

NJHS

Husky Helpers

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# Introduction to Husky Helpers - Click Video to Play



# Vision of Husky Helpers

The vision of Husky Helpers is to proactively cultivate a welcoming and positive environment in the NJHS common areas.

# Why Husky Helpers at NJHS?

Volunteers will help create opportunities for students to feel noticed and recognized in a positive manner and to have a sense of support from members of our community. With the unique challenge of integrating six feeder schools, Husky Helpers would serve as an extra layer of support for children during a vulnerable time of their life to help them feel recognized and encouraged.

# How was Husky Helpers commenced?

In November of 2021, parents met with Mr. Merriwether to collaborate and plan a vision of building a team of volunteers to serve at NJHS. Statistics relating to impacts on youth from single parent homes, as well as the detrimental role of technology in our youth were discussed. These 2 reasons, among others, indicated the youth in our community are hurting and there was a strong need for this army of volunteers to serve in the school to promote positive relationships. A committee of parents and 1 grandparent was born to work together with Mr. Merriwether to plan and implement the Husky Helpers initiative. As you will read, on the next slide, the statistics are alarming, and we are hopeful you will think about volunteering your time to devote to our youth.

# Husky Helper Core Values

1. To cultivate a welcoming and positive environment at NJHS.
2. To help all students feel recognized and appreciated.
3. To serve and support the students of the NJHS community.

# Husky Helper Measurable Goals

1. Husky Helpers will contribute to the reduction of office referrals, in general areas, by 10%.
2. There will be a 10% increase in the number of students who feel recognized and encouraged by the presence of Husky Helpers (as reported on a survey).

# How can I volunteer to be a Husky Helper

- Prior to volunteering, all volunteers must register on the EVSC website as a volunteer to have proper background screening. Click this link to access the EVSC website:  
[district.evscschools.com-volunteer](https://district.evscschools.com-volunteer)
- This process takes 2 weeks and must be completed before volunteering for the school.
- Volunteers need to watch the orientation/ training video.
- [Virtual Orientation Link](#)
- After completing the prior steps, all Husky Helper volunteers will need to attend an introductory meeting with Principal Merriwether to be approved for service. Please schedule your meeting by calling 812-435-0975.
- Upon approval, Husky Helpers will need to pay \$10.00 cash or check payable to NJHS for their Husky Helper shirt and review and sign guidelines for Husky Helper volunteers.



