

Fred J. Carnage GT/AG Magnet Middle School
2016-2017 Student Planner

Mission Statement

The mission of Fred J. Carnage GT Magnet Middle School is to provide each and every student a challenging educational experience in a safe, collaborative, and trusting environment that celebrates diversity, promotes self-discipline, and fosters responsible citizenship to ensure success in the 21st century.

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This agenda belongs to:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

STUDENT NO. _____

Please read your student planner carefully to make sure you are aware of the rules and procedures for Carnage GT/AIG Magnet Middle School. If at any time, you have questions regarding the enclosed information, please feel free to contact our school for clarification (919) 856-7600.

ACADEMICS

A Message from Pamela Perry Johnson, Principal

Welcome to Carnage GT/AIG Magnet Middle School. Our teachers are innovative, creative, and dedicated to teaching and learning. Our administrative team is customer service oriented with a focus on student and teacher success. Our students are the best and brightest WCPSS has to offer. The 2016-2017 school will be filled with academics, challenges, success, rigor, drama, orchestra, band, chorus, sports, friendships, foreign languages, clubs and celebrations. Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Main Number	856-7600
School Bus Information	805-3030
Sixth Grade Counselor	Ext: 22116
Seventh Grade Counselor	Ext: 22115
Eighth Grade Counselor	Ext: 22117
Athletic Director	Ext: 22093

Website: <http://schools.wcpss.net/Carnage>

Bell Schedule

Period 1	07:35 - 08:21 am
Homeroom	08:25 - 08:29 am
Period 2	08:33 - 09:19 am
Period 3	09:23 - 10:09 am
Period 4	10:13 - 10:59 am
Period 5	11:03 - 11:49 am
Period 6	11:53 - 12:39 pm
Period 7	12:43 - 01:29 pm
Period 8	01:34 - 02:20 pm

GRADING SYSTEM

Grading is based on the following scale. The letter grades will not be used with a plus or a minus sign:

A	90-100	Excellent achievement
B	80-89	Good achievement
C	70-79	Satisfactory achievement
D	60-69	Minimal achievement
F	less than 69	Insufficient achievement

CORE CLASSES

Core classes consist of instruction in Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Students are assigned to a team for their homeroom and for their core classes. At the beginning of the year, team teachers will give out information on course material, textbooks, supply lists, and homework policies. Throughout the year, you can find more information by visiting individual teacher web pages linked to the school website.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE SERVICES

The guidance office functions for the benefit of every student attending Carnage Middle School. One counselor at each grade level assists students and parents with educational planning and school adjustment. Students who want to visit a counselor should stop by the guidance office with a pass from their teacher to arrange an appointment.

Guidance services are available to all students. Students are assigned a guidance counselor in grade six and will remain with the same counselor in grades seven and eight. The guidance counselor assists students in recognizing their strengths and weaknesses and is available to discuss problems that they may have at home or in school. Students may make an appointment to see the guidance counselor at any time by coming into the guidance office and filling out an appointment slip. Counselors see students as soon as possible. As parents, you are welcome to contact your child's counselor if you wish to speak with him/her.

ELECTIVES

Electives are an integral part of the Carnage academic program. Students choose electives at the beginning of the school year. The staff tries diligently to meet all

student requests. However, not every student can receive his/her first choice. Please be aware that as long as a student receives one of his/her choices that elective changes will not be made. Once elective classes begin, any changes must be approved by an administrator. Changes for a quarter or semester long class must be made during the first five days of that elective class. Changes for a year-long elective class, such as band or foreign language, must be made before report cards are printed at the end of the first nine-weeks.

HOMEWORK

Homework is an integral part of the school program. Students should expect homework each night in all major subjects including language arts, math, social studies, foreign language, and science. Some other electives will also have homework. **Students should record all homework assignments daily in this Student Planner.**

Homework is designed to supplement class work and to give students the opportunity to practice the skills they have learned in class. **It is extremely important that students not fall behind in their homework.** Academic teams will post assignments on individual teacher web pages.

Student tip for success: Pick a quiet place to study at home, and do your homework at the same time every day. Start your homework by reviewing your student planner.

