

The School District of Philadelphia
John H Taggart Elementary School

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK
2024-2025 Academic Year



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Neighborhood Network 3

This is an informational handbook that should be referenced throughout this academic year. The material contained is not all-inclusive, but highlights information most often needed. Among its contents are specific procedures for the operation of the school, procedures and protocols for students and parents, as well as policies of the School District of Philadelphia. Please read this handbook in its entirety and review the expectations with your child(ren). If changes are made, you will be alerted to those changes during the school year.

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2024-25

August 20, 2024	Staff Only- Reorganization
August 21-23, 2024	Staff Only- Professional Development
August 26, 2024	First day for Students in Kindergarten - Grade 12
August 26-30, 2024	Kindergarten Interviews - Early Dismissal for Kindergarten Students
September 2, 2024	Labor Day - Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
September 23, 2024	Interim Reports - Quarter 1
September 27, 2024	*Student Early Dismissal - Staff Professional Development
October 3, 2024	Rosh Hashanah - Administrative Offices and Schools Closed
October 25, 2024	*Student Early Dismissal - Staff Professional Development
November 5, 2024	Election Day - Schools Closed for Staff and Students
November 7, 2024	Term 1 Ends - Grades Due
November 15, 2024	Staff Only- Term 1 Report Card Conferences
November 27, 2024	*Student Early Dismissal - Staff Professional Development
November 28-29, 2024	Thanksgiving Holiday- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
December 9, 2024	Interim Reports - Term 2
December 13, 2024	*Student Early Dismissal - Staff Professional Development
December 23 - January 2	Winter Recess- Schools Closed
January 3, 2025	Staff Only- Professional Development
January 20, 2025	Dr. Martin Luther King Day- Administrative Offices and Schools Closed
January 22, 2025	Term 2 Ends - Grades Due
January 29, 2025	Lunar New Year - Administrative Offices and Schools Closed
January 30-31, 2025	*Student Early Dismissal - Term 2 Report Card Conferences

February 7, 2025	*Student Early Dismissal – Staff Professional Development
February 17, 2025	Presidents' Day- Administrative Offices and Schools Closed
February 19, 2025	Interim Reports - Term 3
March 7, 2025	*Student Early Dismissal – Staff Professional Development
March 21, 2025	Term 3 Ends - Grades Due
March 27-28, 2025	*Student Early Dismissal – Term 3 Report Card Conferences
March 31, 2025	Eid-al-Fitr -Administrative Offices and Schools Closed
April 14-18, 2025	Spring Recess/Good Friday - Schools Closed
April 21, 2025	PSSA Testing Window Opens
May 2, 2025	Interim Reports - Term 4 PSSA Testing Window Ends
May 9, 2025	*Student Early Dismissal – Staff Professional Development
May 20, 2025	Election Day – Schools Closed
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day- Administrative Offices and Schools Closed
June 6, 2025	Eid al-Adha - Administrative Offices Closed
June 11-13, 2025	Graduation Window
June 12, 2025	*Student Early Dismissal – Staff Professional Development
June 13, 2025	*Last Day for Students and Staff ; Term 4 Ends - Student Early Dismissal; Full Day for Staff
June 19, 2025	Juneteenth - Administrative Offices Closed

***Student Dismissal Times on Early Dismissal Days: 12:39 Grades 7-8 12:30 - Kindergarten-Grade 2 12:35 – Grades 3-6**

***School Dismissal Locations:**

- 12:25- Bus Students dismiss (PreK-K school yard)**
- 12:30 - Kindergarten (PreK- K school yard)**
- 12:35 – Grades 1st-5th grade will dismiss in the Main school yard (Located back of school)**
- 12:39 –6th-8th grade will be dismiss on 4th street (School front entrance)**

WELCOME TO TAGGART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

On behalf of the Taggart School Staff, we are very pleased to have you and your child as a part of our Taggart School Family. We are pleased to issue our Student and Parent Handbook to all of our families. We hope that this handbook will be a valuable resource to help guide you. It is our goal to provide a safe, nurturing, and academically challenging program for all children. We aim to foster a school environment where every student can develop to his/her maximum potential, learn the importance of responsibility and cooperation, develop self-esteem and treat everyone with respect and dignity. Feel free to ask questions of teachers, staff and administration. We welcome your involvement. Please visit us, volunteer, and become active in our learning community. Contents of this handbook may be revised during the course of the school year dependent upon District and School policy and/or procedure changes. Parents will be informed of changes.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Mckenna, Principal
Eric Young, Climate Manager