# People You Need to Know

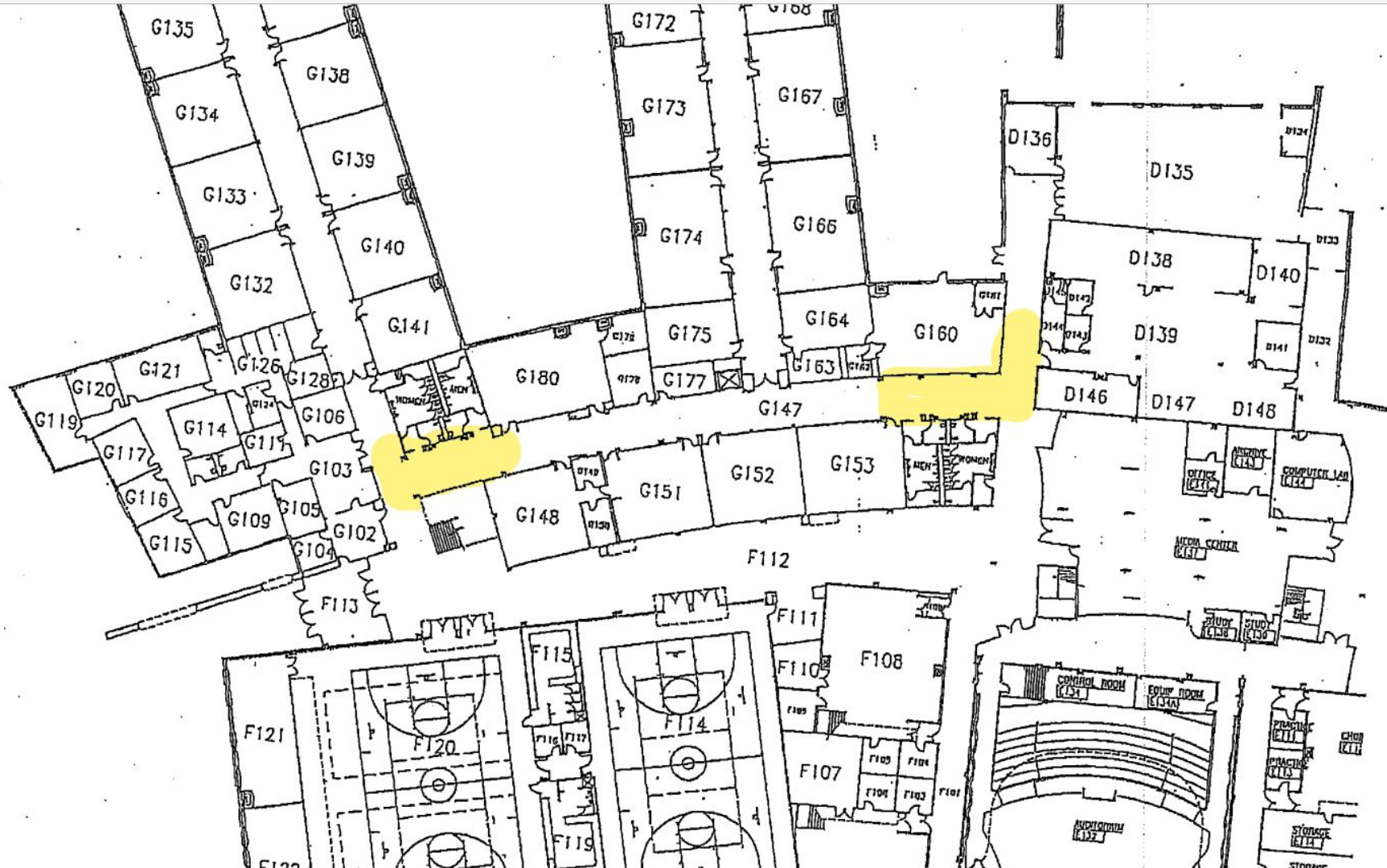
- Ryan Merriwether Principal
- Kera Schwartz 2022/23 8th Grade Assistant Principal
- Michelle Roach 2022/23 7th Grade Assistant Principal
- Shelley Spellman Secretary to Principal
- Rhonwyn Nance Secretary to Assistant Principal
- Brooke Ayres Counselor, 2022/23 8th grade
- Audrey Tenbarge Counselor, 2022/23 7th Grade
- Pat Pricher Social Worker
- Leitha Wilson Nurse
- Angela Grimes Attendance
- Deputy Mattingly School Resource Officer

# Places you need to be while volunteering at NJHS

- **Please refer to next slide with map of school and designated areas highlighted**
  1. 1st level: Near the cafeteria and restrooms by the “Husky head” picture on wall. (Please walk back and forth along this area. Students should go no further than to the restrooms and back to the cafeteria without permission.
  2. 1st level: Outside the office and near restrooms by the office.
  3. 2nd level bathrooms end of hall closest to social studies rooms.
  4. 2nd level near restrooms right above the office by stairs.

## **At Dismissal:**

1. By the restrooms 1st level at far end of hall (near cafeteria)
2. Parking lot outside of the hallway from band and orchestra near dumpsters.



