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Welcome to River Valley Middle School! We are excited about the time your student will spend with us as we transition our campus to a middle school. The following information will give you and your student some insight into our school. If you have any questions please call the school office at 761-5690.

### **School Day Hours**

7:30 – Building doors open, school office opens, cafeteria opens for breakfast  
8:25 – first period begins  
11:37-12:06 - 6th Grade Lunch  
12:10-12:39 - 7th Grade Lunch  
12:59-1:28 - 8th Grade Lunch  
3:55 - Dismissal  
4:30 - School office closes

### **Arrival**

The building opens at 7:30. Please do not drop off students prior to 7:30 as there is no adult supervision outside the building. Any students arriving late (after the 8:25 bell) should be dropped off at the main entrance off Speegleville Road.

- All busses will drop off at the main entrance off Speegleville Road
- Parents/Guardians must remain in vehicles during drop off. There is not a walkup option
- All 6th grade car drop off will be located at the main entrance off Speegleville Road
- All 7th and 8th grade car drop off will be located at the southwest side of the building off Oak Road (cafeteria doors)
- Any student who needs breakfast may report to the cafeteria upon entering the building.
- Walkers and bike riders enter the building through the cafeteria doors along with the 7th and 8th grade students. Bike racks are located at the back of the building by the cafeteria entrance doors. Walkers may enter the front of the building if they arrive via Speegleville Road.
- Athletes reporting for before school practice should enter the building using the north entrance off Speegleville Road.

### **Dismissal**

- All busses will pick up students at the main entrance
- All car pick up is on the southwest side of the building off Oak Road (by the cafeteria)



- Walkers and bike riders will meet a staff member in the cafeteria and will be escorted off campus
- Parents/Guardians must remain in vehicles for pick up. There is not a walkup option
- There are two options for car pick-up:
  - Parents may park in the parking lot and wait for your student to walk out to you via the crosswalk - a staff member will direct traffic to allow groups of students to cross into the parking lot.
  - Cars may line up on the right side of the entrance lane closest to the curb (please form one line so other cars can exit the pick-up lane). Students will be under the awning and may enter their cars as they arrive.

### **Front Office Entrance**

Parents needing to enter the building for any reason will use the front entrance off Speegleville Road. For safety and security purposes, the door to the office area will remain locked at all times. Parents or visitors should be prepared to identify themselves and show identification before gaining access to the building. Please use the buzzer system adjacent to the office door to gain access to the building.

### **Student ID's**

Students are required to wear their school ID badge at all times while on campus. Students will receive one school ID; replacement ID badges cost \$5. Student ID's will be issued to students after school pictures are completed on Friday, August 26.

### **Lockers**

Students will not be issued lockers. Instead, all students are required to have a backpack to carry essential supplies throughout the day. Students in athletics and pre-athletics will have lockers for their athletic equipment in the athletic locker rooms.

### **iPads**

Students are required to take iPads home each day. Students are expected to bring their iPad to school each day fully charged.

### **Lunch**

Students may bring lunch from home or purchase lunch in the cafeteria. Lunch visitors are not permitted at secondary campuses. No outside food deliveries can be accepted by secondary campuses. Parents/guardians may drop off essentials, i.e. packed lunch boxes, medications, hygiene items, etc. on those rare occasions when essential items are left at home or in the car. However, no outside food (restaurant, fast-food items) will be dropped off and delivered to students. Families can apply for free and/or reduced meals by visiting the MISD Food Service website.



### **Lunch Account**

Visit [www.midwayisd.org](http://www.midwayisd.org) and select Food Services under the Departments tab. Here you will find information on free and reduced meals, menus, and meal pricing. From this site you can access My School Bucks where you can review your child's balance and add money to your child's account. Or, you may send a check/cash with your child to be turned in at the cafeteria.

### **Advisory Period**

Advisory in MISD middle schools will promote academic success and social-emotional growth for students' overall well-being by providing intentional and consistent support in important aspects of middle school life.

Advisors will support students in building relationships, including with their families, campus staff, and other students.

### **Before/After School Athletic Practices**

Drop off and pick up for before and after school athletics practices is on the north side of the building adjacent to the athletic fields; enter the parking lot via Speegleville Road. Coaches will communicate more details for athletic practices at a later time.

### **Electronics**

The district permits students to possess personal cell phones for safety purposes; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes. A student must have approval to possess other personal telecommunications devices on campus such as laptops, tablets, or other portable computers. Without such permission, teachers will collect the items and turn them in to the principal's office. The principal will determine whether to return items to students at the end of the day or to contact parents to pick up the items. The use of cell phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event. If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the principal's office for a fee of \$15. On the second offense, the device will be held for 5 days before the confiscated device can be picked up by the parent for a fee of \$15. On the third offense, the device will be held for 10 days before the confiscated device can be picked up by the parent for a fee of \$15. On the fourth and subsequent offenses, the device will be held for 30 days before the confiscated device can be picked up by the parent for a fee of \$15.



### **Dress Code**

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, prepare students for the workforce, and teach respect for the educational environment. School is a place of business, not a social club. Therefore, the dress and grooming of a student should reflect the serious intent of one who is going to work with an important job to do. Accordingly, dress and grooming standards should promote a businesslike atmosphere that is comfortable, but not too casual, free from disruption, easily enforced by teachers and administrators so as not to take away from instruction, and easily self-monitored so that students and parents can ensure that the standards are met prior to the student coming to school. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Clothing should be worn for the purpose for which it was designed. Pajamas and sleepwear are not allowed.
- Articles of clothing with suggestive writing or pictures, or inappropriate advertising, slogans, or symbols are prohibited.
- Students will not wear or have in their possession items that are inappropriate for school.
- Any clothing which may relate to gang symbols is prohibited.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes, cleated shoes, or any shoes that mark or damage floor coverings, are not allowed.
- Caps, hats, visors, head coverings, and sunglasses are not to be worn inside school buildings.
- Hemlines on all dresses, skirts, and shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh length (typically no shorter than 7" inseam).
- Pants may not have holes above mid-thigh length. No sagging pants are allowed.
- Tights, leggings, or spandex may only be worn with a shirt, skirt, dress, or shorts that cover both the front and the back (no sheer panels; no skin may show through).
- Jackets or coats must not be longer than mid-thigh length.
- Tank tops (less than two inches wide on the shoulder strap), halters, midriff tops, tube tops are not allowed. Open knit or unlined fishnet jerseys are not allowed unless they are worn over a T-shirt or blouse, or completely covered with a jacket. Shirts with sleeves cut out are not allowed.
- Excessively tight or baggy clothing are not allowed. All undergarments must be covered.
- Students' hair must be clean, neat, and well-groomed. Hairstyles must not obstruct the student's vision or a view of the student's face. Unnatural colors are not allowed.



- Piercing for the ear(s) and a single stud in the nose are allowed. Any other visible body piercings, including gauges, are not allowed.
- Visible tattoos or fake tattoos are not allowed. Tattoos or fake tattoos must be covered while attending school.
- No blankets may be brought to school.

#### **SECONDARY-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES**

- Girls must wear bras.
- Tops which reveal cleavage or midriff are not allowed.
- Facial hair should be neat, clean, and closely trimmed.

The Board of Trustees delegates to the campus principal the authority to make final determinations as to whether clothing or grooming is or is not within this Code. The ruling of the campus principal regarding compliance/noncompliance with this Code and corresponding consequences assigned for violation for the Code is final and may not be appealed to the Superintendent, his/her designee, or the Board.