TAGGART SCHOOL POLICIES

SAFETY

1. Children should arrive at school between 8:30 AM and 8:55 AM. The bell rings at 8:55 AM. Children are to observe the admittance procedures. **ONCE CHILDREN ARE IN THE SCHOOL YARD/CAFETERIA, THEY MAY NOT LEAVE FOR ANY REASON.**
2. ***During inclement weather***, children should arrive at school by 8:55 AM and no later than 9:00 AM. Kindergarten - Grade 2 students arriving between 8:40 AM- 8:55 AM should proceed to the side door entrance located in the main school yard, where they will remain with staff until teachers are in attendance. Grades 3-8 students report to the cafeteria. Parents will not be permitted to enter the building with their children for morning admittance on inclement weather days.
3. Children are late after 9:00 AM and must obtain a late slip from the sign-in desk inside the main entrance or the main office if no one is at the sign-in desk.
4. Running, playing karate, play fighting, and other rough games are dangerous and are NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL YARD OR IN ANY AREA OF THE SCHOOL.
5. Please stress appropriate behavior in the schoolyard with your child. Children are to ask for the help of an adult in charge of the school yard if they have any difficulty.
6. ****Students may utilize the playground after school *ONLY IF they are accompanied by an adult.***** If they are not, they must leave the school grounds at dismissal as there is no staff to supervise them. The playground may not be used as a waiting area for your child to be picked up. ***Students playing in the school yard after school will not be permitted re-entry into the building for any reason, including to get water or to use the restroom, so they should plan accordingly.***

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:30-8:55 AM Any student who would like to eat breakfast, may enter the lunchroom through the school yard beginning at 8:30 AM. When finished eating, children will be sent to the school yard to wait for their teacher. They may not go to classrooms or other areas of the building unless they have a pass from a teacher. Parents may not accompany their children into the cafeteria in the morning.

8:55 AM Students line up in the school yard to be admitted into the building in an orderly fashion. Teachers meet their class in the yard and escort them to their rooms.

Note: Children should not be on school grounds before 8:30 AM.

3:30 PM *Kindergarten* and *bus students* are dismissed. Kindergarten students are dismissed in the small courtyard located in the main school school yard. *Parents should not park in the bus areas on Porter Street.*

3:35 PM Students in *Grades 1-5* are dismissed in the main school yard (At the same location where they meet their teacher during morning arrival.)

3:39 PM Students in *Grades 6-8* are dismissed at the front entrance door located on *4th street (4th & Porter).*

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Taggart prides itself on providing a safe and healthy environment for student learning to take place. Cell phone possession and usage during school hours is a great disruption to instruction and can be a safety issue. We ask that you please note, in accordance with the School District of Philadelphia Code of Student Conduct: **Possession of cell phones and other electronic devices is prohibited.**

Understanding the age of technology that we live in, we understand the possible need for student/ parent communication before or after school. With that said, all students who bring a cell phone to school with them for safety reasons **MUST** turn in their phones during homerooms where the teacher will lock them up and return at the end of the day. **AT NO TIME DURING THE SCHOOL DAY IS IT ACCEPTABLE FOR STUDENTS TO ACCESS THEIR CELL PHONE.** If a student urgently needs to contact a parent or guardian during the school day, they must get a Hall Pass from their teacher and go to the Main Office and ask to use the school phone in the Main Office. *Taggart Elementary School will assume no responsibility for any lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones or any other electronic device in a student possession as students are prompted every morning to turn their phones in during homeroom where they can be locked up.*

If a cell phone is heard or seen at any time during the school day, the phone will be confiscated and the student will be subject to disciplinary actions. Below are the steps that will be taken to rectify the Cell Phone violation:

- **1st cell phone/electronic device violation:**
 - After the first confiscation of your child's cell phone, you will be notified and the cell phone will be returned at the end of the day.

- **2nd cell phone/electronic device violation:**
 - The second time your child's cell phone is confiscated, you will be required to meet with the Climate Manager and/or the Principal in order to receive the phone.