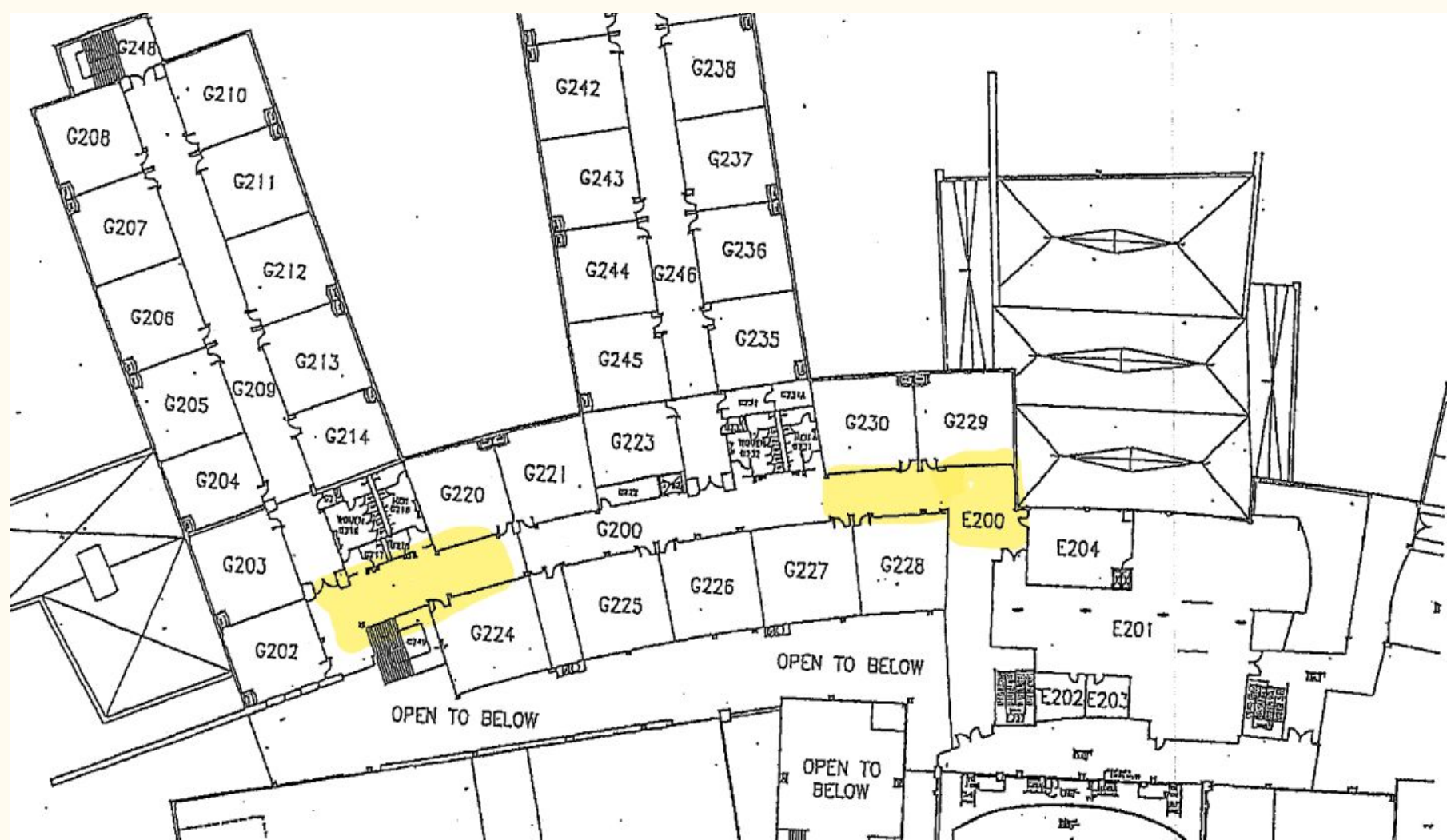
Outside restroom by the cafeteria







Outside the restroom by front office





Upstairs by the front restroom and stairwell



## Upstairs by Media Center





# Times to Volunteer

Lunch shifts:

A 10:45-11:45

B 11:45-12:45

C 12:45-1:45

After School Dismissal

2:00-3:00 (Bell ring for end of school is 2:30)

# What to wear/bring

## Business Casual Dress:

- You must wear navy, black or khaki pants, no jeans.
- Wear your Husky Helper shirt.
- Leave cell phone and personal belongings in car.
- Please bring your Driver's License.

# Husky Helper Quiz

Principal Merriwether will review with you the following questions to ensure you have a good understanding of the vision of Husky Helpers.

1. True or false? I should not physically intervene in a physical altercation?
2. True or false: I should leave my personal belongings, including my cell phone locked in the car.
3. True or false: The vision of Husky Helpers at NJH is to proactively cultivate a welcoming and positive environment in the NJH common areas.
4. True or false: I should wear the Husky Helpers shirt at all times when volunteering at NJHS.
5. True or false: When I smile at the students and staff, I can make a positive impact.