

River Bend Middle School

2019-2020

Parent Guide



Principal's Message:

As the proud principal of RBMS, I am so excited to welcome you to River Bend Middle School in our third year. This guide is to help you navigate the sometimes overwhelming world of middle school. Please keep it handy and refer to it throughout the year!

We have been extremely busy, activity planning for your child's arrival! Specifically we have hired staff who embrace the 4C's (Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking) while providing personalized learning experiences for each student.

The classroom will look very different from what you are used to. Each classroom will have the latest technology to put in your children's hands as well as furniture to aid in collaborative communication.

Communication is key to a successful school. Please be prepared for weekly voice, text, and/or email messages (you have the opportunity to select how you would like to be informed). We also have a website, Facebook, and Twitter sites for you to get information fast. Teachers will each have class websites and other electronic communication for you. Please make sure we have your contact information on file so we may reach you as necessary. There will be many opportunities for you to be involved in your child's education. As an initial step, please consider joining our PTA.

All of this planning is specifically designed to provide your child with the best possible education experience. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

Warmest Regards,

Stacey F. Weddle
Principal

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How to Stay Informed:

SchoolMessenger is a rapid notification system used to contact families in WCPSS using telephone messages and email messages. Schools use the system to communicate information related to school events as well as automated attendance messages. If you are not receiving these notifications, please contact us at 919.694.9690 to verify your information. The district uses the system to communicate information related to district-wide events. Additionally, parents/guardians have the ability to customize messaging preferences using the infoCenter website or the free infoCenter mobile app.

How do I sign up for InfoCenter?

Visit the SchoolMessenger infoCenter at: infocenter.schoolmessenger.com. Create an account by clicking Sign Up at the top right. IMPORTANT: You must use the email address you provided to your student's school.

Visit our Website & Social Media:
www.wcpss.net/riverbendms

Twitter: @RBMS_Principal

Twitter: @River_Bend_MS

www.facebook.com/RiverBendMS

Si necesita servicios de traducción gratuitos para comprender los procesos escolares, llame al (919) 852-3303

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى خدمات الترجمة المجانية للتعرف على سير العمليات بالمدرسة، اتصل بالرقم (919) 852-3303

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학교/교육 과정에 관한 무료 번역 서비스가 필요하시면 다음 번호로 연락하여 주십시오 (919)852-3303

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Wake County Public School System (WCPSS):

WCPSS offers a website with current news and information for all public school students and families. Visit their website at www.wcpss.net to:

- * Sign up for e-news and alerts
- * Get school closing or emergency information
- * Contact transportation
- * Obtain athletic forms
- * And Much More!

Vision:

All WCPSS students will be prepared to reach their full potential and lead productive lives in a complex and changing world.

Mission:

WCPSS will provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators, and critical thinkers.



PTA welcomes you to RBMS. The RBMS PTA supports all teachers and students. Parents are encouraged to join the PTA. Annual dues are \$5.00. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available. Please be on the lookout for more information soon!

Our theme is "One school....One heartbeat" . Our goal is to build a strong community where each voice is valued and affirmed through restorative practices!

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Be a RBMS Volunteer:

Being involved in your child's school does not end with elementary school. There are numerous opportunities for you to volunteer your time and talents at RBMS. We need volunteers to help with:

Music Concerts Copying Athletics Book Fair
Chaperoning Field Trips Dance Supervision
Special Events EOG Test Proctors Celebrations
And so much more!



If you are interested in volunteering at RBMS or any WCPSS school, you must complete the WCPSS on-line Volunteer Registration. Each year, you must reactivate your information. It only takes a few minutes and can be done at any WCPSS school.

