

DAKE JR. HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENT HANDBOOK
Made for students, by students

Tips for Succeeding at Dake

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BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

The room number system might not be what you expect. The first floor numbers are in the 100s near the office, but the rooms past the gym on the first floor are in the 200s. All the rooms on the second floor are in the 300s. Just ask any adult for help.

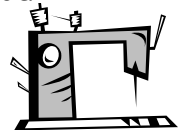
After you get your schedule, you should go and walk it, so you don't get lost on the first day. Don't be worried if you are late the first few days. Your teachers will understand. Adults will be in the hallway to help you!

FIRST DAY! (What to expect)

At Dake, you have to be in **homeroom** at **7:53 am**. If you are late you have to go to the Attendance Office and sign in so they know you made it to school. Also, you have to be out of the building or picked up by 3:15 after school.

You will be put on a "**team**" and everyone on that team will be in your grade and will have most of the same core teachers. It's kind of like a smaller school within the school. Each team also has its own counselor.

Your schedule changes a little in January at Dake, and you have to take **different classes each semester**. One of these classes is technology, where you build things like a carbon dioxide car, and you race them when they are completed. Also, you will take Family and Consumer Sciences (Home and Careers), where you learn about life skills, careers, and nutrition. You also sew and cook in that class. Also you have to take health, art and a music class.



You can come to school as early as **7:00 a.m.** every day. You have to come in through the doors by the **cafeteria** and that is where you have to stay until 7:40, unless you have a pass from a teacher. They have food you can buy to eat in the cafeteria. After 7:45 you must enter through the doors between Dake and the high school.

The hallways sometimes get a little crowded. It is best to always **stay to the right** side, especially on the stairs.

Although we are allowed to carry our books in bags, the teachers don't want us to stuff them with everything. It makes it hard to fit them all in the rooms.



In Dake, you have to take some sort of **musical course**. The options are:

1. orchestra
2. band
3. chorus
4. general music



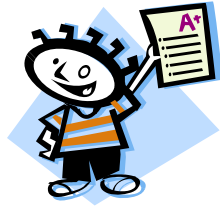
In addition you can participate in:

5. women's choir (8th grade)
6. swing choir
7. wind ensemble
8. jazz ensemble (audition required)
9. men's choir
10. the fall musical (audition required)

Some classes like foreign language, health, or earth science can be **at the high school**. You can go through the bell tower doors closest to the high school to get to your classes.

In physical education you have to wear sneakers, different shorts or sweatpants. Some different things we do in gym are archery and weight-lifting at the high school.





ACADEMICS

You must **do your homework** every night when the teachers give it to you, because if you don't, you may have to stay after school with them. There is much more homework than last year, so be sure to do your homework over the weekends that you will get from most teachers.

Ask for extra help if you need it because tests and homework are a big part of your grades.



It is very costly to take **sick** days. You will need to make up all the missing work, so have your parents ask for homework over the days you missed. To do this your parents can call the Counseling Office at 336-2961 or ask your teachers for what you missed. Get lots of sleep, exercise, and eat healthy food so you don't miss too much school!

Anytime you don't do your homework, you either have to **make it up** the next night, or you might get a zero on it.

Before tests you can go to **review class** if the teacher offers it. Sometimes in the morning the teacher might have donuts.

If you have a problem with something you can go to the cool, helpful **counselors and administrators**.

Each quarter there is something called the **Honor Roll breakfast**. If you get an average of 85% or above on your report card you make honor roll, and if you get a 90% or above you get high honor roll, except if you get less than a 75% in any one class.

ATTENDANCE



When the bell rings to end the period you only have **4 minutes to get to your next class**. Plan ahead if you need to go to your locker or the bathroom before your next class starts.

You **must be on time** for class because if you are late you may have to stay for a Tardy Party (not really a party), or get a detention.

You must always **have a pass** from a teacher to be in the hallway. That includes going to your locker, the bathroom or getting a drink.

If you have to leave for an appointment, and your parents called the attendance office or sent in a note; they don't need to come into Dake to sign you out. You can **sign out yourself** and meet your ride out front.

OTHER COOL THINGS AT DAKE

SPORTS

We have competitive sports teams at Dake. You can also try out for Junior Varsity or even Varsity level sports at the high school if you think you might be good enough.

Some sports that are offered are:

Fall

Cross-country
Soccer
Football
Volleyball

Winter

Basketball
Wrestling
Ski Club

Spring

Track and Field
Softball
Lacrosse
Field Hockey
Baseball



MAKE SURE YOUR ATHLETIC FORMS ARE TURNED IN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE!!! *Please don't make the same mistake as I did.* In the fall I was planning on trying out for soccer. My friends and I were nervous and yet excited at the same time as we could possibly make the team. Finally, the soccer coach began to call out names alphabetically. Suddenly, my name wasn't called!! According to the coach, my athletic eligibility forms were not in to the nurse. So I had to go back to the school from the field house to get cleared. The nurse then informed me again that my forms weren't on file. So, the result was my mom had to get off work to fill the forms out. This just caused chaos in our household.



LUNCH

Things you may do during lunch are: listen to iPods, play hand-held games, eat and talk to friends. You can eat with whomever you want, and there are great lunches. Sometimes during lunch you can go into the gym to play basketball.