HONOR ROLL and STUDENT RECOGNITION

The “A” honor roll and the “A-B” honor roll are published and celebrated in a grade level assembly, at the end of each nine week grading period. School-wide programs recognize students for academic achievement, exemplary conduct, citizenship, character education, effort, attendance, and improvement. Students of the Month are chosen every month and recognized in a display. Individual teachers and teams also recognize achievement and effort. Year-end awards programs are held to celebrate our students’ academic, athletic, and extracurricular accomplishments during the school year.

INTERIM PROGRESS & REPORT CARDS

Interim reports and report cards are delivered by students with the exception of the final report card, which is mailed to all students.

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Students should strive to excel in all subjects. The minimum requirements for promotion to the next grade are passing 3 out of 4 core subjects, two of which must be Language Arts and Math and passing half of all electives. In addition, students must earn a Level 3 or Level 4 on End-of-Grade tests in reading and math. All 8th grade students will take and pass the Computer Competency Test.

ACTIVITIES

CLUBS and ACTIVITIES

The following clubs and activities maintain active membership at Carnage. Other clubs may be added if there is student interest and a teacher sponsor.

Student Council, Beta Club, French Club, Spanish Club, Drama Club, Yearbook Committee, and Pre-college MSEN Club.

Students also participate in the following activities: Battle of the Books, National Spelling Bee, Science Olympiad, and Math Counts.

Carnage produces an in-house morning news program from our own WTRJ studio facilities.

Participation:

- In order to participate in any after school activity, students must be in attendance at school on the day of the activity.
- For some events, students must have written permission from parents and a completed permission form with emergency telephone numbers, etc.
- Students who have been assigned in-school (ALC) or out-of-school suspension (OSS) on the day of a school activity may not participate.
- Students not picked up 30 minutes after the end of an event (including school dances) may be excluded from the next after school events or from all after school events for the remainder of the year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Seventh and eighth grade students interested in participating in athletics in the 2016-2017 school year should familiarize themselves with the following eligibility requirements and athletic policies. Listed

below are the sport seasons and the athletic programs during that season.

Fall	Winter	Spring
Cheerleading	Cheerleading	Soccer-boys
Football	Basketball	Track-boys/girls
Soccer-girls		Softball-girls
Volleyball-girls		

Eligibility: In order to be eligible for any athletic activity, the athlete:

1. Must meet all eligibility requirements prior to the first tryout/practice date.
2. Must have a completed and signed *Middle School Athletic Participation Form* prior to the first tryout/practice date.
3. Must not participate if he or she becomes 15 years of age on or before October 16, 2016.
4. Must receive a medical examination once every 365 days by a licensed medical physician, physician's assistant, or family practitioner in the United States.
5. Must meet promotion requirements to be eligible for fall semester sports.
6. Must earn passing grades (D or better) during each semester to be eligible for participation during the succeeding semester. Passing grades must be attained in language arts, mathematics, either social studies or science, and at least 50% of all remaining courses.
7. Must not have more than 14 total absences in the semester prior to athletic participation. This is a State Board of Education requirement. According to Board Policy 6860, students who participate in interscholastic athletics must meet all requirements of the State Board of Education.
8. Must not have more than 5 unexcused absences in the semester prior to athletic participation.
9. Must not have more than 5 unexcused absences in the semester of athletic participation.
10. Must purchase regular school accident insurance or provide proof of insurance coverage by filling out the waiver on the Middle School Athletic Participation Form.
11. Must not participate (practice or play) if ineligible.
12. Must not participate (practice or play) in any athletic event if suspended or is actively serving ALC.
13. Must be present in school the entire school day in order to participate in practices or games.

Please reference the Carnage Athletics Handbook for more details.

SCHOOL DANCES

The Student Council sponsors several dances during the year. A small admission fee is charged to cover expenses. The following guidelines apply:

- Dances are for Carnage Middle students only.
- Students who are absent, have ALC or OSS on the day of the dance are not permitted to attend the dance.
- All school and WCPSS policies are enforced for all after school activities.
- Students must be picked up at the end of the dance in a timely manner (not to exceed 30 minutes) or they will not be eligible to attend the next dance.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The North Carolina State Education Code requires school attendance for all students. Regular school attendance and prompt arrival to school and class facilitate learning. If a student needs to be absent from school due to personal illness, a death in the family, a religious holiday, or a legal appearance, the absence is considered excused. **A written note from a parent is required for all absences.** Absence from school without parental knowledge and consent is truancy and will result in the assignment of in-school suspension. **Chronic truancy will result in court intervention.**

WCPSS Attendance Policy # 6000:

Exceeding **ten** absences from school during a semester can result in failure for the semester. Exceeding **twenty** absences for the year can result in failure for the year. Both **excused and unexcused** absences are included when determining total absences. State law requires school attendance for all children between the ages of seven and sixteen. Parents must ensure that students attend and remain in school daily. To be counted officially present for the day a student must be in least one-half of the school day.