RBMS Bell Schedule

6th Grade

7:45	Arrival
8:15-8:35	Tiger Den
8:35-9:35	Core 1
9:38-10:38	Core 2
10:41-12:15	Core 3
11:05 - 11:35	Lunch Orange
11:35 - 12:05	Lunch Green
12:19 - 1:20	Core 4 + lockers
1:24-2:09	Elective 1
2:13-3:00	Elective 2
3:00	Dismissal

7th Grade

7:45	Arrival
8:15-8:35	Tiger Den
8:35-9:35	Core 1
9:38-11:15	Core 2
10:05-10:30	Lunch Orange
10:30 - 10:55	Lunch Green
11:19 - 12:04	Elective 1
12:08 - 12:53	Elective 2
12:57 - 1:57	Core 3
2:00-3:00	Core 4
3:00	Dismissal

8th Grade

7:45	Arrival
8:15-8:35	Tiger Den
8:35-9:35	Core 1
9:39-10:24	Elective 1
10:28-11:13	Elective 2
11:17-12:17	Core 2
12:21-1:54	Core 3
12:25 - 1:05	Lunch Orange
1:05-1:30	Lunch Green
1:58 - 3:00	Core 4
3:00	Dismissal

TIGER DEPOT

The Tiger Depot is a resource center for our students' families that is equipped with Food, Household Goods, School Supplies and Community Resources. It is important for us to strengthen our school community and to help our families in need, and we are excited to provide this service in our school. Families must check in at the front office upon school arrival. The Tiger Depot is available by appointment only. Please contact:

Kyairra Hartsfield, School Social Worker, khartsfield@wcpss.net, (919)229-9159

Silvia Marrero, Guidance Tech, smarrero@wcpss.net, (919) 694-8690 ext. 27459



My Child's Schedule:

Period	Class	Teacher	Teacher Email & Website
1	Tiger Den	_____	_____
2	Core 1	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	_____



Student hours are 8:15 to 3:00. Students may enter the building at 7:45 and should report directly to breakfast or to their lockers and then Tiger Den. Students must be in their seats at the 8:15 bell or they are considered tardy and must report to the main office for a tardy pass. Please schedule appointments for doctors and dentists outside of instructional time. When students miss parts of instructional units, learning is disrupted.

Attendance Regulations:

When a student is sick and needs to be absent from school, please call (919)694-8690 extension: 27451. Please leave a message indicating the student's name, grade, and reason for absence. A written note must be provided to the homeroom teacher when a student returns to school. Prior approval for excused absences will not be granted during EOG testing. An email from a parent's verified email address can be sent to jcaprio@wcpss.net.

In accordance with WCPSS Board Policy, an absence is excused for the following reasons:

- Illness or Injury
- Death in immediate family
- Medical, dental, or other health care appointments (note from provider should be submitted to school)

- Court appearance, when student is under subpoena
- Religious holiday for student's religion
- Participation in a valid, prior-approved educational opportunity. Completed form "WCPSS Prior Approval for Excused Absence" is required in advance.

Regular school attendance and prompt arrival to school are crucial to promote consistency in learning and student achievement. We will work with individual situations when students are sick or have a serious family emergency.



Early Dismissal:

A parent must sign out a student who needs to leave early. A picture ID must be shown to check out your child. A student will only be permitted to leave the campus with those listed in their contact list. Please arrive prior to 2:40 to check out a student. If you arrive after this time, the office will call your child to report to carpool.

My Child's Bus Info:

Bus route #:

Bus #: _____

Bus stop location:

REMEMBER:

School transportation is a privilege, not a right. Failure to follow bus rules will result in the student being removed from the bus.

1st referral: Warning

2nd referral: 2 day bus suspension

3rd referral: 5 day bus suspension

Further referrals may result in a permanent removal from the bus.

Transportation:

We are excited to announce that student transportation information can now be found in one single location, Home Base, also known as PowerSchool. In order to provide the highest level of customer service to our families, we are asking those of you who do not yet have a PowerSchool account to stop by the school office to complete the necessary form. If your student is a bus rider, stop and route information is also provided.

- ⇒ If your transportation eligible child will be riding the bus from the same address to the same school next year, you do not need to take action.
- ⇒ If you have moved, you need to update your bus service, please go online at www.wcpss.net/busrider.
- ⇒ For 2018-2019, WCPSS transportation will be using email and text messaging to provide bus service information. Families must keep their email addresses and phone numbers current in PowerSchool to receive timely and important information.