- **3rd cell phone/electronic device violation:**
 - The third occurrence in which your child's phone is confiscated, the phone **WILL NOT BE RETURNED to the student until the last day of the school year (June 13th) (NO exceptions)**

ABSENCES AND LATENESS

Regular attendance ensures the continuity of the educational program. It is the expectation of the School District of Philadelphia that your child be in attendance 90% of the days that school is in session each month and 95% of the days for the entire school year. Students cannot miss more than 9 days of school in order to achieve this attendance target. If your child is absent from school, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the teacher with a reason in writing within 3 days of your child's return from the absence. Excessive absences and lateness are disruptive to the educational progress of your child and will result in referral to Truancy Court. Absences in which a student misses more than three consecutive days require a doctor's note. Family trips/vacations during the school year will be documented as ***unexcused*** absences.

EARLY RELEASE OF STUDENTS

To maintain the flow of instruction, leaving school early is discouraged and disruptive to the educational environment. We realize, however, there are times when leaving early is unavoidable. If an early dismissal is required, students must be picked up from the main office by a parent or an individual on the student's emergency contact form (authorized representative). Teachers are not permitted to release a student directly to a parent. ***Identification must be presented by all parents/authorized individuals in order for a child to be released during the school day. Early dismissal will not be granted after 2:45 pm each day.***

VISITOR/ VOLUNTEER SIGN IN PROCEDURES

- All visitors/volunteers must sign-in at the desk on the first floor when entering the building.
- After signing-in on the first floor, individuals should proceed to the Main Office on the second floor and speak to the secretary about the purpose of the visit.
- If you are scheduled to visit a classroom for an event or attend a parent meeting, a visitor's pass will be given to you which you are expected to wear. Please do not wander around the building or go to other areas than what you have been given permission to go.

COMMUNICATION WITH A TEACHER

To contact your child's teacher, you may use any of the following modes:

- Send a note with your child asking the teacher to write or call you. Tell the teacher when you are available at home or work.
- Send a note with your child asking the teacher for an appointment. Please specify the times that you can meet - before school, during the day, after school, etc.
- Ask the school secretary to leave a note in the teacher's mailbox. Teachers will not be called to the phone during class time.
- Email your child's teacher on his/her school district email.
- Send the teacher a message on Class Dojo.

Note: At our annual Back-to-School Night, teachers will communicate with you how they would like for you to communicate with them. Teachers are expected to be responsive to parent questions and concerns and should respond within 48 hours of you reaching out to them.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Principal McKenna and members of the leadership team are available to discuss concerns. In an effort to make certain the concerns are given to the appropriate party and followed through in a timely manner, parents will be asked to complete a 'Parent Concern Form' prior to being seen by the Principal or the team. If assistance is needed in completing the form, the school secretary can assist. Someone will respond to your concern within 48 hours which gives the team the opportunity to investigate any concerns presented. If possible, the principal or a member of the team will meet with you before the 48 hour period but it is not guaranteed.

To contact the Principal, you may:

- Stop in the main office and complete a 'Parent Concern Form'. If possible, the principal will meet with you after morning announcements.
- Email Principal McKenna at sstover@philasd.org.
- Call the school at 215-400-8290 and leave a detailed message with the secretary. Please specify the purpose of your call.

PARKING

We understand that it is difficult to find parking around the school, however, it is imperative that you do not park in the school parking lot during the school hours Monday-Friday from 7:30am-4:00pm. We want our teachers to be able to park in a timely manner without delay so that they are ready to receive your children. Also, please do not block the bus lanes or the main school yard entrance so that our school buses are able to unload students safely.

SEPTA STUDENT FARE CARDS

Students in 7th and 8th who attend Taggart and live at least one and a half (1.5) miles from school are eligible to receive free Student Fare Cards. Student Fare Cards will be distributed the first day of school. It is a reusable chipped card used by students to board a SEPTA trolley, bus, or subway. Students will be able to use the SEPTA Student Fare Card for the entire school year. The SEPTA Student Fare Card is active for each designated school day from the hours of 5:30 am to 8:00 pm. SEPTA Student Fare Cards will not be operational on national holidays, weekends, and predetermined non-school days. If your SEPTA Student Fare Card becomes lost, stolen, or damaged please contact Principal McKenna for a replacement. Your previous card will be deactivated and a new card will be assigned to you. Students cannot have more than one active Fare Card at any time.

LOST AND FOUND

Children's names should be written on items of clothing, which can be easily lost. Lunch boxes, books, book bags, boots, and sneakers should also be labeled with student names. Please check the lost and found behind the sign-in desk for any lost items. Periodically the lost and found will be cleaned out and unclaimed items will be donated. Taggart School assumes no responsibility for items not retrieved from the lost and found in a timely manner.

