



BLACKMON ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL
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STUDENT HANDBOOK 2020-2021



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Blackmon Road Middle School
Where the Pursuit of Learning is Boundless



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Blackmon Road Middle School has a reputation for excellence, and we challenge our students to do their best to uphold this tradition. Despite the obstacles presented to us with Covid 19, BRMS has a wonderful team of talented teachers and staff who are ready to serve the needs of our students. Blackmon Road Middle School is dedicated to the students' and faculty's pursuit of excellence and is an environment ***where the pursuit of learning is boundless.***

Please read this handbook carefully as it will help you become familiar with Blackmon Road Middle School's policies, procedures, expectations, and requirements. Please make sure to pay close attention to the attendance requirements, academic performance expectations, student dress code and behavior expectations of your child. Listed below are ways to help your child succeed in school:

- Send your child to school prepared and in a positive frame of mind every day. School attendance is essential for a quality education. The time missed from class results in the loss of many educational experiences. **To be successful in school, students must be on time to school, remain in school until the end of the day, and be at school every day possible.**
- A child's home environment has a major influence on learning attitudes and achievement. Factors such as expectations for school success, attitudes toward hard work, parent/teacher cooperation, and parent involvement in the classroom and school affairs have a positive influence on student achievement. We encourage your interest and involvement in your child's education. **We need parental support in order to assure that each student will achieve his or her full potential during the middle school years.**
- **Appropriate behavior of students is expected at all times.** This allows students, faculty, and administration to enjoy the school day and participate together in all of the many activities and programs that take place at our school. Understanding the importance of socially distancing and wearing masks will continue to help keep all safe on our campus.

We look forward to working together with all students and parents to make this year the best possible at Blackmon Road Middle School!

Sincerely,

Penny Bowen Gorum

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Principal



2020-2021 BRMS VIRTUAL BELL SCHEDULE

8:20	9:00	News Clubs Organizations Support Groups	Optional
9:00	10:50	First Period*	1 hour, 50 minutes
10:50	11:00	Break	10 minutes
11:00	1:20	Third Period*-	2 hours, 20 minutes
11:00	12:00	Third Period/Session 1	1 hour
12:00	12:30	Lunch Break	30 minutes
12:30	1:20	Third Period/Session 2	50 minutes
1:20	1:30	Break	10 minutes
1:30	3:20	Fifth Period*	1 hour, 50 minutes
3:20	3:50	ILT Guidance & Remediation Support Groups	30 minutes
*Monday/Wednesday		First, Third, Fifth Periods	
*Tuesday/Thursday		Second, Fourth, Sixth Periods	
*Friday		Rotating A/B Schedule	

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8:00	8:20	Teacher Professional Learning Time	20 minutes
8:20	8:50	Temperature Check Breakfast Grab & Go Report to Class	30 minutes
8:50	10:50	First Period*	2 hours
10:50	11:00	Transition Time	10 minutes
11:00	1:20	Third Period*	1 hour, 50 minutes
		Staggered Lunches	30 min built-in lunch break
1:20	1:30	Transition Time	10 minutes
1:30	3:20	Fifth Period*	1 hour, 50 minutes
3:20	3:50	ILT/School Announcements	30 minutes
3:50	4:00	Staggered Release	10 minutes
*Monday/Wednesday		First, Third, Fifth Periods	
*Tuesday/Thursday		Second, Fourth, Sixth Periods	
*Friday		Rotating A/B Schedule	

General Information

Administration

Principal	Penny Bowen Gorum
Assistant Principal	Keith Wells
Athletic Director	Chad Bray
Guidance Counselor	Nina Rubio
Academic Dean	Lindy Dunn
Media Center Specialist	Susan Hudnall
Attendance Coordinator	Sam Terwilliger
School Receptionist	Tameaka Vanderhorst
School Bookkeeper	Sherlete Branscomb

Guidance

Nina Rubio

Guidance Counselor

There are many people here to help answer your questions and to help you with your problems. You never need to feel that you must face or solve problems alone. Our counselor is always available to assist you with problems, answer questions, discuss possible solutions to things that are bothering you, or just to listen.

There are also others at school to assist you when you need help:

Teachers: Whether you have them for class or not, do not hesitate to ask any teacher for help when you need it. If the one you ask can't help, he/she will send you to someone who can.

Asst. Principal: You don't have to "get into trouble" in order to talk to **Mr. Wells**. If something is bothering you, talk to him before it becomes a problem that could get you into trouble.

Principal: All students are welcome to talk to **Mrs. Gorum** at any time about anything involving the school. Your well-being is the most important concern to the principal and all other members of the school staff.

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES
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ATTENTION: NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR 7TH GRADE ENTRY

Effective July 1, 2014, all children born on or after January 1, 2002, who are entering the 7th grade will be required to have a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) and a Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine before entering school for the 2014 – 2015 school year. These vaccines are being required to protect your child from Pertussis and Meningitis.

In order to have a smooth registration process and **entrance into the 7th grade** please provide proof of vaccinations, or other required information, on the Georgia Immunization Certificate form 3231, to your child's school.

Your child must have the updated immunizations, unless he/she has an exemption, and a new 3231 Georgia Immunization Form. **Your child will not be able to enter 7th grade without this information.** If you have any questions, please contact your child's school or your health care provider. The vaccines and the appropriate form are both available at your healthcare provider's office and at the Columbus Health Department.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely
Darlene Shirley RN
Lead Nurse, Health Services

Student Accident Insurance

The Muscogee County School District offers student accident insurance to all students in the Muscogee County School District. This insurance is available to you at a nominal fee. If you are interested, you may contact the school office for information. If you do not wish to take out Student Accident Insurance, your child's health insurance is your responsibility. The Muscogee County School District does not carry health coverage on students.

All students participating in football or other extracurricular activities which might promote accident or injury must be insured by the student insurance program or the principal must have on file a notarized statement that the parent relieves the school and the school district of any liability.

Attendance Information

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

The Muscogee County School District's Board of Education and Blackmon Road Middle School emphasize the value of regular attendance. Regular school attendance is directly related to success in academic work, benefits students socially, provides opportunities for important communications between teachers and students, and establishes regular habits that are important to the future of the student. The school board encourages regular school attendance, recognizing that regular school attendance is a joint responsibility shared by the student, parent/guardian, teacher, and administrators. The state law requires that students be in attendance for the full session of the school year. It is the responsibility of each student, under the law, to attend school on a daily basis and the responsibility of the parents/guardians to send their child to school, on time, on a daily basis.

School hours are from 8:50 AM until 3:50 PM. Attendance is taken every period on **traditional and virtual schedule**. The state of Georgia has signed into law state attendance policies for the purpose of reducing the number of absences from school and to increase the percentage of students present to take tests that are required to be administered under the laws of the state of Georgia. Parents and students should become familiar with Blackmon's attendance policy. Blackmon Road Middle School reserves the right to change its attendance policies in order to comply with state law and local policies.

NOTE: Students, who are absent the day of an extracurricular activity (dance, sporting event, etc.) are not allowed to attend and/or participate in the extracurricular activity.