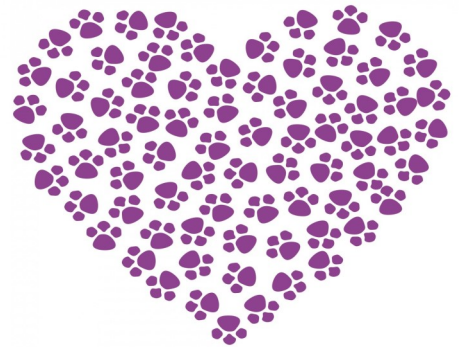
- ⇒ For 2018-19, WCPSS Transportation will begin receiving requests for Dual Stops for Joint Custody, Alternate Stop (Before and After-School Care) and transportation –Ineligible students on: September 28, 2018

⇒ **WCPSS phone line:**
(919) 805-3030



Power Parent (Power Schools)

Parents and students have the opportunity to log into a secure network and access student grades online. Parents can also view attendance information. WCPSS began using this system in 2013. It is effective in keeping parents abreast of their child's performance. In order to keep grades accurate, teachers will update grades in their electronic grade books on a weekly basis. Teachers will continue to send printed interims in the middle of each nine weeks and notify you if there is a change. Parents can receive a Power Schools log-in for their child and themselves by completing a form which can be picked up in the main office. If a parent or student gets locked out of Power schools, they can request a password reset on the Power Schools website.



Communication is Key

Research reveals combined home and school efforts are more likely to lead to academic success. With this in mind, we are very interested in making you our educational partner during this school year. We believe open and honest communication is key.

Please access PowerSchool and teacher websites frequently. We recommend weekly as staff is required to update grades and websites on a weekly basis.

Email is the best way to reach staff but phone calls and conferences work as well. Our first priority is instruction and teachers are not available during class time to speak with you. Please allow for 48 hours for a response when you contact a staff member.

Even though everyone is working with your child's best interest in mind, differences in opinion can occur. If you have questions about a staff member's actions or become upset with an individual staff member, please contact the staff member directly to arrange a conference.

This needs to occur before contacting a counselor or administrator. As most issues are classroom/student related, most of them can be resolved at the classroom level. If you are still unsatisfied with the outcome, contact the grade level counselor or administration for assistance.

By parents and teachers working collaboratively, our students can experience academic, social, emotional, and behavioral success.

Knowing the expectations of your child's teachers can help you support your child at home. Five key skills for academic success as identified by www.greatschools.com are:

**Organization
Time Management
Prioritization
Concentration
Motivation**

Questions about implementing home systems? Contact your child's counselor:

Stefon Lowman, Lead Counselor
slowman@wcpss.net

Yolanda Jarrett, 6th grade
ysjarrett@wcpss.net

Megan McDowell, 7th grade
mmcdowell2@wcpss.net

Rob Clark, 8th Grade
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Make sure we have your current address, ALL phone numbers, and email information! It is imperative we reach you in case of an emergency!

Discipline: (Code of Student Conduct)

Minor inappropriate or disruptive behavior (Level I offenses) will be handled by the classroom teacher. This allows for immediate feedback and student self-correction.

It is the expectation for teachers to contact parents when the learning environment is interrupted (Level II offenses). This allows for teachers and parents to work together to benefit each student.

Major disciplinary infractions (Level 3 offenses) will be handled by school administration. When a child is referred to an administrator, an individual conference with the student occurs. During this conference, consequences are given with the ultimate goal of correcting student misbehavior. Administration will contact parents for any major disciplinary infractions requiring out of school suspension or a full day of in school suspension.

Administrators are not permitted to share information regarding any other student. Corporal punishment is prohibited by school board policy.

All students are responsible for complying with and are expected to be familiar with the WCPSS Code of Student Conduct and school board policies governing student behavior and conduct. All Code of Student Conduct policies are contained in the WCPSS Student/Parent Handbook, which is distributed to all student and parents at the beginning of each school year or upon enrollment in WCPSS. If there is a conflict between the rules expressed in this guide and the Code of Student Conduct policies, the latter shall take precedence.