DRESS CODE

All children in K through 8 are expected to comply with the mandatory uniform policy. The guidelines for Taggart uniforms are:

- ★ Khaki pants or shorts
- ★ Khaki jumpers or skirts (knee-length)
- ★ Navy Blue shirts (short or long sleeve)
- ★ Students may wear Taggart school shirts and activity t-shirts as uniform shirts.
- ★ Sneakers, closed shoe, buckled, or laced with a rubber sole that has a uniform appearance.
- ★ Please no visible undergarments or bare midriffs
- ★ Hats are not to be worn on heads indoors.
Hoodies are allowed, but the hood should remain off their heads at all times while in the school building.
(No exceptions)

The following articles of clothing are unacceptable and are not be worn to school:

- ★ Midriff tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap or sleeveless T-shirts, tank shirts, undershirts
- ★ Shirts with inappropriate, derogatory or inflammatory printed statements
- ★ Unstrapped shoes, crocs, slides, flip-flops or open-toed shoes
- ★ Head wear other than for religious purposes (no sheistys, bandanas, scarves, hats, etc.)

UNIFORM POLICY INFRACTIONS

- ★ Every student should be in uniform daily.
- ★ If a student is out of uniform, then they should be prompted with a warning by the teacher or staff
- ★ Second time a student is out of uniform, student will be issued an automatic detention (Detentions are either Tuesdays or Thursdays from 3:30-4:30)
- ★ Dress down days will be every Friday and it will be \$1 to participate. All monies earned from dress down days go into our Student Activity Fund.
- ★ Uniform policy will go into effect
- ★ If a child is out of uniform due to personal/family issues, please communicate to Principal McKenna, Mr. Young or Counselor DellaVella so that we can assist you the best way we can.

BECOMING A VOLUNTEER

If you would like to become a volunteer at Taggart, please follow the steps below to submit a completed volunteer packet. [SDP Volunteering Brochure](#)

- A. Volunteers will compile the following documents as part of the “Volunteer Packet” which must be given to the school and signed by the principal before volunteering commences:
 - a. Signed Volunteer Code of Conduct Agreement.
 - b. [Child Abuse History Clearance](#) – free for volunteers.
 - c. [PA State Criminal Record Check](#) – free for volunteers.
 - d. ONE of the following:
 - If the individual HAS LIVED in PA for the past 10 years: a signed [Volunteer Affirmation sheet](#) – free for volunteers.
 - If the individual HAS NOT LIVED in PA for the past 10 years: [FBI Background Check with fingerprinting](#) – \$24.25
- B. **Certificate of Volunteer Orientation Completion.** This training may be completed online via a webinar that can be accessed at any time on the FACE website.

Once all the above items have been completed, individuals will turn in their completed Volunteer Packets to the school secretary so that the principal can review and sign-off on the packet. ***Please do not submit incomplete packets as they will not be accepted.*** After the principal signs off on the Volunteer Packet, the individual may commence volunteering. The principal or principal’s designee will notify an individual when they can begin volunteering or that their Volunteer Packet is either incomplete or has been rejected due to clearance issues. Volunteers will be required to submit the volunteer clearances component of the packet every 60 months (5 years). If you have any questions, you can reach out to the Office of Family and Community Engagement, at 215-400-4180, option 6 or volunteer@philasd.org.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR/RULES AND PROCEDURES

We expect children to behave in an acceptable and responsible manner while at school, on field trips, riding the school bus, on the playground, and in other school-related situations. Good behavior, courtesy and cooperation are essential for learning. Students are expected to keep the school grounds, halls, and stairwells free of trash and litter.

Taggart uses Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to encourage students to display productive behaviors. Each month Taggart students will engage in a PBIS incentive that students will be working toward displaying our school PBIS Norms. Our PBIS norms are:

- Be Safe

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

To this end, we believe children should be taught to be responsible citizens. Students must have a clear understanding of our behavioral expectations and must be responsible for their part in following these expectations. Students should be aware of the consequences when rules are broken. School personnel will intervene in conflicts as necessary, and will work with students to resolve conflicts constructively.