ATTENDANCE LAWS AND POLICIES

In accordance with Georgia Law O.C.G.A. §20-2-690.1, any student of compulsory school age (15 years old and younger) with **FIVE (5)** unexcused absences will be referred to the school social worker. Georgia Law O.C.G.A §20-2-690.1(b) provides for penalties for any parent, guardian or person in control of a child or children who shall violate §20-2-690.1(b). Each day's violation of this law after the School District notifies the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of a child of

FIVE (5) unexcused days of absence shall constitute a separate offense subjecting the person notified to the following measures:

1. Fine of not less than \$25 and not greater than \$100
2. Imprisonment not to exceed 30 days
3. Community service
4. Any combination of the above penalties

Absences

EXCUSED ABSENCES

In the case of a necessary absence from school, a student must bring a written excuse from parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence. This excuse must be given to the 1st period teacher on the day the student returns to school. Excuse can be emailed in the event of virtual learning.

State law recognizes the following reasons as legal absences:

- Personal illness
- Recognized religious holidays
- Instances where attendance would be hazardous
- Death in immediate family
- Absences mandated by governmental agencies

Note: After 7 days of absences (excused or unexcused), students who are absent due to illness must provide doctor's documentation or the absence will be considered unexcused. All other absent excuses will be subject to approval from administration.

Students not present in class who are engaged in a previously approved educational activity/field trip are considered administratively excused and are credited with attendance in classes during the approved activity. However, these students must make prior arrangements with their teachers to compensate for missed

class time and assignments. Students are subject to completing a project/assignment for absences considered “Educational”.

In case of an extended illness, parents should contact the counselors to determine if the services of a teacher are required. A hospital/homebound teacher can be assigned to a student who will be absent ten or more consecutive days due to illness or injury.

Make-Up Work for Excused Absences

When absent, it is the student’s responsibility to ask for assignments missed and to follow up with his or her teachers. The student must also return the work to each teacher within the time limit decided upon by the teacher. It is the student’s responsibility to turn in make-up work without teachers having to give reminders.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Students returning without a parental note will be issued an unexcused absence and will be instructed to bring a note the following day. **The absence shall remain unexcused if no note is brought within three (3) days.** Unexcused absences include but are not limited to the following.

- Oversleeping • Missing the bus • Skipping School • Cutting Class
- Babysitting • Family vacation • Out-of-School Suspension • Car Trouble

Check In/Check Out Procedures

TARDY TO SCHOOL

Students who are tardy to school must check in through the Main Office. Students must have a written note from a parent/guardian and/or Doctor stating the date and reason for the tardiness. Oversleeping, car trouble, running errands, missing the bus, dress code violations, etc, are unexcused. Special circumstances may be taken into consideration by the school’s administration. After 6 unexcused tardies to school, the student will be assigned to Silent Lunch, Friday school, and/or Saturday School, which is scheduled on Fridays from 4:00 PM-5:30 PM or Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. **Every unexcused tardy after the 6th tardy will result in a detention assignment and/or ISS. A note from a doctor, dentist, or a court official will be the only acceptable tardy excuse. We allow students to enter the building as early as 8:20 a.m. **Traffic in the car rider line is NOT an acceptable excuse for being tardy. Please make adjustments needed to arrive on time.***

Students must have a parent or guardian present when checking in after 10:00 a.m. All students should be in their assigned classes and seated prior to 8:50 AM. ***After 8:50 AM, students will be considered tardy (unexcused) and must report to the attendance office to receive a tardy slip.*** The following are considered an excused tardy:

1. Doctor's or dentist's office verification of an appointment.
2. Verification from a legal representative of a legal appointment that morning when school began, or
3. Verifiable parental notes – Administration holds the right to accept or deny these notes.
4. **Offense: Excessive Tardiness to Classes 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th periods:**

1st Offense: 3rd tardy - parent notified by teacher of future consequences if tardies continue.

2nd Offense: 6th tardy and all tardies that follow – Friday/Sat. School assignment.

*Teachers will mark tardies in the computer (2,3,4,5,6, ILT), All 1st period tardies will go through the front office.

*Excessive tardiness can disqualify a student from behavior incentive programs including Eagle Day.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Instructional time is very important. That is why we encourage you to make every effort to schedule dental and doctor appointments after regular school hours. ***Because of the increased safety measures with Covid-19, we ask that you call the front office when arriving on our campus for checkouts.** Office staff will then ask that you scan your ID from a kiosk outside. Parents or guardians arriving at school to check their child out must sign him/her out through the Main Office and present **a valid picture ID.** Parents will not be allowed in the building as a safety measure in controlling the spread of Covid-19.

NOTE: *If it is necessary for an older brother, sister, other family member, or friend to pick up a student, the student **must** bring a note to the office stating this **before school.** The note must have parental contact information. The school secretary will call the parent to verify the note. Students attempting to check out using others to impersonate parents will be suspended from school for a minimum of one day.*

No checkouts will be allowed after 3:20 p.m. - The last 30 minutes of the school day - unless a Doctor's appointment card is provided.

Visitation Procedures

FOR SAFETY REASONS: Visitors will not be allowed inside the school building due to Covid-19 precautions.

Due to ongoing precautions against the spread of Covid-19, parents are asked to remain in their cars and call the front office in the event of checking in or checking out students. A kiosk will be set up outside for ID and signature purposes. If you need to drop off an item for your child, please call the front office and leave your item with a name tag attached in the front drop box located outside the front doors. An office member will then retrieve and deliver the item.

School conferences/meetings will be done through Zoom and phone conferencing due to the ongoing risks associated with Covid-19. Once risks are over, we will return to a regular visitation schedule as noted below:

*Parents will not interrupt classes or school functions with unannounced visits to meet with teachers. We encourage parents/legal guardians to visit our classrooms to observe their child's learning environment. Please notify our Guidance Department twenty-four hours in advance to schedule a visit. Please go directly to the office upon your arrival and our office staff will notify the teacher. If the class is testing, we ask that you reschedule your visit (testing is a time of anxiety for most students). Someone from the office staff will show you to the classroom where a chair/desk will be provided for you. Please remember that you are observing, and this is not the time to ask the teacher questions or converse with your child. At the conclusion of your visit, the teacher will show you to the office. If you would like to schedule a conference for a later date, please schedule it through the academic dean. *Note: Administration reserves the right to deny visitation if warranted.**

Outside Food and Deliveries

No food is to be delivered and/or brought to students from outside vendors due to the ongoing threat of Covid-19 exposure. If a special occasion exists such as a classroom party/function and has been approved by the teacher/administration, arrangements will be made for drop-off. Visitors are not allowed inside the building as we work to provide the safest environment possible to our students and free of Covid-19 exposure. We will eventually return to reserved designated areas for parents to eat lunch with students. **ONLY** parents are allowed for lunch visits. Deliveries from outside commercial vendors, such as florist/ balloons, are prohibited. (Bring to PBIS Team)

Transportation Requirements

RIDING THE BUS

Riding a school bus is a privilege not a requirement. Improper conduct on the bus will result in that privilege being denied. Students riding a bus will be expected to ride their designated bus. A request to ride another bus may be approved provided a written request is submitted to the main office **before 9:00 AM.** Students who fail to submit their request before 9:00 AM will be denied. This privilege will only be extended if there is space on the desired bus. Bus changes are approved for a one-day period of time. The Muscogee County School District Transportation Office may approve long-term bus change requests. Each bus driver has complete charge of pupils riding the school bus. The Student Conduct Behavior Code rules apply. Pupils who refuse to obey the bus rules will be disciplined and may forfeit their right to ride the bus. Students are expected to wear masks on the bus in an effort to protect others against the spread of Covid 19.