At RBMS, we believe a safe and orderly working environment is conducive to student learning and overall positive educational environment.

We will be using restorative practices to build relationships, ensure every voice is heard, resolve conflict, and prevent harm.

This is the responsibility of everyone involved in RBMS.

A Code of Student Conduct promotes a climate conducive to serious study. A safe and orderly climate is essential. River Bend Middle School staff will work with students and parents to achieve this goal. Teacher teams and staff will implement reasonable classroom procedures and will keep students informed.

When a student challenges the authority of staff or behaves in a manner that is dangerous of extremely disrespectful, the teacher will request intervention from an administrator.

Each principal has the authority and responsibility to take whatever reasonable and legal action is necessary to establish and maintain appropriate student behavior in accordance with Board Policy.



RBMS Dining:

Students may bring their own lunch or purchase lunch in our Dining Hall (Cafeteria). Breakfast is also available daily. Current prices for middle school are \$1.50 for breakfast and \$3.00 for lunch. Reduced breakfast is free and lunch is \$0.40. You can now apply for Free and Reduced meals online at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>. Students who forget their lunch or payment will be offered fruit and vegetables.

Student ID numbers, which can be found on student's schedules, will be used for the keypads in the cafeteria. If you send a check with your student for prepayment of meals, please make sure you include: child's name, Student ID#, home address, phone number, and parent's driver's license number. Prepayment for lunches should be taken to the cafeteria upon student arrival. Students presenting checks during lunch time will be able to purchase lunch (with no extras). You can also pay online for lunches. See the procedure outlined on the right.

At RBMS, parents (or family members accompanied by the parent) may eat with their children. Older siblings or family members can not eat without the parent/guardian being present. You need to check in to the front office and you may be seated in our courtyard or otherwise separately from the team.



Students will have seven day rotations of Health, PE, and fitness. Students are required to dress out during PE and fitness rotations.

Lockers are provided within the locker room for item storage. These lockers have combination locks included. All items must be removed from the lock-

er after each class period.

Students should not bring cell phones into the gym or locker rooms.

The locker room and gym is a "No Spray Zone". Deodorant and perfumes must be in solid and not spray form. Strong scents are prohibited.

Cell phones, Internet access & BYOD (Bring Your Own Device):

WCPSS offers Internet access for student use. Students must adhere to Board policy or access may be denied.

All middle school students will receive a WCPSS email account. Students and staff must use their WCPSS emails for school communication.

Student cell phones, headphones, or earbuds should not be visible upon arrival, during transitions, or in class without teacher approval.



With a MySchool Bucks account paying for school meals is easy. Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com or call (855) 832-5226 to enroll. You'll need your child's NCWISE ID number, available in your registration materials or at your school. Once your account is established you may:

- Securely deposit funds to your child's account
- Check balances
- Set spending limits and diet restrictions
- Receive alerts when your child's account is low.



RBMS is formulating a plan to become a BYOD school. Students may bring their personal, wireless devices, and use them for instructional purposes or when permission is given from a staff member. Students are allowed to use phones with earbuds in the cafeteria as a privilege. This may change depending upon cafeteria behavior. Devices may be confiscated for parent pick up if rules are broken.

RBMS Dress Code: Dress to Impress

Policy Code: 4316 Student Dress Code (Updated Spring 2019)

Students are expected to adhere to standards of dress and appearance. Our guiding principles for the student dress code are similar to those experienced and expected in the workplace: attire that furthers health and safety of students and staff, enables the educational process, and facilitates the operations of the school. Parents are asked to partner with the school district to monitor student attire to help adhere to the guiding principles set forth in the policy.

To promote these goals, students may not wear or carry clothing, jewelry, book bags, or other personal articles that:

1. Depict profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, or violence;
2. Promote the use or abuse of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
3. Are prohibited under Policy [4309](#) III-2 (Gang and Gang Related Activity) or any other provision of the Code of Student Conduct;
4. Threaten the health or safety of staff or students; or
5. Are reasonably likely to create a substantial disruption of the educational process or operations of the school.

