

GENERAL SCHOOL POLICIES FOR STUDENTS

1. Students must wait in designated areas before school: 6th grade out front; 7th grade playground area; 8th grade bike racks.
2. If entering before 7:38 a.m. because of weather, students should go directly to the designated area: 6th grade to the small gym; 7th grade to the large gym; 8th grade to the east end of the commons.
3. If entering before 7:38 a.m. to meet with a teacher students must have previous permission (i.e. a written pass). Students will show their pass to the adults on duty and report to the teacher's room. In case of emergency (i.e. no pass, but need to see a teacher) those students should report to the office who will contact the teacher. The exceptions will be choir members, band students, or those students coming for breakfast. Admits to come into the building early must be obtained from the teacher the day before.
4. Students who want to eat breakfast will wait in a separate line outside until dismissed to come in by an adult. Students will drop their back pack on a lunch table as they enter, get their food, eat, clean up their area, raise their hand to be dismissed, and then go to their designated area (outside or inside). Students are **not** allowed to have their electronic devices out during breakfast.
5. At the end of the day, leave the building promptly and quietly. Students are allowed to stay after school if they are directly supervised by a teacher, staying for detention, are going to Beyond the Bell or have a practice starting before 3:30.
6. No gum in the building.
7. Cell phones can be used before and after school only. During the school day **and breakfast**, phones must be turned off and placed in their locker or pocket. Phones that are heard or used during the school day may be confiscated by the adult and returned at the end of the day. On a 2nd offense and any other offenses, parents may be required to pick up the phone in the office. Students may remove the battery and keep it with them if they choose. Phones can be used in classrooms for educational purposes with permission from their teacher.
8. E-readers are allowed for educational purposes at school. Students should check with their teachers before using it in a classroom.
9. Other electronic devices (i-pods, etc.) and toys (yo-yo's, laser lights, etc.) are not allowed during the school day. These items may be confiscated by adults and turned into the office with the parents being required to pick them up. Headphones should not be seen during the day except in the classrooms that allow them.
10. Students are expected to be dressed and groomed appropriately for the educational environment. The following are prohibited:
 - a. Any style of dress, article of clothing, hairstyle, make-up, or other body adornment, which substantially or materially interferes with or disrupts the maintenance of a learning atmosphere, specifically including that which is obscene, vulgar or otherwise appeals to the prurient interest, or is suggestive of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or promotes any other conduct prohibited by the Student Code.
 - b. A lack of footwear appropriate to the activity or season (no slippers).
 - c. Any article of clothing, jewelry or other accessory (i.e. backpack, purse) that is a hazard to safety, including chains and spikes.
 - d. Any hat or cap or hoodie.
 - e. Any apparel, hairstyles, jewelry, monikers, trademarks, symbols or any other item which school officials determine, in light of the totality of the circumstances, and after consultation with law enforcement authorities at a supervisory level and/or other community experts, by virtue of its color, arrangement, or any other attribute implies affiliation or empathy with any group or gang which advocates violence, bigotry, hate, drug use, or other criminal or disruptive behavior (i.e. bandanas).
11. Skateboards can be brought to school, but will need to be kept in the office during the day. Skateboards are not to be ridden on NMS property. Bicycle safety needs to be practiced while at school.
12. There should be no opened food or drink in lockers. Students are not to share lockers. If you lose your lock (\$5 replacement fee), report it to your TA teacher. Magnets may be used to hold things in your lockers. No permanent stickers should be used.

NMS Tardy Policy

Arriving to school on time and ready to learn is expected of all students by North Middle staff and administration. The following policy has been developed by a committee to address the tardy concerns.

- When a student gets to their 4th tardy to school a phone call will be made to the parent/guardian to let them know the next time they are tardy to school they will have a tardy seminar (1 hour after school).
- The 5th tardy will result in a tardy seminar. Every tardy after that will result in a tardy seminar (6, 7, etc.).
- Tardies will run per quarter; each quarter the tardy count starts over.
- Tardy seminars will be held after school in the detention room (1 hour).
- Students will be required to **make arrangements to provide their own transportation home.**
- Students will receive a reminder of their tardy seminar during 8th period. If you have the student in class, please escort them to the detention room.
- Students will be expected to complete a writing assignment during the seminar.
- The seminar will be repeated if the writing assignment is not completed.

LUNCHROOM-GENERAL RULES

1. Walk quietly with your TA to the recess area.
2. When entering the lunch room follow directions of the staff...boys will line up on one side and the girls on the other. This is a good time to visit quietly with those standing in line with you. Please respect other students...don't budge in line.
3. After getting your food, paying, and getting your condiments (i.e. ranch) follow the adult's directions on where to sit.
4. Once you are seated, you must remain in **that** seat. If you need to get up, please raise your hand for permission.
5. Do not throw or flick food. Keep your hands off other students' food.
6. If you make a mess, clean it up.
7. Students will be dismissed by a teacher when lunch is over. Please clean up area when you are dismissed.
8. Throw items in the garbage cans and stack your trays on the small table or counter.
9. Walk quietly back to your locker then to the classroom you are assigned to.
10. Unopened food and drink (except milk) can be taken out of the lunchroom with permission from an adult.

What do I do if I want to see a counselor?

- Let my teacher know and she/he will let the grade level counselor know.
- Stop by the counseling office and write your name on a list; your counselor will call you down when she has time.
- Talk to her during lunch time, or before/after school.

What do I do if I want/need to see a Principal?

- Let my teacher know and she/he will let an administrator know.
- Talk to an administrator during lunch time or before/after school or in the hallway.

If I need to see either one of them I do NOT stop in the office and tell a secretary.