Student behavior on school buses is considered an extension of classroom behavior. Students who fail to respond to the directions of the bus driver shall be reported to the school principal, or other school designee, who may deny the student bus transportation.

WALKERS AND RIDERS

Students who walk or ride with parents are asked not to arrive at school before 8:20 AM. We want to insure a safe unloading place for students. The building will open at 8:20 AM. Students must have their temperature taken before entering the building. Students with a temperature will be sent to a special holding room with parents notified to pick up their child.

Parents/Guardians **are not** allowed to pick-up/drop off students on Blackmon Road or in the neighborhoods around Blackmon Road Middle School. **Students who are caught being picked up/dropped off in the neighborhoods will be subject to disciplinary action. Students should remain on campus after arriving each morning and should not walk to nearby stores or shopping areas. All drop-offs are in the front loop.**

Parents are requested to not park or wait in the unloading/loading areas before the starting and dismissal times of school. Students should report to designated waiting area when arriving at school in the morning and upon dismissal in afternoon. We ask that students who walk home are courteous to nearby neighbors by not walking through their property. **All students should be picked up before 4:20 PM.**

PICKING UP OR DROPPING OFF IN UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

Parents who pick up/drop off their students in unauthorized locations such as the Stoneybrook & Sonoma Point subdivisions, the apartment complexes on Blackmon Road, the urgent care or dental office parking lot, Georgia Military College, or along the street on Blackmon Road are subject to fines by the Columbus Police Department. In addition, students will be subject to disciplinary action. We have had numerous complaints from the homeowners in Stoneybrook, Sonoma Point and the workers in the urgent care's office that picking up in these areas causes damage to property and is also unsafe for students. Pick up and drop off students in school designated areas only. Be patient and considerate of other drivers and property owners in the area.

SKATEBOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES, SCOOTERS, WHEELED SNEAKERS AND MINI-BIKES. Skateboards, In-Line Skates, scooters, as well as wheeled sneakers, are not to be brought to school. Mini-bikes are banned from school property. Bikes are allowed and students need to utilize the bike rack (in the front of the school). Bike locks are encouraged, and recommended.

Supervision of Students

Students are supervised after school hours only for school-sponsored meetings and activities. **There is no student supervision on the campus after school is over unless the student is associated with an extracurricular activity.** Parents should be prompt in picking up their children from activities. Parents assume full responsibility for supervision of their children beyond a 30-minute period after the closing of school or any school event.

*NOTE: Students who are not picked up within a reasonable time (30 minutes) after the ending of an event will not be allowed to attend the next extracurricular activity. Parents and students should not depend upon a telephone being available so that a student may call when the school event is over.

Student Schedule Changes

Student schedules are developed after much deliberation on the part of the administration. Changes will be considered that pertain to music and/or connections classes during the first week of school; however, changes that apply to specific teachers will not be considered. It is our expectation that all teachers will provide students with the best possible learning opportunities and that changes are not necessary. Only changes due to academic misplacement are considered.

Grading

ACADEMIC GRADES

Blackmon Road operates on a nine weeks academic grading period system. At the midterm of a nine weeks period, each student will receive a midterm progress report. Report cards are issued to students at the end of each nine weeks period. Students are to return the signed report card to their homeroom teacher. The grading scale approved by the Muscogee County School District for academics is as follows:

A=100-90	(Excellent progress)
B= 89-80	(Above Average progress)
C=79-70	(Average progress)
F=69-0	(Unsatisfactory progress/Failure)

Academics

Academics are the primary focus at Blackmon Road Middle School. All other areas, though important, support the educational program. This challenge requires the leadership of a highly trained faculty and staff who truly care for children. With supportive parents and students who want to reach the highest standards of excellence, Blackmon's formula for success is the perfect balance.

As stated in the checkout procedures section, instructional time is important. Every time a classroom is interrupted, valuable instructional time is lost. This causes the teacher to stop what he or she is doing, handle the situation, and then refocus the students. You can imagine how much time would be lost if there are two to three interruptions per class period. It can add up to a substantial amount of instructional time lost. To avoid losing valuable teaching time, we have adopted the **"No interruption to the classroom"** policy. This will help us reduce the number of classroom interruptions and allow the teacher to teach and deliver engaging work to the students. Therefore, the following will be enforced:

- Students will not be allowed to leave the classroom to accept phone calls. Please make sure to relay messages to your child before he or she arrives to school. **DO NOT** text your child during instructional time. Students should not use cell phones in the restrooms.
- Students will not be allowed to leave the classroom to make phone calls. Calling home because the student forgot an assignment, project or gym clothes will not be allowed. Please make sure your child has everything he or she needs before arriving to school.

Blackmon Road Middle School brings together a great group of educators that are committed to a philosophy that provides effective instruction for every student. We are committed to providing every student a “Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum” that helps ensure each student can achieve his/her potential during their middle school years. Students will go to their four core academic areas every day for approximately 55 minutes each class.

Middle School Subjects

Academics

Language Arts and Reading

Language arts classes help students develop their power to communicate through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Activities are designed to appeal to middle school students’ interests while integrating instruction in all areas of the language arts.

Mathematics

Mathematics includes review and extension of concepts taught the previous year. The new Georgia Performance Standards dictate that math is taught in the following courses: Mathematics 6-7-8

Advanced Math 6-7-8

Honors Compacted Math 6-7 / 7-8

GSE Coordinate Algebra and Accelerated GSE Coordinate Algebra I/Analytic Geometry A.

Science

Earth Science is taught in the sixth grade and explores the wonders of our planet and solar system. Life Science, including such studies as plants, animals and living organisms, is taught in the seventh grade. Physical Science is taught in the eighth grade and teaches students through an inquiry based approach related to conservation of matter, conservation of energy, and energy transformation. Pre-AP Physical Science is a high school course offered to advanced 8th graders.

Social Studies

All students are taught social studies each year. The emphasis for sixth and seventh graders concentrates on a study of world geography and eighth graders focus on Georgia studies.

Connections & Fine Arts

Connection classes provide students with a variety of interesting experiences that connect to the traditional academic curriculum.

Healthcare Science

Business Education

Physical Education

Spanish (8th grade Pre-AP only)

Fine Arts:

Orchestra

Art

Band

Guitar

Chorus

Drama

Academic Expectations

Students are expected to perform to the best of their abilities and use their own resources for all types of schoolwork unless otherwise directed by the teacher. The following are some examples of behaviors that are considered inappropriate:

Plagiarism - i.e., copying from a reference source or a fellow student and presenting the work as your own.

Unacceptable behavior during a classroom or testing situation - i.e., talking, looking at another student's paper, passing answers, using unauthorized resource materials, allowing materials to be copied by another student, being on a website other than the one assigned.

Any student exhibiting these behaviors will be subject to receive consequences following the guidelines listed in the Discipline Code of Conduct section of this student handbook.