Specifically:

- a) Students must wear clothing that covers their skin from chest to mid-thigh with opaque (non-see-through) fabric in front, back, and on the sides.
- b) Students must wear shoes at all times except when changing for physical education or athletic practices or events or when specifically directed otherwise by a teacher or administrator.
- c) Clothing must cover undergarments (waistbands and straps excluded).
- d) Breasts, genitals and buttocks must be covered with opaque (non-see-through) fabric.
- e) Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- f) Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.
- g) Head coverings (including hats, hoods, sweat bands, and bandanas) are generally prohibited in the school building. However, students may wear head coverings in the school building as an expression of sincerely held religious belief (e.g., hijabs or yarmulkes) or cultural expression (e.g., geles) or to reasonably accommodate medical or disability-related issues (e.g., protective helmets).



Athletics:

RBMS participates in all WCPSS sanctioned sports for middle schools. All student athletes must meet requirements by the county and the school in order to participate in tryouts or teams. Team rules will be presented to students at the beginning of the season. Eligibility requirements are set by WCPSS and are available online or from our Athletic Director, Todd Barbour. Physical exams and proof of insurance are required for participation in any sports. Any student owing fees or fines will not be allowed to participate in tryouts, practices, or games.

Student athletes are RBMS ambassadors. As the game performance of student athletes is held before the community, so is their behavior. RBMS has behavioral expectations for student athletes that affect their privilege to participate on a team.



Lockers:

We are fortunate to have lockers with locks built in. The Tiger Den (Homeroom) teacher issues a locker and combination to students at the beginning of the year. Team teachers will establish times for students to use lockers. Students may have to share lockers. For security reasons, students may not exchange lockers or give out combinations. Students are responsible for keeping their lockers clean and may not decorate the outside of the locker.

Any personal property placed in the locker is the responsibility of the student. Lockers should be locked at all times and are not an appropriate place to store money, jewelry, or other valuable items.

Student lockers remain the property of the school. School authorities have a responsibility and a right to examine the contents of a locker for health, safety, or security reasons.



If your child receives a minor injury at school, we will administer first aid and attempt to contact you concerning the injury. Staff members have received training on proper procedures for handling minor incidents. Please be certain we have several emergency numbers on file and update as needed.

Agenda:

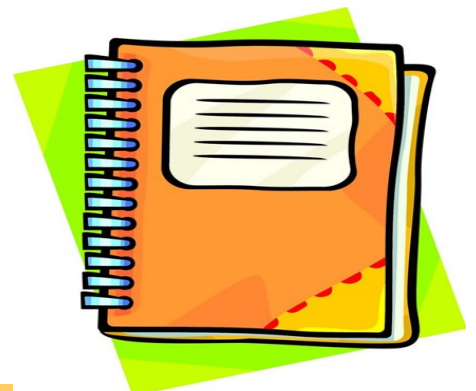
Interruptions to Instruction:

In an effort to make the most of instructional time, the Wake county Board of Education has adopted a policy to reduce interruptions during regular classroom time. Students can learn best and teachers can teach best when instructional time is not interrupted by announcements, unexpected visitors or messages from the school's main office. Please make sure you communicate any messages (transportation changes, appointments) to your student prior to coming to school. Anytime we have to interrupt instructional time to get your child a message or to pick up a forgotten item, we are interrupting the entire class.

In an effort to help students grow into responsible adults and to avoid interrupting important classroom instructional time, RBMS will not allow students to call home for forgotten items. If you must drop off items for your child, they will receive the item at lunch or at the end of the day. Please keep in mind that our cafeteria will provide a fruit and vegetable lunch if students forget their lunch.

Deliveries of flowers, balloons, pizza or other meals, etc. will not be accepted for students at school. These items are not allowed in the classroom or on the bus. Please celebrate special occasions after school hours. If you provide food for your child's class, it must be store-bought.

Your child's agenda must be carried with them throughout the day. Agendas are mandatory. The first one is free. Replacement agendas are \$5.00 if lost.



