ***The school is not responsible for theft or vandalism!***
4. Reckless driving will result in loss of parking privileges.
5. Bicycles are to be secured in the racks provided and are not to be used until lunch or at the end of the school day.
6. Students' vehicles are subject to inspection at any time by administration while on school property.

Dance Policy

No one will be admitted to any dance when there is any suspicion of alcohol, drug, or tobacco substances having been consumed or used prior to coming to the dance. If said person is admitted accidentally, he or she will be expelled from the dance immediately and will be suspended from school for a five day period. Having alcohol, drugs or any tobacco products on your person or in a locker or automobile constitutes a direct violation and students will leave the dance at once and be suspended for a five day period. Anyone seeking admission to a LA JUNTA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL activity may be required to take a breathalyzer test before being admitted.

Admittance to ALL dances will be limited to 30 minutes after starting time. NO ADMITTANCE AFTER THAT TIME. Once a student leaves a dance, they cannot return.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

East Otero School District Drug and Alcohol Policy is made available to students and parents at registration and parent meetings. All students are required to have a signed statement indicating they and their parents have read the policy before they are allowed to participate in any interscholastic activity. Parents only have to sign this policy once, regardless of the number of activities the student participates in, or the number of students the parent has in school. See policy JICH and JICH-R for a more thorough explanation of the district's drug and alcohol policies.

Extra-curricular Activities

Every student is encouraged to participate in Extra-curricular activities. Join activities that interest you - these include athletics, fine arts, subject oriented clubs, and special interest groups. When you commit yourself to an activity, you owe it your best efforts, not only to benefit the club, but yourself. If you fall behind in your schoolwork, extra help and teacher conferences take precedence over any Extra-curricular activity, and you may be requested to drop extra activities.



Athletic/School-Wide Eligibility

All participants in interscholastic athletics are subject to the eligibility rules of the Colorado High School Activities Association. Also, all La Junta Jr/Sr High School students, grades 7-12, will be placed on the weekly eligibility report which will be printed on the first day of each week. Those students who participate in clubs, Extra-curricular activities and athletics are subject to meeting our requirements. Each sponsor, leader or coach will be responsible to confirm that students are eligible to participate.

1. Eligibility is checked on a weekly basis.
2. A student failing two or more classes or the same class two consecutive weeks is ineligible for one week.
3. Eligibility reports are printed each Monday by 2nd hour.
4. Students declared ineligible will not be allowed to compete, perform or travel with their group from Monday through Monday of the following week.
5. Ineligible students may continue to practice with the team or group.
6. All participants in interscholastic activities or athletics must earn a minimum of 2.5 credits each semester in order to be eligible to participate the following semester.
7. This eligibility policy applies to all sports, clubs or organizations, and all dances.
8. If drama students are ineligible during a production week, they will be allowed to participate during the scheduled production. They will, however, be ineligible for the following production.

Eligibility to Hold Office or be a King/Queen Candidate

To hold a school office or to be a King/Queen candidate a student must:

- 1) Be in good standing in the school
- 2) Have and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA (Jr High student body officers require a 3.0 GPA)
- 3) Hold only one major office per school year (a major office is any one of president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, or school board rep of the student body or president of any club or organization)
- 4) The principal and/or designee has full authority to remove a student from office or place a student on probation.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SEASONS

FALL SPORTS

Football
Boys and Girls Cross Country
Volleyball
Boys Golf
Cheerleading

WINTER SPORTS

Wrestling
Boys and Girls Basketball

SPRING SPORTS

Boys and Girls Track & Field

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SEASONS

FALL SPORTS

Football
Boys and Girls Cross Country
Volleyball
Softball
Boys Golf
Cheerleading

WINTER SPORTS

Wrestling
Boys and Girls Basketball
Girls Swimming

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Boys and Girls Track & Field
Girls Tennis
Girls Golf

School Spirit

School spirit may be divided into three categories:

1. Courtesy: toward teachers, fellow students, and officials at athletic events.
2. Pride: displayed in everything our school endeavors to accomplish and has accomplished.
3. Sportsmanship: the ability to win and lose gracefully.

School spirit means loyalty to all functions of the school. A loyal student supports the school and does the utmost to keep scholastic and activity standards at the highest possible level.



TRADITIONS

School Colors Orange and Black

School Mascot Tigers

School Fight Songs “Tiger Rag” and “On La Junta” (all students stand when songs are played)

“ON LA JUNTA” FIGHT SONG

**ON LA JUNTA,
ON LA JUNTA
FIGHT ON FOR
YOUR FAME
PASS THAT BALL
AROUND THE FIELD A
TOUCHDOWN’S SURE
THIS TIME RAH! RAH!
RAH!
ON LA JUNTA,
ON LA JUNTA
FIGHT ON FOR
YOUR FAME
FIGHT FELLOWS, FIGHT,
FIGHT, FIGHT WE’LL WIN
THIS GAME!**



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Business Manager 301 Raton Avenue La Junta, CO 81050 (719) 384-6903

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