Gifted Education

Our gifted education program serves 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Gifted students are served by their teachers and the gifted facilitator. All gifted students are only required to be served in two academic areas. Information about this program can be obtained from the student's teachers, the counselors or the administration. Gifted education is available for students with exceptional academic abilities. To be eligible, a child must meet specific criteria. The four categories evaluated are: Mental Ability, Achievement, Creativity, and Motivation. For more information regarding "Gifted" eligibility, and online application/ deadlines please visit: **stelmo.muscogee.k12.ga.us**.

Learning Support

Students with special needs who meet the eligibility requirements are provided services in academic areas and emotional support as is warranted. The students receive help during all or part of the school day throughout the year.

Information about these programs can be obtained from the student's teachers, LEA, or Academic Dean.

Student Support Team

The Muscogee County Board of Education supports Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for students. (MTSS) believes that the Student Support Team is an effective method of meeting the instructional needs of students who are experiencing problems.

MTSS provides services through the regular education program, including instructional planning and consultation that includes those individuals responsible for the educational well-being of the students.

BESS- Studies have shown that early identification and intervention improve student outcomes (National Institutes of Health). This is significant because research has also shown that problem behavior often leads to lower academic achievement for students (National Institutes of Health). Muscogee County School District (MCSD) understands the importance of developing the "whole child". All students (Pre-K-12) will have brief wellness screenings in the form of a survey. The screenings will identify your child's social, emotional, and behavioral strengths and areas in need of improvement. All MCSD schools, including BRMS, will utilize the Behavioral and Emotional Screening System (BESS). The BESS is a brief wellness screener that includes:

1. Student Report - completed by students in grades 4-12
2. Teacher Report - completed by teachers of students in grades PK-3 (optional for grades 4-12)
3. Parent Report - completed by parents of students (optional for grades PK-12)

Please note, the BESS will not be used to determine the presence of mental health conditions or eligibility for special education programs. The results of the BESS will assist schools in identifying how they can best meet the needs of all students. As the parent or guardian, you may be contacted about a variety of school or community supports available to assist your child.

Opt out- forms will be sent home if you do not want your student to participate in this screening.

Conferences

Conferences with teachers are held on request. The conferences should be scheduled during the teacher's planning period or before school from 8:00 AM- 8:40 AM. Conferences can be scheduled by calling and speaking with Ms. Rubio or Ms. Dunn and/or by leaving a message in the front office for a specific teacher to return your your call. Because of Covid-19 precautions, **all conferences will be conducted using Zoom or by phone.**

Homework Policy

At Blackmon Road Middle School, we believe that homework is a valuable learning experience. Homework is a vital part of the Middle School program that reinforces skills and teaches students responsibility and self-discipline. If students are to do and be the very best they can be, then they must develop good study habits. If a student is going to do his/her best in school and be the very best student he/she can be, then he/she must study. Studying means being prepared.

Recommendations:

- Designate hours for study
- Establish study routine
- Organize notebooks

Parental encouragement is an essential factor in helping students achieve success on homework assignments. Parents are expected to provide students with good quality time and an environment free of distractions for the completion of homework. They also are asked to review the nature of assignments being given and to provide students with guidance in scheduling time for homework completion as well as strategies for maximizing learning during homework time.

The Georgia Milestones Tests in Middle School

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) is a comprehensive summative assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school. Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state- adopted content standards in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students in grades 3 through 8 will take an end-of-grade assessment in each content area, while high school students will take an end-of-course assessment for each of the eight courses designated by the State Board of Education. Students in grade 8 are required to achieve a passing score in Lexile and Math in order to be promoted.

Features the Georgia Milestone Assessment System include:

- open-ended (constructed-response) items in language arts and mathematics (all grades and courses);
- a writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the language arts assessment;
- norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses, to complement the criterion- referenced information and to provide a national comparison.

What is the purpose of Georgia Milestones?

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards in the core content areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Importantly, Georgia Milestones is designed to provide students with critical information about their own achievement and their readiness for their next level of learning – be it the next grade, the next course, or endeavor (college or career). Informing parents, educators, and the public about how well students are learning important content is an essential aspect of any educational assessment and accountability system. Parents, the public, and policy makers, including local school districts and boards of education, can use the results as a barometer of the quality of educational opportunity provided throughout the state of Georgia. As such, Georgia Milestones serves as a key component of the state’s accountability system – the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).

What content areas and grade levels are tested?

Students in grades 3 through 8 will take an end-of-grade assessment in the content areas of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies. These tests are administered towards the end of the school year, typically in April or early May. Middle school students who are enrolled in Pre-AP high school courses will also take the end-of-course measure. The end-of-course measures are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level. These measures serve as the final exam for the course, and contribute 20% to the student’s final course grade. Each school district selects a local testing window, based on their local school calendar, from within the state-designated testing window.

Eagle Pride Positive Recognition Opportunities

Students who have exhibited exceptional attendance, classroom and behavioral performance may be recognized in many ways throughout the school year. These may include a proficiency report, student showcase bulletin boards/school sign, website, Eagle TV or planned celebration. In addition to these forms of recognition, students can qualify for the “Eagle Day Celebration” - in which students must have less than **10 absences** (less than 10 tardies & checkouts) and **passing all subjects for the year** (no “Fs” in any subject on any report card for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd 9-week grading periods and the 4th 9-weeks progress report grading period), **no Out of School Suspensions, and no In-School Suspensions.**
NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

Marie G. DeRamus National Junior Honor Society

Selection to the Marie G. DeRamus Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will be based on Scholarship, Character, Leadership, Citizenship and Service. Students must be in the **7th or 8th grade** and have been enrolled at BRMS for at least one full semester before being considered for selection. At the end of the 1st semester, students who have attained an overall scholastic average of **93 or above** will then be evaluated on: Scholarship, Character, Leadership, Citizenship and Service. The students who were found to have the scholastic GPA as well as meet the 5 requirements of NJHS will be invited to join the Marie G. DeRamus chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. This invitation will be given to the student and also sent to the parent by way of mail. **Scholastic average is only ONE of the criteria for selection. At any time a student is placed in OSS or ISS, that student will be ineligible for induction.**

National Jr. Beta Club

The National Jr. Beta Club is a student-centered organization that continually develops and nurtures individuals by providing opportunities and experiences enabling them to demonstrate the ideals of **CHARACTER, ACHIEVEMENT, SERVICE and LEADERSHIP** in a global community. Jr. Beta members are selected and inducted during their 6th grade year. Students will remain members of Jr. Beta Division One throughout middle school as long as all requirements are being met. Students must maintain an overall average of 90 or above. Grades will be checked at the end of each Semester. Students who receive OSS or visit ISS more than once during a school year will be removed from Beta. Academic achievement is only one criteria of Jr. Beta. Students must also have the recommendations of their teachers. Final selections for membership will be at the discretion of the club sponsor.

Members of Beta are expected to attend all called meetings, activities, and social events. Beta members will be responsible for a selected amount of service hours each school year to remain eligible. Setting examples through model behavior and helping others are key to becoming a member of the Jr. Beta Club.

