

NMS Parent Information

1. School Logistics

Arrival:

- Students are encouraged to ride the bus to school if possible. Not only does riding the bus cut down on traffic issues, it is also better for the environment. Students may also walk or ride their bike. Buses usually arrive at NMS between 7:20 and 7:45.
- **Car rider drop off begins at 7:25.** Please do not leave your child unattended outside. Drop off is at the back of the building at the gym. At 7:25, a bell will ring and the doors to the gym will be opened. At that point, all students present report to the gym. At 7:30 the breakfast bell rings and students then have 3 choices; go to the library for homework hall, go to the cafeteria for breakfast or stay in the gym and sit in the bleachers (6th grade students sit in the balcony). At 7:55 sixth grade students will be released to their lockers and to their first class. The 6th grade will have a 5 minute head start on the rest of the school each morning as the 7th and 8th grade won't release until 8:00.
- **At 8:05 gym doors are closed and parents must bring their child to the office to sign in** and receive a tardy slip if they arrive after 8:05.

Dismissal:

- **Bus riders are dismissed at 3:15 (1:45 on Wednesdays)** (6th grade will again get a couple minutes head start).
 - **Car riders/Walkers are dismissed at 3:20 (1:50 on Wed.)** All students must leave via the front doors by the office. Work out with your child where you will try to park or better yet, ride the bus.
 - All students must leave campus including the pavilion by 3:40 pm (2:00 pm on Wednesdays)
 - Transportation Dos and Don'ts
 - Do – Ride the bus or walk or ride your bike (with your helmet)
 - Do – Drop off at the gym between 7:25-8:05
 - Do – bring a signed note and turn it in to Mr. Cummings if your bus transportation plans change.
 - Don't – drop off at the cafeteria, front of the school, or the bus circle.
 - Don't drop off before 7:25 or after 8:05.
 - **Don't call the school to change transportation plans.**
2. **Cafeteria** – The NMS cafeteria works the same as the cafeteria at our feeder schools and balances will carry over to NMS. Each child is only allowed one charge.
3. **Attendance** – Norris Middle School has high expectations for all of its students and therefore requires students to attend. Here are some tips of absences.
- EVERY absence requires an excuse to be submitted within 3 days of the absence per Code of Conduct.
 - If you know your child will be missing school, please pick up a prearranged absence form from the office or off the school website. This form **MUST** be submitted **in advance** of the absence.
 - Absence excuses must be **brought to the office by the student or parent/guardian** and placed in the black absence excuse box. This is different from elementary school. **Teachers do not collect notes.**
4. Skyward – NMS, like all Anderson County Schools, utilizes Skyward for grading and attendance. You may access your child's account with the same user and password as in previous years. Your child's performance should be available on Skyward at any time but please remember it may be a few days before teacher's have time to enter assignment grades into Skyward. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher first.
5. NMS, like all ACS schools, sends both Mid-term progress reports and 9 weeks progress reports.
6. **SENATOR DAY is AUGUST 1st**. Please mark your calendar & plan to attend. 6th grade will be from 1 until 3. Students will; get their Chromebooks, schedules, lockers, purchase annual & NMS gear, have pictures made for annual, find where all your classes are, meet your teachers, and much more. **THIS IS TRULY A CAN'T MISS DAY!**