It costs \$2.25 if you get the hot lunch. There are always two hot meal choices, or you can choose to get a salad from the salad bar, or a snack. A drink, fruit and vegetables are all provided when you buy lunch. The snack line is usually very long, so be prepared to wait.

Halfway through lunch the **All Purpose Room**, or APR, opens up. The APR is a very big room you can go in that has board and card games, a movie to watch, and chairs that you can just sit in and talk to your friends. When the door to the APR opens, anyone who wants to go in forms a line and 60 people are allowed to sign in. Whether you stay in the lunch room or go into the APR, lunch is a fun period to hang out with friends.



CLUBS

Something you should know about is that Dake has a lot fun clubs like **Drama Club, Cable Club, Yearbook Club, Sign-Language Club, Recycling Club, morning announcements, Student Government, Science Club, Art Club, Ski Club** and many more. Just ask a teacher to enter a cool club. Your planner has a complete list of clubs offered.



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

In Rogers and Iroquois you couldn't wear hats and chew gum, but at Dake **you can wear hats and chew gum!** There may be some teachers who do not allow hats or gum in their class. You have to respect those teachers and take off your hat or throw out your gum if they ask you to.



PEACE Day is in the fall, and the school shows what can happen when people treat each other poorly, and we learn about accepting all different kinds of people. We see shows and do art projects and watch good videos. The day is full of activities and is a lot of fun. The cool part is that there is **NO HOMEWORK!**

Every month we have a **monthly homeroom collection** and we donate things to different organizations to help them out. You bring whatever the monthly collection is into your homeroom, and the class with the most things might get a reward such as a breakfast party.

The last Friday of each month is a **Spirit Day**. It might be hat day, pajama day, blue and gold, or sunglasses day. The team with the most participation gets a point on their thermometer. You can also get points by bringing in the most homeroom collection items. At the end of the year the team with the most points gets an ice cream party.

Emerald

Amethyst

Sapphire

Topaz

Ruby

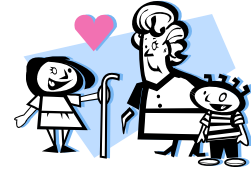
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Near the end of the year there is a **talent show**. Anyone can audition to be in it, not just the older kids.

Some students might be chosen to be part of **Natural Helpers** or **Peer Mediators**. These kids learn how to help other people who might be in a disagreement with a friend, or upset about something.

Service Learning is something you have to do for a month during the school year. If you have a study hall, you have to do community service. Sometimes, you go to places outside of Dake and work with little kids or elderly people. Sometimes, you stay at Dake and help the school or other organizations with different projects.



During the year you can collect "**Book Bucks**" for all of the books you have read. Later in the year there is an auction and you can buy some really great things with your Book Bucks like an iPod or gift cards.

You can **volunteer to help out in the library** during your study halls. You get to sit behind the big circulation desk and help other kids.

If you are a member of **Student Government**, you can help plan parties and dances throughout the year.



In June the 8th graders have a **dinner dance**. They go to a party house and get dressed up and have dinner and dance to a DJ. They also get their yearbooks at the dance.

There is a **Dake website** that you can go to if you have questions. You can get the lunch menu, club schedules, or access teachers' websites.

You can get to the website by going to
<http://www.westirondequoit.org/dake/index.htm>

RULES

Some rules at Dake you should know are:

You must keep your **cell phone** in your locker during the day. You can only use them before and after school. Teachers get really mad if they see you texting during class. They might take your phone from you, give you detention or call your parents.



You can't have an **iPod** or any electronic games anytime during the day, but when you go to lunch, you can listen to your iPod and play your games.

Bullying will not be tolerated. Dake is a place of mutual respect and teamwork. If you are having problems with someone you can go to the cool, helpful counselors or administrators. Sometimes, you can work with peer mediators or natural helpers.



Using or selling **drugs or alcohol** is absolutely forbidden. If you use or sell drugs or alcohol you will be suspended for a long time.

In Dake there is **no tolerance** for stealing. Most likely you will get caught, and you will make the person feel bad if it was something special to them.

Some other things you get in trouble for:

Talking back to a teacher

Getting into fights

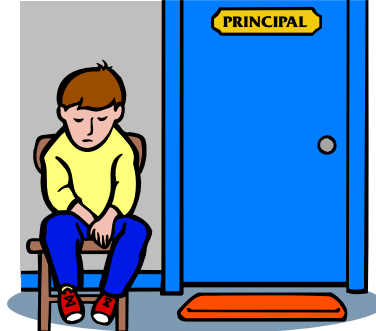
Being mean to someone

Threatening someone

Skipping a class



On occasion when you do get into trouble, you can go to **DSH**, which is Detention Study Hall. Expect to do your work while you're in DSH and make up the time you missed from class before or after school.



All of the above and more things could also get you **suspended**. You can get suspended for a short period of time or a long period of time; it really depends on what you did.

ADVICE

Take some advice from those of us who have been here...

Take advantage of extra-curricular activities. You will meet plenty of friends!!

Be respectful of each other and your teachers. That way you will gain their respect back.

WORK HARD IN YOUR CLASSES
AND
HAVE FUN!!!



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