EAGLE PRIDE HONORS/AWARDS PROGRAM

At the Honors/Awards Program held at the end of the school year, students are recognized with the presentation of trophies, plaques, medals and certificates. Students receiving special recognition for academic achievement are invited to Honors Night, along with parents and relatives. The dress for this occasion is 'nice' church-type attire. Students who meet the following criteria for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 9 weeks will be recognized in the following areas:

Principal's List – All As on the report card for every grading period, no Bs (this is not a yearly average but the face value of each grade for all four grading periods)

Honor Roll – All As and Bs on the report card for every grading period. No Cs can be earned to receive this award.

Citizenship Award – Each grade level selects a female and male overall good citizen for the year. The following criteria are considered:

1. **Attitude:** The student is goal-oriented, enthusiastic and respectful of school policies.
2. **Academics:** The student maintains at least a 3.0 grade point average.
3. **Character:** The student performs random acts of kindness, maintains a friendly rapport with peers and faculty, and is a positive role model.
4. **School Spirit:** The student participates in extra-curricular activities and exhibits pride in being an Eagle.
5. **Community Service:** The student volunteers time and services to members of the school.

8th Grade /Eagle Pride Awards- These awards were established as a result of the partnership with Fort Benning and recognize a top 8th grade student in the areas of:

Potential, Reflection, Individuality, Determination, and Excellence.

The Eagle Core Values are considered the attributes of these awards along with academic achievement, leadership, and citizenship. Each department head meets with his/her department in selection.

Excellence in Academic Awards – Each grade level/content area selects their top academic students in the areas of math, language arts, social studies, and science. Each recipient has the top academic average. In the event of a tie, social studies/science fair project participation is considered.

Excellence in Connection/Exploratory/Music/Physical Education Awards – One top student from each grade level will be selected and presented a certificate for outstanding performance in each area.

Math Contest Awards – A top student will be recognized in the area of math with highest math GPA. Students excelling at area math contests during the school year will be recognized during the year.

Social Studies/Science Awards – A top student excelling in the areas of social studies/science during the year with highest GPA will be recognized. In science and social studies participation in the social studies/science fair will be considered.

Principal's Choice Award – Principal selects 8th grade student who has most exemplified the spirit of Blackmon Road Middle School students and has the highest GPA.

Miscellaneous Information

Locker Rules:

Hall lockers will not be issued this school year as we work to promote social distancing and to avoid crowding in our hallways.

Book Bags

Book bags will be allowed to be carried by students throughout the school day since lockers will not be sold this year.

Bringing Money or Valuables to School

Students are not to bring valuables (electronic devices such as IPODS, MP3 Players, Gaming Systems, etc.) or large sums of money to school. For students who bring valuables and/or money to school, **the student and his/her parents assume the risk.** The school will not be responsible for loss or theft. Toys and/or fidget spinners are not necessary in the learning environment. Students are responsible for keeping up with their own cell phones. The school is not responsible for loss/theft.

Individual Money-Making Projects

Students are not allowed to trade, sell, or buy items from one another at school or on the school bus. The school should not be used as a place for distributing items sold outside the school unless it is for a school fundraiser.

Lost and Found

We have a lost and found box area outside of the cafeteria. We encourage students to visit this area to claim any lost items. Items are donated on the last day of each month to charities.

Textbooks, Equipment and Instruments

All materials, textbooks, equipment and instruments are purchased by the taxpayers of Muscogee County through the Muscogee County Board of Education. Blackmon Road Middle School is authorized by the School Board to issue and/or loan materials, textbooks, equipment and instruments to students for their use during the school year.

The student and his/her parent are responsible for returning the materials at the end of each school year when an inventory is taken. Students will be charged for items lost or misplaced. If the item is later found, a refund will be given. Muscogee County Public School policy requires that restitution be made for all such loss or damage subsequent to the issue of grades, records, or certificates of progress.

The students and his/her parent are also responsible for losses, damages or vandalism, whether accidental or purposeful, that occurs to any material, textbook, equipment or instrument that has been issued or loaned to a student.

Lunchroom

Middle school students are expected to act properly in the lunchroom. A few reminders are listed below:

1. Show courtesy to the lunchroom staff. Tell them if you enjoy certain foods.
2. Stay in line position. Food will be served more quickly with your cooperation
3. Once you have gone through the line, do not go back through the lunch line.
4. Move quickly to your assigned table and fill every seat after being served. There will be a special area for students assigned to “Silent” lunch.
5. Stay in a single file line without visiting students at the tables. Students are not permitted to roam throughout the cafeteria visiting other students at various tables.
6. Speak in a conversational tone of voice.
7. Use appropriate table manners. Do not eat food off other student’s trays.
8. All food must be eaten in the cafeteria. No food can be brought into the classrooms.
9. No food from outside commercial vendors allowed. parents.
10. Do not bring drinks in glass containers.
11. Stay in your seat until your class is dismissed.
12. Follow assigned traffic patterns and stay in a single file line when emptying trays.

*Students are allowed to charge one lunch. Before a student may charge a second time, he/she must pay the previous charge. Charges are not allowed three weeks prior to the end of school. Please allow your child to assume the natural consequences of forgetting his/her lunch money or card.

Lunchroom Guide for Meals

BRING AND USE YOUR LUNCH CARD

Get a full meal: one main dish item (includes choice of meat and bread) with two side orders and milk. Bonus Items: Chips, cookies, juices, ice cream, etc. may be purchased at the cash register.

Payment can be made online for school breakfast or lunch.

Clinic

Blackmon Road has a part-time clinic coordinator to supervise the clinic. Students who are ill or showing symptoms of Covid-19 will remain in a holding room until a parent arrives. They will not be allowed in the clinic as it is reserved for those who have daily medication and minor health needs.

The school does not supply any medication. If a student is on a daily medication, this medication must be supplied in the original container (no loose pills in a baggie). This prescription medication (including inhalers) must have a copy of the pharmacy label taped to them. This serves as the doctor's signature. These medications are to be delivered to the front office where the student will be responsible for returning during the day to take his/her medication. The parent must complete a special form/document before medication can be administered at school.

We ask that over-the-counter medications not be sent to school. In the event your student suffers from bad allergies, frequent headaches, etc. the parent must complete a Medical Authorization and Release Form before medications can be administered.

Students need to be fever free, without medicine, for 24 hours before returning to school. If a student checks out in the middle of a school day (due to a fever) they should not return the next day.

Clothing Bank

The Sara Spano Clothing Bank serves the needs of students enrolled in the school district. The clothing bank is always in need of clean, useable clothing items which are appropriate for school wear. Students of all ages and sizes are served by the clothing bank. Donations may be brought to the school at any time. If you need assistance, please see the guidance counselor to schedule an appointment.

BRMS clothing bank- we have clothes available at the BRMS clothing closet for students if needed.

Media Center

SIGN IN

Remember to clock in at the desk when you enter the media center if you come without your teacher.

CHECKING OUT A BOOK

Students will be issued a library card/student id card. Each student is responsible for this card and any books checked out using the card. These cards remain the property of the school and must be replaced if lost. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for a replacement card. A student must have his/her card with him/her when checking out or renewing a book. A book is due two weeks from the day it is checked out, excluding holidays. Students may have up to two books checked out at a time.

REFERENCE MATERIALS AND PERIODICALS

Students may check out reference materials and periodicals overnight. Items may be checked out after 2:30 P.M. and returned before second period of the following day. You must get assistance when checking out these materials.