Morning Arrival Procedures:



Once students arrive on campus, they have two options. Students who eat breakfast will go to the cafeteria, get breakfast, go to their locker, and then report to their Tiger Den (Homeroom).

All other students will go to their locker and then to Tiger Den. Announcements are given at 8:10.

All students are expected to be seated in their Tiger Den class by 8:15 when attendance is taken.

Students who arrive late to school will first have to visit the office for a tardy pass.

Please make sure your child arrives in time to go to their locker and be seated by 8:15.



Carpool

- ⇒ Please adhere to all directions given by staff.
- ⇒ The bus lot (front of school) is not to be used to drop off or pick up students at any time.
- ⇒ Refrain from using cell phones in carpool line.
- ⇒ Students should not arrive prior to 7:45.
- ⇒ Carpool is one lane only.

Continued construction is going to make carpool problematic for quite some time. Carpool is at the rear of the school. The carpool lane is at the school's furthest entrance. It's the last left before you reach the tree line. You will follow the lane and go around to the back of the school. Follow the signs until you circle back around the athletic fields. You can drop your students off anywhere along the covered walkway. Students must exit the cars along the walkway or when directed by staff.

Students can only be dropped off or picked up in the carpool line not the bus loop or surrounding neighborhood.

Safety First:

Our number one priority is to ensure a safe and orderly school environment at all times. We take this responsibility very seriously.

All visitors to campus must check in at the front desk and visibly wear a visitor's badge at all times. Staff has been instructed to report visitors without badges to administration and our school resource officer.

Students will be allowed to be checked out of school only by persons listed on file in the student's contact information. We will always check IDs. If you write a note for someone else to pick up your child, please include a telephone number so we can verify the note.

River Bend Middle School will have a full-time School Resource Officer to assist with safety and security.

All WCPSS schools are SMOKE-FREE. Smoking is prohibited at all times on campus, including all buildings, athletic fields, and school grounds. Please adhere to this policy and set a good example for students.

RBMS holds emergency drills. Fire Drills are held monthly. A severe weather drill is held in the Spring. At least two lockdown drills will be held to help prepare staff and students in the unlikely event of an emergency. One lockdown drill will be unannounced to students and staff.

Please report any concerns regarding student safety and welfare to school officials. Choosing not to report an incident at the time of occurrence limits the school's ability to handle the concern in a timely manner. Encourage your child to report any incidents of bullying to teachers, counselors, and/or administration.

OFFICE STAFF:

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Carla Kenney
Bookkeeper

Jeff Caprio
Data Manager

Luz Quiros
Receptionist

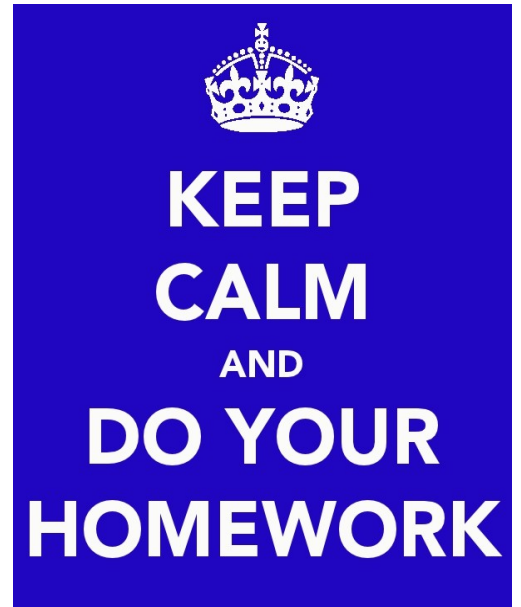
Silvia Marrero
Guidance Receptionist



Homework

RBMS staff believe the use of homework as reinforcement and practice is important for academic success of all students. Each classroom teacher will communicate with students the expectations for homework assignments.