Children who repeatedly exhibit inappropriate behavior, or engage in fighting, bullying or other serious issues, are referred to Administration. When a child is referred to Administration, we will notify the parents to inform them of the serious or continuing problems. The goal is to work collaboratively to support the child to be successful by engaging in appropriate behaviors at school. While infractions will be handled by using corrective measures short of suspension whenever possible, there may be times when a suspension is warranted. In the handling of each offense, every effort shall be made to have the action commensurate with the nature of the offense in light of surrounding circumstances. Taggart School implements the policies and rules of the School District of Philadelphia’s Student Code of Conduct. You can access the 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct [HERE](#).

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

All students have the opportunity to receive free breakfast and lunch daily at school. Parents can provide a packaged lunch if desired. **Students should bring no glass bottles at any time.** Taggart School provides three lunch periods which are below. Please work with your child to practice his/her lunch number (student ID number) so that he/she can move through the lunch line quickly.

KINDERGARTEN- 3rd Grade	11:30am-12:15pm
GRADES 4th-6th	12:30pm-1:15pm
GRADES 7th-8th	1:30pm-2:00pm

LUNCHROOM RULES

Please discuss the following rules with your child:

1. Follow the directions of the staff.
2. Report problems to the adults in charge.
3. Speak in soft voices.
4. Stay seated in your assigned place until it is time to leave.
5. Walk at all times.
6. Eat, using good manners.
7. Dispose of trash and unwanted food in the trash cans.
8. Leave the lunchroom in an orderly manner.

CELEBRATIONS AND FOOD SAFETY

The safety and health of our children is of utmost importance. As we have many students with allergies, we ask for your support in implementing the following:

- Please report any food allergies and/or other health concerns to the teacher and school nurse.
- Please do not surprise your child’s class with food. If you would like to send in a food treat/snack to your child’s class, please contact the teacher and develop a plan in advance.
- Students are not permitted to have food deliveries from outside vendors (i.e. Grubhub, Caviar etc) sent to the school. Staff cannot verify the identity of delivery persons and/or the contents of such deliveries. If

your child has an outside vendor deliver food to the school, a parent will be notified and the delivery will be held in the office for the parent to pick up at dismissal.

SAFETY DRILLS: FIRE, LOCKDOWN AND SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Fire Drills, Lockdowns and Shelter-in-Place drills are conducted throughout the school year. Fire drills are conducted monthly and lockdown and shelter-in-place drills are minimally practiced once a year. A lockdown occurs when there is a potential threat or safety concern inside or outside of the school. Shelter-in-Places take place if there is an environmental hazard that requires that we take shelter in assigned locations in the school building. It is essential that the students follow the directions for each drill as reviewed by their teachers. Children are to move quickly and quietly to their designated positions. All drills are necessary precautions to have our students ready for any type of disaster that may occur.

TAGGART SCHOOL SERVICES

COUNSELING SERVICES

Ms. DellaVella, our school counselor, is available to help parents, children, and teachers solve school-related problems. This may involve making referrals to special programs or other schools and services. Our goal is to prevent major problems from occurring. Children may be seen individually or in groups.

We are a school that helps children learn to solve problems. Ms. DellaVella will work with individual children, parents, teachers, paraprofessionals and groups of children toward the goal of developing individual responsibility and an understanding of the best way each child can handle life's challenges.

Planning for high school begins in September. Parents of 8th graders are encouraged to participate. Please visit the School District's website for further information including deadlines and open houses.

HEALTH SERVICES

The school nurse, Nurse Mackenzie, annually evaluates the health status of each child. The following services are provided:

1. Medical examinations reviewed at school entry and sixth grade.
2. Dental examinations reviewed at school entry, third and seventh grades.
3. Visual screening annually and parental contact if a visual deficit is detected.
4. Hearing screening in K-3 and sixth grades.
5. Height and weight measurements each year.
6. Assistance with obtaining insurance, finding a medical home, and/or a dentist.
7. Medication administration and/or medical procedures as needed. Please contact the school nurse for required documents and procedures.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

State immunization requirements mandate that 'if your child isn't up-to-date with his/her immunizations when school starts, you will now have 5 days to get the next dose of the vaccine that they need, and provide a medical plan to get up-to-date. Vaccines are required on the first day of school. For more information, please speak to Nurse Mackenzie or email mokeefe@philasd.org.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

In early October, a list of the extra-curricular activities that Taggart will offer to students during this school year will be sent home to you. For each activity offered, the information sent home will include a description of the club, targeted grades, the teacher sponsor, how to apply for the club, the start date, days, times and location as well as the max number of students that each club can accommodate. Please review this information and follow the application process if you would like to enroll your child in any of the clubs.