Partners-In-Education (PIE)

Blackmon Road Middle School has the privilege of partnering with Columbus Technical College, the 2nd Squadron, 16th Cavalry of Fort Benning, Wild Wing Café, and Chick-fil-A on Bradley Park Drive. Through these wonderful partnerships, our school receives assistance in many areas.

Student Refunds for Extracurricular Events

Once a ticket is purchased for an extracurricular event (dance, sporting event, field trip, Eagle Celebration, classroom activities such as “Hat Day, “IPOD Day” and/or all other events not listed) it is the student’s responsibility to make sure he or she is eligible to participate in the event and has parent permission to attend the event. Refunds will not be issued.

Extracurricular Activities

Student Involvement Opportunities

Blackmon Road Middle School hosts a wide array of academic clubs/student organizations to promote student involvement. Below is a listing of ways your child can get involved along with the name of the team sponsor and contact information.

ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM (A. Allen/ S. Jenkins) Conley.Alicia.C@muscogee.k12.ga.us

ART CLUB (Daughety) Daughety.Frenasee.R@muscogee.k12.ga.us

BETA CLUB (Walker) Walker.Stephanie.P@muscogee.k12.ga.us

DEBATE TEAM (Funk) Funk.Rachel.L@muscogee.k12.ga.us

DRAMA CLUB (Fekete)

EAGLE STRONG (Burns) Burns.Robby.L@muscogee.k12.ga.us

EAGLE WARRIORS (RUBIO) Rubio.Janina.M@muscogee.k12.ga.us

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA- FBLA (D. Johnson) Johnson.Dorothy.L@muscogee.k12.ga.us

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (Hudson/Bray) Hudson.Haley.E@muscogee.k12.ga.us

FIT CLUB (Shirley) Shirley.Brian.Q@muscogee.k12.ga.us

GIRLS IN PEARLS (Fine) Fine.Janet.L@muscogee.k12.ga.us

JUNIOR MARSHALLS (Lipscomb) Lipscomb.Lawrence@muscogee.k12.ga.us

MATH TEAM (Dobbins) Dobbins.John.R@muscogee.k12.ga.us

NJHS (Udy) Udy.Kimberly.A@muscogee.k12.ga.us

PEER HELPERS (Rubio) Rubio.Janina.M@muscogee.k12.ga.us

ROBOTICS TEAM (Jones) Jones.William.D2@muscogee.k12.ga.us

SPELLING BEE (Jenkins) Jenkins.Stacy.R@muscogee.k12.ga.us

STUDENT COUNCIL (Hudson) Hudson.Haley.E@muscogee.k12.ga.us

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM (TBA)

TOME SOCIETY (Hudnall) Hudnall.Susan.E@muscogee.k12.ga.us

VELOCITY (PETERS) Peters.Michelle.M@muscogee.k12.ga.us

YEARBOOK STAFF (D. Allen) Allen.Diana.S@muscogee.k12.ga.us

TEACHER CADET (Gray) Gray.Melissa.K@muscogee.k12.ga.us

Eagle Athletics

Sixth, seventh and eighth graders can participate in MCSD Middle School sanctioned athletics. We also offer fantastic athletic clubs, such as Club Swim, Golf, Wrestling, and Tennis which are also open to grades 6 through 8 as well but are considering recreational groups. Students are required to have the Player Packet/Physical prior to the 1st day of tryouts/season. You can find the Player Packet and deadlines on our website: <http://sites.muscogee.k12.ga.us/blackmon/>

EAGLE SOCCER

- Boys' - Coach Sutherland (Sutherland.Brent.G@muscogee.k12.ga.us)
- Girls' - Lips (Lips.Steven.C@muscogee.k12.ga.us)

EAGLE CROSS COUNTRY- Lips (Lips.Steven.C@muscogee.k12.ga.us)

EAGLE VOLLEYBALL- Downes (Downes.Timothy.P@muscogee.k12.ga.us)

EAGLE FOOTBALL-Bray (Bray.Chad.L@muscogee.k12.ga.us)

EAGLE BASKETBALL

- Boys' - Lawton (Lawton.Glenn.E@muscogee.k12.ga.us)
- Girls' - Adams (Adams.Carley.E@muscogee.k12.ga.us)

EAGLE TRACK

- Boys' - Shirley (Shirley.Brian.Q@muscogee.k12.ga.us)
- Girls' - Peters (Peters.Michelle.M@muscogee.k12.ga.us)

EAGLE CHEERLEADING- Bridges (Bridges.Christen.M@muscogee.k12.ga.us)

EAGLE RECREATIONAL SWIM, GOLF, TENNIS, and WRESTLING- Please contact BRMS Athletic Director Bray.Chad.L@muscogee.k12.ga.us for more information.

*Player Packet is available on our website: <http://sites.muscogee.k12.ga.us/blackmon/>

NOTE: If a student plans to tryout, then he/she must have a physical before the tryout date, which will be announced well in advance. Good conduct and grades are mandatory requirements for team membership. Poor academic standing and/or poor conduct could result in a player not being allowed to play and/or being removed from the team. High standards for grades and conduct must be maintained in order to participate in all extracurricular activities and sports.

Students who are placed in Friday/Saturday School will be ineligible to participate in any athletic or extracurricular event the day Friday/Saturday School is served.

Students placed in ISS or given OSS will not, at minimum, be eligible to participate in the next athletic or extracurricular activity which is scheduled. This will be determined by the coach.

Student Dress Code

All students are expected to follow the Blackmon Road Middle School Dress Code. It must be remembered that the learning environment must be as free as possible from distractions/interruptions. Students must wear a mask in an effort to avoid the spread of Covid-19 except in mask-down zones on campus.

As a staff, we will try to be as consistent as possible in enforcing the dress code. We ask that parents check what their children are wearing BEFORE they leave for school. Dress and grooming which disrupts the educational process will not be allowed.

Dress code violations will be considered a “step” in the discipline process and will be documented in Infinite campus.

Specific Rules are:

1. The school principal (or designee) will make the final determination on whether a student’s dress conflicts with these guidelines.
2. **Students are expected to wear clothing that fits.** Clothes that are too tight or oversized may not be worn. *Leggings may be worn, but the shirt must be long enough to cover the student’s bottom. We encourage longer shirts to be worn with leggings. No mesh in leggings can be above the knee.*
3. **Pants that sag down below the hips are not permitted.** Pants are to be worn on or above the waist. If pants are worn properly on the waist, no belt is required. If pants are too big and sagging, students must wear a belt. No see-through pants are allowed or sheer panels in pants above the knee. Holes are only allowed in pants below the knee. Sweatpants and athletic shorts no shorter than 3 inches above the knee can be worn if earned through the Eagle Growth incentive system.
4. Shorts may be worn to school with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap. No PE/athletic shorts are allowed except for in PE or through the Eagle Growth Challenge.
5. Dresses and skirts may be worn with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap. Splits in dresses or skirts may be no higher than the top of the knee even if leggings are worn underneath.
6. **Short cropped shirts and blouses may not be worn.** The stomach and lower back must be covered at all times.
7. **There will be no plunging necklines.** Tank tops, halter-tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, see-through shirts or blouses, and muscle shirts cannot be worn. **DO NOT WEAR CLOTHES THAT ARE TOO REVEALING OR SEE THROUGH.**
8. Flip flops, slides, bedroom slippers and shower shoes are not allowed. Shoes with heels higher than two (2) inches are not allowed.