Recognized conditions for excused absences are:

1. **Illness or injury of student**
2. **Death in the immediate family**
3. **Medical and dental appointments**
4. **Court summons**
5. **Religious holidays**
6. **Participation in an educational activity with prior approval by the principal**
7. **Quarantine by order of the Wake County Health Department**
8. **Catastrophic event or natural disaster**

For absences based on educational activities, submit a *Request for Excused Absence for Educational Reasons form* (1710). This form is available from the clerk in Student Services.

Procedures for Absenteeism:

When a student returns to school after an absence, they must report to the Student Services Office and present a note from their parents/guardian explaining why there was an absence. A pink permission slip will be issued to allow the student to attend classes. Students will not receive a pink slip without a note. Each teacher whose class was missed will sign the slip or the absence is counted as unexcused.

Procedures for Completing Make-up Work:

The student is responsible for securing make-up work at the secondary level. 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 one to three days, the student will have one day for each day absent. For absences exceeding three days, the student may have two days for each day absent to make up work.

Parents may call the school's Data Manager (ext: 22121) at any time during the school day to verify attendance.

BOOKS

Students shall pay for lost and/or damaged books. Students are required to return the same texts issued to them by their teachers. The cost of replacing any textbook may range from \$35.00 to \$65.00.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

The consequences for violating any discipline policy may include, but are not limited to: teacher/student conferences, student/parent/team conferences, lunch detention, after-school detention (ASD), in class suspension (ICS), in-school suspension (ALC), out-of-school suspension (OSS), and other interventions based on WCPSS policy.

- Students assigned to either of the above interventions are to go to their lockers, gather required textbooks and materials that are

needed for all subjects, and report to the designated area.

DRESS CODE

Carnage Middle School requires students to dress appropriately for school. Students are expected to adhere to standards of dress and appearance that are compatible with an effective learning environment. Presenting a bodily appearance or wearing clothing which is disruptive, provocative, revealing, profane, vulgar, offensive or obscene, or which endangers the health or safety of the student or others is prohibited.

1. Clothing must cover the front and the back of the student. Bare midriff, halter tops, spaghetti straps, or tank tops are unacceptable at school. (No pajamas.)
2. Skirts and Shorts must be at least the length of a child's arm including an extended hand to the fingertip, when the arm is put at the child's side. Sagging pants or excessively tight garments are not permitted.
3. Footwear must be worn at all times and bedroom shoes or slippers may not be worn.
4. Sunglasses may not be worn.
5. Male or female students may not wear or carry hats or any other head coverings in the building.
6. Do-rags and bandanas may not be brought to or worn in school.
7. Students may not wear pants with one leg rolled up or pants tucked into socks.

Consequences for Dress Code Violations

- Students must contact parents to bring a change of clothes, or students will spend the remainder of the day in ALC.
- Continued offenses may result in OSS.

**EMERGENCY DATA CARDS:
CHANGES IN ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE
NUMBERS**

In case of an emergency, **the school needs to be able to contact parents.** Please notify the guidance assistant, at extension 22108 if there are any changes in your address, home and/or business telephone numbers. Also include the current phone number of a family member or close friend who should be contacted in the event that a parent cannot be reached. Inform the school office immediately if emergency contact information changes during the year.

ARRIVAL

No students will be permitted to enter the building before **7:00 AM**. Parents who drive their children to school are asked **NOT** to drop off their children before **7:00 AM** since there is no adult supervision at this time. Students must be dropped off in the morning in front of the school. For their safety, students need to exit the car on the side by the curb.

Students must report to their designated area (gym, auditorium or breakfast) immediately upon arrival on campus. Students may not go anywhere else in the building without a pass. Violation of this procedure will result in consequences.

First period begins promptly at 7:35 AM. Students are required to be in their first period classes prior to the bell at 7:35 AM.

DISMISSAL

Students with permission to leave early must be signed out by a parent/guardian in the main office.