INTERNET SAFETY RULES

GRADES K-5

1. I will tell my trusted adult if anything makes me feel sad, scared or confused.
2. I will ask my trusted adult before sharing information like my name, address, and phone number.
3. I will not meet face-to-face with anyone from the Internet.
4. I will always use good etiquette and not be rude or mean online.

GRADES 6th-8th

1. I will think before I post.
2. I will respect others online.
3. I will get permission and be careful when meeting my online friends.
4. I will protect myself online.

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA)

The Internet is a rich source of information, and provides opportunities for research, skill development and communication. All students have access to the Internet in their classrooms and in technology class.

Parents should monitor their child(ren)'s use of the home computer. Parents should periodically check the sites visited such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter. This recommendation is suggested to protect the safety of your child.

This year the district will be using Go Guardian, which is a filtering system that will block sensitive content on student Chromebooks. This filter will work on all district devices at home and school.

At the beginning of each school year, each parent and child will be given an Acceptable Use of Technology Policy. The contents are summarized below.

Cyber-bullying occurs by use of electronic or communication devices through means of email, instant messaging, text messaging, blogs, photo and video sharing, chat rooms, bash boards, or websites and is prohibited per School District of Philadelphia policy. Should cyberbullying affect the function of school, the school will take disciplinary action.

1. Acceptable Use

- At school, students may use the Internet for research, to learn, and to communicate with others. Students agree to trail the rules of appropriate behavior while on the Internet.
- Students will not copy material and say that they wrote it themselves.
- Students will cite all URLs that they use.
- Students will use web sites that are suitable for children.
- Students will not download any music or plug-ins that take up valuable bandwidth and slow down the system.

- The use of file sharing and media streaming services, such as downloading and listening to music on the Internet is wasteful, disruptive, and is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** on all District computers and networks.

2. Privileges

Being able to use the Internet is a privilege, and teachers, staff and administrators are the decision-makers when it comes to whether a student uses the Internet. If a student does not use the Internet appropriately, then Internet privileges will be eliminated.

3. Etiquette

Students are expected to follow rules for appropriate behavior on the Internet. These include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Students will be polite when writing a message.
- Students will use appropriate language.
- Students will remember that email is not private.
- Students will remember that others can see what they write.
- Information that a student retrieves from the Internet is for the student's use. The student does not own it and did not write it. A student must identify where it was found by citing the URL.

4. Online Safety and Cyberbullying Prevention

- Students will not give their last name, address, telephone number, or parents' / guardians' work address or work telephone number to anyone on the Internet.
- Students will not give out an email address without permission.
- If something is found on the Internet that makes a student uncomfortable or nervous, the student will get an adult to help immediately.
- If a student gets a message that is mean or frightening, the student will tell a responsible adult.
- If a student finds him/herself on an inappropriate site, the student will click the Back or Home button to leave that site within 5 seconds. The student will then tell an adult.
- Students can be disciplined for off-campus cyberbullying that can have an adverse affect on the safety and well being of other students.

5. Truthfulness

Students understand that not all information on the Internet is true. The School District of Philadelphia is not responsible for the truth or the quality of the information found on the Internet.

6. Security

Many students will use the Internet and it is important to have adults in charge of the system. Students will not connect to the Internet without permission. Passwords are important and students will keep their passwords secret. Students will not ask other students for their passwords.

7. Vandalism

Students will lose the privilege to use the Internet, and perhaps the computers themselves, if they are responsible for any intentional damage to the computers, the computer setup, or files that belong to others.

PARENT PORTAL

All parents should register for the Parent Portal via the following link: [Parent and Family Portal – Family & Community Engagement](#). The School District of Philadelphia's Parent & Family Portal **gives you access to valuable information about your child's education and school.**

Taggart HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

The Home and School Association (HSA) of Taggart School Elementary consists of hard working parents and caretakers who support the school through fundraising and volunteerism. Their goal is to help maintain an exceptional neighborhood school that provides the best possible learning environment for our children. The HSA is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to

What the HSA does:

- Raise money for school programming
- Promote school spirit and community involvement through special events
- Help keep parents informed of school activities and news
- Support teachers and staff by helping meet classroom needs and recognizing accomplishments
- Volunteer at key school activities such as Picture Day, class
- Trips, gym nights, etc.