9. Students are not to wear clothing that contains offensive or obscene symbols, signs, slogans or words degrading any gender or any cultural, religious or ethnic values. Clothing which contains language or symbols oriented toward violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, hate, profanity, or tobacco may not be worn on campus (examples – satanic symbols, gang paraphernalia, “Snow Man” shirts referencing the sale of drugs, Confederate battle flag, writing on seat of pants/jeans, or anything associated with hate groups). “Fake” alcohol or drug advertisement is also disallowed.
10. Clothing with holes that expose parts of the body may not be worn even if leggings are worn underneath.
11. Clothing designed as undergarments or nightwear shall not be worn as outer garments. No plain white t-shirts and/or pajama bottoms are allowed to be worn as outer garments. No undergarment is to be visible.
12. Hats, head/sweatbands, do-rags and/or bandanas or other head coverings are not to be worn on school property at any time during the school day. This includes before and after school. It is best not to bring hats to school. This applies to both males and females.
13. Students are not to wear extreme hairstyles, hair colors, letters shaved in head, etc. that disrupt learning environment.
14. Hair curlers, wave clips, combs, brushes and picks are prohibited outside bathrooms or locker rooms and cannot be worn in the hair at any time.
15. Piercings are restricted to the ears only for both boys and girls. No tongue and nose rings.
16. Jewelry (such as oversized earrings) or clothing that creates a hazardous condition or symbolizes drug or gang association shall not be worn. Items such as chains on a belt, wallet, belt buckles of extreme nature and items with spikes are not permitted.
17. All coats/oversized jackets or pullovers longer than hip length must be placed in students’ lockers before school and may be removed after school.
18. No Hooded sweatshirts or garments are to be worn in the school.
19. The Blackmon Road Middle School Dress Code must be followed on field trips and at all school functions on and off campus.

Eagle Growth Challenge Sport Scholar Passes allow students who have shown growth and met qualifications to wear athletic wear including sweatpants, athletic slides, athletic shorts that meet dress code length. This pass can be earned each grading period.

MCS D Cell Phone Policy

Cell phone procedures are designed to provide a learning environment that is conducive to teaching and learning without the interference of cell phone use during the course of the instructional day in areas such as, but not limited to, hallways, cafeterias, bathrooms, and locker rooms. According to the current district policy, students are not allowed to use personal electronic devices, including cell phones, during the course of the school day.

Note: If the parent/guardian is adamant that he or she cannot allow the phone to be held for the number of days listed in the proposed procedures below, then the parent/guardian chooses for his or her son/daughter/ward to accept a two-day in-school suspension in lieu of the phone being held.

First Offense

Cell phone will be turned in to the principal or assistant principal. Parent may pick up the phone at the end of the school day.

- Parent may pick up phone at the close of the school day for thirty minutes (3:30 pm to 4:00 pm for middle school) or give an adult written permission to pick up so schools may verify by asking for identification of the adult picking up the phone.

Second Offense

Student assigned administrative detention: Friday or Saturday School

- Parent may pick up phone after three school days at the end of the school day.

Third Offense

Student assigned In-School Suspension for two days.

- Parent may pick up the phone after five school days and mandatory parent Conference is held.

Fourth Offense

- Student suspended out of school for two days for each offense due to defiance. Parent may pick up phone at the end of the school day. (See First Offense.)

Chromebooks

All students will be issued a Chromebook to use during the school day. Students must keep up with their Chromebook/Case at all times. Students are expected to take care of the Chromebook and not damage it in any way. Chromebooks are to be carried in a case at all times when not in use. Students must have a case with a tag in order to be issued the Chromebook that day.

Lost/Damaged Chromebook cases can be purchased from BRMS Media Center for \$15.

Lost/Damaged Chromebook tags for the cases can be purchased from BRMS Media Center for \$2.

Students who damaged Chromebooks and/or Accessories can be assessed a replacement fee of:

- Total Chromebook Replacement Cost – \$388.00
- Replace LCD Screen – \$145
- Replace LCD Back Cover \$30.00
- Replace Keyboard – \$63.00
- Replace Lenovo USB-C Charger Cost – \$41.00
- Replace Base Cover – \$29.00
- Replace Hinges – \$35.00
- Replace Keyboard Bezel –\$72.00

Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Honor Code

It is the philosophy at Blackmon Road Middle School that the purpose of discipline is to foster responsibility, independence, self-discipline and positive behavior. We believe it is important for students to realize that logical and natural consequences occur from the choices they make. It is our belief that a discipline philosophy, when applied consistently by teachers and staff, will result in a wholesome atmosphere for teaching and learning.

Guidelines for Student Behavior – Eagle Pride!

Some things to remember...

1. Always do your best – do not settle for anything less! Remember, you are responsible for your own actions and the choices you make. Make positive choices!
2. All faculty/staff at Blackmon are your teachers. When a teacher speaks to you in the hallways, you are expected to respond with courtesy and to follow directions given.
3. Any type of roughhousing, hitting, slapping, playing knuckles, and pushing is prohibited.
4. It is never acceptable to create a disturbance in the hallway, restrooms, or cafeteria. Use reasonable volume when talking.
5. Walk – do not run – through the halls and school grounds.
6. Realize that every student has a right not to be abused – physically or verbally. Keep your hands to yourself and think before you speak.
7. Use proper language on school property. This includes both verbal and written.
8. Do your part to keep school buildings and grounds neat and clean.
9. Use school property correctly. Remember, it is shared by all students and is the property of county taxpayers.
10. Leave at home items that do not belong at school. We are not responsible for finding your items if lost or stolen.

Blackmon Road Middle School Eagle Pride Behavior Teacher Step Sheet

Student Name: _____ **Team:** _____

Teacher: _____

	Date	9 WKS	Offense	Teacher	Teacher Action	Office Action
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1st Offense: Warning
2nd Offense: Parental Contact
3rd Offense: Parent Conference
4th Offense: Parent contact by administration
5th Offense: Office Referral: Friday/Saturday School
6th- 10th: Office Referral (Considered Class 2) ISS
11th- 15th Offense: Office Referral: OSS

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

CLASS 1 OFFENSES

Class 1 offenses are considered minor offenses typically handled by the teacher in the classroom.

The following teacher/team consequences will be imposed for the continued violation of Class 1 offenses.

1 st Offense:	Teacher Counseled Student/Warned Student
2 nd Offense:	Parental Contact
3 rd Offense:	Parent Conference (may be by phone)
4 th Offense:	Refer to Administration
5 th Offense:	Friday/Saturday School

Offenses 6 through 10 are considered Class 2 offenses.

6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th Offenses: 6-8 offenses = 1 Day ISSP. 9th and 10th offense = 3 Days ISSP.

11th, 12th, 13th, 14th Offenses: OSS for 2, 3, 4, 5 days respectively.

***Class 1 offenses are accumulated. Classroom disruptions where the student becomes disrespectful and/or defiant will automatically be considered a Class 3 Offense. Friday or Saturday School**

Friday/Saturday school is assigned by an administrator. Written notification will be sent to the parents by way of the student. Students will complete assignments and be assigned school improvement projects to work on. "Friday" school hours are from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Saturday School hours are from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Failure to attend Friday/Saturday School will result in one day of ISS and/or Out-of-School Suspension.