If the parent plans to have someone else pick up the student from school, the parent must indicate, in writing, whom will be picking up the student. A picture identification will be required before releasing a student to any individual, including parent and/or guardian.

All students must clear the building and the school grounds immediately upon dismissal unless they are staying for school business (clubs/activities and detention). Students may not be signed out after **1:45 PM**. Students will not be allowed back into the building for any reason unless accompanied by a parent. Consequences are given to students on campus after hours without permission.

BUSES

School officials, bus supervisors, and bus drivers strive to provide safe and reliable transportation to and from school. To accomplish this objective, each student must become familiar with the regulations governing conduct on the bus. Students must follow all safety rules as outlined by their drivers.

The Transportation Department (805-3030) carefully plans bus routes and bus stops. Do not ask to have a bus or bus stop changed unless an obvious error has been made in your assignment. **Students must ride their assigned bus and will not be permitted to ride**

another bus to or from school. No exceptions will be made! (www.wcpss.net/bussupport)

Bus Discipline Procedures

The safety of each student at bus stops and on school buses is of the utmost importance. Riding the school bus is a privilege. **The law permits the school administration to deny bus transportation privileges if a student's conduct warrants such action. If transportation privileges are denied, it becomes the responsibility of the student's parents to see that the student arrives to school and is picked up from school on time.** The following bus discipline procedures have been established to help ensure the safety of all students who ride buses.

All WCPSS transportation rules and regulations also apply to activity buses.

Note: North Carolina State Statute 14.132.2 states that any persons(s) who shall unlawfully or willfully stop, impede, delay or detain any school bus or activity bus, during use of operation shall be prosecuted under a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any person(s) that enter a school or activity bus after being forbidden to do so by a school bus driver or principal or designee, and or refusing to leave upon demand of the bus driver or principal shall be prosecuted under a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any person (s) who demolish, deface, destroy, or burn any school bus shall be prosecuted under a Class 1 misdemeanor.

CARPOOL

Vehicles may not enter the bus lane on weekdays between **6:45 AM to 7:45 a.m.**

Vehicles may not enter the bus lane between 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Parents picking up students should be in the student drop-off loop located in the front of the school. Families providing transportation by car should use the car loop in front of the school in both morning and afternoons. In the mornings, have all belongings ready so that the student can quickly exit the car and allow traffic to flow. In the afternoons, students must report directly to the car loop, and should not be at other locations in the building.

WALKERS

Students, who walk to and from school, must cross Carnage Drive at the crosswalk and leave campus immediately upon dismissal, unless they are involved in an authorized activity.

FIELD TRIPS

All Wake County policies governing student behavior apply while students are on field trips. All students must have a signed, written permission slip to participate in field trips. Students who are not going on a field trip are legally required to be in school.

Emergency Procedure Drills

Specific plans, and procedures are necessary for the safety of all students and staff. Specific information for each drill is practiced throughout the year. Students and staff treat each drill as if it is an actual emergency.

GUM, CANDY, SELLING AND TRADING ITEMS

Chewing gum is not permitted at any time. Careless disposal of gum in drinking fountains, on furniture and floors presents sanitation and cleaning problems and costly repair.

Gum and candy are not to be brought to school. Selling Items that are bought or sold in school will be confiscated.

The sale or trade of **any** item in school (candy, gum, computer games, tapes, sport cards, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Any student selling any item, in school will be disciplined and parents will be informed.

HEALTH and STUDENT MEDICATIONS

If medication is necessary for a student's well-being and ability to function in school, school officials may administer the medication if one of the two following criteria is met.

1. The *Parent Request and Physician Order for Medication Form* (1702) is completed and in possession of school officials.

If a student becomes ill during the school day or is in need of first aid treatment as a result of an injury, they must obtain a pass from a teacher to go to the health room. **Students are not permitted to go to the health room between classes.** Students **must report any injury that occurs during school hours to teacher and/or the health room.**

School personnel are NOT PERMITTED TO:

Change dressings applied by a doctor, diagnose illnesses, administer treatment, treat injuries, dispense or medication without a current doctor's written permission.

INSURANCE

Students will have the opportunity to purchase school insurance during the first week of school. WCPSS does not carry insurance to pay claims for the injuries or incidents occurring in school, including stolen items.

LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

The media center is open from 7:00 a.m. until 2:20 p.m., each day. Students may borrow and return books during these times if they have a signed pass from one of their teachers. On Tuesdays through Thursday the Media Center is open until 3:30 p.m. If students use the Media Center after school, they must remain in the Media Center involved in meaningful activity until 3:30 p.m.

Books may be checked out for a period of 2 weeks. Reference books, magazines, and special reserve materials may be checked out overnight. Students are responsible for any materials that are borrowed from the media center and must pay for lost or stolen materials.

LOCKERS

Student lockers are a part of the school building and are under the supervision and jurisdiction of school officials. A locker with a combination lock is issued to students for safekeeping of personal belongings, books, clothing, etc. Students may go to their lockers at the designated times only. Lockers must be clean and securely closed at all times. No student may exchange his or her assigned lock assigned without the permission of the teacher. Students are responsible for replacing a lost or stolen lock they have been assigned for \$8.00 (replacement value). **Locks from home may not be used.** The school reserves the right to open, inspect, or restrict the use of lockers. **The school does not assume responsibility for items lost or stolen from lockers.** The school assumes no responsibility for items left in lockers and advises against bringing large sums of money, jewelry, Ipad , Ipod, cell phones and hand held video games. Students should notify the teacher immediately and complete an incident report in the office if they discover items missing from their locker. **Lockers remain the property of the school district and as a result, are subject to search at any time.**

Backpacks are permitted in school but must be kept in student lockers during the school day.

Each student should:

1. Keep their locker neat and clean.
2. Never give their combination to anyone.
3. Never store valuables in their lockers.
4. Never leave food in lockers overnight.
5. Make sure to close the locker after use.

LOST AND FOUND

All lost and found articles should be turned into the attendance office. Students may inquire about any lost personal property such as books, clothing, jackets and purses in the student services office. Students should complete a lost claim form in the student services office if a personal item is lost. **It is highly recommended that students label all books and belongings.**

Lost and found items are cleaned out at the end of each marking period and donated to local charities. Check with teachers and the main office for lost textbooks.

If a student finds something at school, the student must turn it in to the main office. If a student does not turn in found items, the student is in possession of stolen/lost property and will be suspended from school as per the discipline procedures.

LUNCH

All students eat lunch at school unless otherwise approved by administrators. Special diets should be discussed with the cafeteria manager (ext: 22107).

MEALS

The following are student and adult meal prices:

Student paid breakfast	\$1.50
Student reduced breakfast	\$Free
Student paid lunch	\$2.50
Student reduced lunch	\$.40
Extra milk	\$.50

All adult meals are a la carte prices. Prices are subject to change. The baked desserts will not be a part of the regular lunch menu each day. These items cost extra.

Seating and clean-up duties are assigned by tables. Students are expected to keep food off the floor, to take their trays to the designated area, to clean their tables, and to remain seated until dismissed by a teacher. Tables and floors must be left clean.

Students may bring a bagged lunch from home or buy a school lunch, milk, or dessert at school. **Under no circumstances should food be ordered or delivered from a fast food restaurant to students.** No food or drink is to be taken out of the cafeteria. Students are expected to demonstrate good manners while eating and may talk using an inside voice.

No food may be purchased during the last few minutes of the lunch period since unfinished food is not allowed outside the cafeteria.

Free and reduced lunch applications are available in the Student Services office. Students receiving free or reduced lunch may not give their lunch number or lunch to another individual.

SEVERE WEATHER

When it snows or in the case of other dangerous weather or emergency situations, a decision may be made to close school or delay school opening. The superintendent makes these decisions after the National Weather Service and local weather bureaus have been consulted. Local radio and television stations are notified first. To determine if school is being closed or delayed, tune to a local radio or television station. Please do not call the school.

VISITORS

Carnage parents are always welcome at school. Visitors must enter at the front door near the administrative offices and always check-in the office to obtain an identifying visitor's pass. **Students are not permitted to have friends visit during school hours or attend school dances.**

Announcements, Messages and Student Phone Use

Students are allowed to use the office telephone in emergency situations only. A student is not allowed to use the telephone unless they have a **signed** note from the teacher. **Arrangements for after school activities should be made by students before coming to school.** **Only emergency messages will be delivered to students during the school day.** **Cell phones may not be used by students, during the school day.** Cell phones will be confiscated on the first offense and students will be disciplined for repeated offenses. Parents are required to pick up any confiscated item(s).