- Homework is required and should be completed as assigned.
- Homework will not count more than 10% of total grade
- Homework will reinforce what is taught.
- Homework will be checked and feedback provided.
- The amount of homework assigned should not exceed 90 minutes in Grades 6-8.
- Homework assignments will not be given as punishment or busywork.
- Homework is a prerequisite for a student to qualify for mastery learning opportunities (retests, test corrections).
- Types of homework activities might include applying skills used in class, conducting experiments, doing research, practicing, reading, writing, observing, memorizing, preparing exhibits, making up missed work due to absences and conducted interviews.
- Homework may be assigned over the weekend at the teacher's discretion.



Medication:

Students requiring medication prescriptions or over the counter meds at school must have WCPSS Form 1702 completed, signed, and on file at school. The form requires the physician's signature and parent's signature. Medications must be provided in the current pharmacy container with the student's name, medication type, dosage, and dispensation orders clearly stated. Over the counter medication must be in the original container. The information on the medication bottle must match the physician's instruction on the 1702.

Only designated personnel will dispense medication to students. Medications are kept in a locked cabinet. Students requiring a personal inhaler or other self-administered emergency medications will be permitted to keep their medication with them at all times. However, a 1702 form must be on file in the front office signed by the physician and parent stating the student may self-administer. Teachers have cake icing available in each classroom for use with a diabetic student in case of an emergency.

Student Work Following Absences

It is the responsibility of the student to request make-up work in advance of an anticipated absence. Keep in mind the following:

- If the absence is approved in advance and/or if the work is assigned by the teacher in advance, all make-up work, including tests assigned for the day of return is due upon the student's return to school.
- If the make-up work has not been assigned in advance, for absences of 1-3 days, the student will have 1 day for each day absent. For absences exceeding 3 days, the student may have 2 days for each day absent to make up work.

In the event that a student is out unexpectedly and will be out for several days, a parent may request make up work by emailing the teachers. If the student is only going to be absent for one day, he/she can receive the assignments upon return the next day. Due to teaching responsibilities, teachers will need 24-48 hours to collect work for a student. Collected work assignments will be available for pick-up in the front office. Please call the main office 919-6948690 before you arrive to make sure the work is ready for pick up. Parents and students can also view assignments on teacher websites.

ALLERGIES: *There is increasing frequency and intensity of allergic reactions that impact students in the educational environment. Parents of a student with a life-threatening allergy must provide the school with documentation from a licensed healthcare provider. This information should include the specific allergy and medical requirements needed for the student. Staff who will work in partnership with the parents to develop an emergency medical plan may include but are not limited to the principal, school nurse, student's teachers, after school care coordinator, First Aid Response teams and the cafeteria manager if appropriate. The school system takes seriously its responsibility to take reasonable steps to protect the safety of its students.*

No Go List:

As stewards of taxpayer money, we must be fiscally responsible. RBMS will implement a procedure for books/materials to be returned and fines paid in a timely manner.

The names of students who have lost books/materials/etc. is compiled and updated on a continuous basis. This list is shared with all staff members who will inform students if they are on the "No Go" list. Any student on the "No Go" list is prohibited from having a locker, attending any afterschool function including but not limited to: dances, sports events (even if an athlete), clubs, activities, etc.

Any student on the "No Go" list is prohibited from attending any in-school activities which are unrelated to curriculum such as pep rallies, recognitions, ceremonies, etc.



School Pictures:

School pictures will be taken twice a year (fall and spring) and are available for purchase.

Athletic pictures of individuals and teams will be taken at the beginning of each sports season.

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We hope you find this Parent Guide helpful. As a school in its third year, we will be a 'work in progress' for quite some time.

As we begin building our community procedures, protocols, and practices, we will communicate any changes to you via school messenger, website, or social media.

Dismissal:

Students are dismissed at 3:00.

Students cannot be checked out after 2:40.

Carpoolers and walkers will be dismissed at 3:00.

Students who ride buses will be dismissed as the buses arrive on campus. Students will remain in their classroom until their bus has been called. Once most of the buses have left campus, other bus students will be directed to the auditorium until their bus arrives.

We are a Tier 2 school for transportation which means the buses will have already run a school's route prior to arriving at RBMS. We expect delays will happen. Please be patient, especially the first few weeks of school.

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