

Robert L. Patton Home of the Panthers

February Highlights



Current Academic Information:

- Eleventh graders will be required to take the **ACT** test on **March 6**. This test will be given to them free of charge. ACT scores are used for college acceptance and it will assess their proficiency in English, Reading, Writing, Science, and Math.
- Eleventh grade students should be working on how to prepare for the ACT by visiting <http://actstudent.org/testprep/index.html>

Work Keys Testing:

Work Keys is a national assessment of career readiness. It will be administered to all students on **February 14th** who are enrolled in grade 12 and are identified as Career and Technical Education concentrators. Work Keys is part of a system of assessments that will provide information about how well North Carolina students are prepared for careers and college.

ATTENDANCE:

If students have been absent more than 5 days they owe make up time. If time is not made up after school Monday-Friday 2:45-4:00 students will not receive any credit for their courses this semester. Attendance is crucial for your student to be successful in high school. Please contact Mrs. Abernathy if you have concerns about your student or questions regarding the attendance policy.

Spring Open House:

February 23rd Back to School Night

5:30-7:00 Meet Teachers

PAM trainings at 5:30& 6:30

Parent Teacher Organizational Meeting TBA

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EXEMPTION FROM EXAMS

A student may be exempt from an exam in any course where a state mandated End-of-Course Test or VOCATS is not required if:

1. The student has an "A" average in the course and has no more than three (3) absences **(for any reason, including "excused absences")**
2. The student has a "B" average in the course and has no more than two (2) absences. **(for any reason, including "excused absences")**
3. The student has a "C" average in the course and has no more than one (1) absence. **(for any reason, including "excused absences")**

** Any student has the option to take any exam from which the student is exempt.

***Students will be counted present for attendance during days of ISS and completion of BATS (Burke Alternative to Suspension) . However, the student is not eligible for exam exemption if he/she has missed class for disciplinary actions and/or consequences.

****According to the PHS tardy policy, students may not be exempt from exams

Please visit the guidance link to see new scholarship opportunities and due dates.

Upcoming Dates:

- February 10th Blood Drive
- February 21st Talent Show 6:00
- **February 23rd Back to School Night**
- **5:30-7:00 Meet Teachers**
- **PAM trainings at 5:30& 6:30**
- February 29th Progress Reports Go Home
- March 1st Band Concert 7:00
- March 6th ACT for Junior Class
- March 6th Senior Cap and Gown Pictures
- March 26th Academic Excellence Program/Luncheon
- March 23rd Workday/ Students Out!