In-School Suspension

In-School Suspension is assigned by an administrator. Notification will be given to the parents. Students will complete classroom assignments during In-School Suspension. Student will not be allowed to participate in or attend any school-sponsored activities while in ISS. **A student who is removed from In-School Suspension for disciplinary reasons will automatically be assigned Out-of-School Suspension.** *Students are automatically disqualified if assigned In-School Suspension for the Eagle Day Celebration.*

Out-of-School Suspension

Out-of-School Suspension is assigned by an administrator. Notification will be given to the parents. **AN OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION - STUDENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO CLASS UNTIL AN ADMINISTRATOR/CONFERENCE IS HELD.** An OSS student is prohibited from being on school property or attending any school-sponsored activity at or away from school. *Students are automatically disqualified if assigned Out-of-School Suspension for the Eagle Day Celebration.*

Parties, Dances, Field Trips, Sporting Events, & Extracurricular Events

Note: Once a ticket is purchased for an extracurricular event, it is the student's responsibility to make sure he or she is eligible for that event and has parent permission to attend the event. Refunds will not be issued. Students who have been assigned to ISS/OSS may not attend parties, school dances, or field trips during the 9- week grading period in which the suspension occurred. After a second assignment to ISS/OSS, the student is ineligible to attend these functions for the remainder of the semester.

CLASS 2 OFFENSES

Offense: Inappropriate Dress

1st & 2nd Offense: Student Warning & Parent Contact made to bring appropriate clothing. If we are unable to contact a parent or the parent refuses to bring appropriate clothing, the student will be placed in ISS.

3rd – 5th Offenses: Friday/Saturday School

Subsequent offenses will be assigned 3 days ISS.

**Students wearing extremely disruptive dress will be sent home immediately.*

Offense: Not Dressing Out in P.E. (Reduction in grade applies to all consequences)

1st Offense: Verbal Warning and written work

2nd Offense: Letter home and/or phone call to parent

3rd Offense: PE Pull-Out assignment to ISS for the class period

4th Offense: Friday School/Saturday School

5th Offense: Referral to office – ISS

Offense: Cheating

Parent contact, paper will be taken up and work will be made up in Friday/Sat. School. Assignment will remain a zero until the assignment is made up. An alternative assignment may be given at a reduction in points. Teacher reserves the right not to allow the student to make up the assignment.

Offense: Tardiness to School/Classes

3rd tardy - parent notification

6th tardy & all tardies that follow – Friday/Sat. School & Parent must sign in student through the main office 1st period.

*We allow students to enter the building as early as 8:20 a.m. **Traffic in the car rider line is NOT AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE.***

**Every unexcused tardy after the 6th tardy will result in Friday/Sat. School and/or ISS. A note from a doctor, dentist, or a court official will be the only acceptable tardy excuse.*

Class 1 Offenses 6 through 15:

6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th Offenses: 6th through 8th = ISSP 1Day. 9th and 10th offense = 3 days ISSP.

11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, Offenses: OSS for 2, 3, 4, 5 days respectively.

Offense: Cell Phone & Other Electronic Devices

**Cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be seen, heard, or used during school hours. For the purpose of this policy, the day begins when the students board the bus or is on school grounds and ends when school is dismissed or students exit the bus.*

Students should put their cell phone in their locker.

**Blackmon is not responsible for recovering or searching for lost or stolen cell phones and/or electronic devices.*

**See MCSD Behavior Code and Discipline Policy handbook for additional county policy*

1st Offense: Cell phone will be turned in to the principal or Assistant Principal. Parent may pick up the phone after three school days.

Parent may pick up phone at the close of the school day for thirty minutes (3:30 pm to 4:00 pm for middle school) or give an adult written permission to pick up so schools may verify by asking for identification of the adult picking up the phone.

2nd Offense: Student assigned administrative detention: Friday/Sat. School for Blackmon Road. Parent may pick up phone after five school days at the end of the school day.

3rd Offense: Student assigned In-School Suspension for two days. Parent may pick up the phone after ten school days and mandatory parent Conference is held.

4th Offense: Student suspended out of school for two days for each offense due to defiance. Parent may pick up phone at the end of the school day. (See First Offense.)

Offense: Minor Classroom and/or hallway Disruption such as horse playing and cutting up

1st Offense: Friday/Saturday School

2nd Offense: 3 days ISS

3rd Offense: 5 days ISS

4th Offense: Becomes a Class 3 Offense: 3 Days OSS

**Note – Classroom/hallway disruptions where the student becomes disrespectful and/or defiant will automatically be considered a Class 3 Offense. Students who refuse to self correct and follow teacher instructions will be referred to the office and it will be considered a Class 3 Offense. Administration reserves the right to change and/or alter consequences as deemed necessary.*

CLASS 3 OFFENSES

Offense: Fighting

1st Offense: 3 days OSS

2nd Offense: 5 days OSS

3rd Offense: 5-10 days OSS

NOTE: *Fights of an extremely violent nature (1st or any other offense) will warrant 10 days Out-of-School Suspension, referral to the Discipline Tribunal, police charges, or any combination of the three.*

Offense: Bullying (written/verbal)

1st Offense: 5 days ISS

2nd Offense: 5 days OSS

3rd Offense: Referral to Alternative School for the remainder of school year.

**A student who makes a false report of an incident of bullying will be assigned to In-School Suspension.*

Offense: Profanity (written/verbal)

1st Offense: Saturday

School

2nd Offense: 1 day of ISS

3rd Offense: 3 days ISS

**Using profanity, vulgarity, or vulgar gestures toward teachers, administrators or staff will result in 10 days Out-of-School Suspension and may result in referral to alternative placement.*

Offense: Disruption During Evacuation Drill

1st Offense: Friday/Saturday School

2nd Offense: 3 days ISS

3rd Offense: 5 days ISS

Offense: Bus Referral

1st Offense: Parent notified, 1 day off bus

2nd Offense: Parent notified, 3 days off bus

3rd Offense: Parent notified, 5 days off bus

If a student is suspended off the bus he/she **must be picked up by 4:30 p.m.*

**If a student's 1st or 2nd offense warrants, he/she may be removed from the bus for the remainder of the year*

Offense: Forgery

1st Offense: Friday/Sat. School

2nd Offense: 3 days ISS

3rd Offense: 5 Days ISS

Offense: Skipping Class/School/Leaving Campus

1st Offense: 3 days ISS

2nd Offense: 5 days ISS

3rd Offense: 3 days OSS

4th Offense: 5 days OSS

***Depending on severity - student may receive OSS and referred to Tribunal**

Disrespect/Defiance/Misbehavior/Misconduct

***Depending on severity - student may receive**

OSS on first offense.

1st Offense: 3 days ISS

2nd Offense: 3 days OSS

3rd Offense: 5 days OSS

Offense: Smoking/Tobacco Products (using or possessing to include lighters and matches)

1st Offense: 3 days OSS

2nd Offense: 5 days OSS

3rd Offense: 10 days OSS

Offense: Inappropriate Showing of Affection

1st Offense: Send to counselor, Friday/Sat.

School

2nd Offense: 3 days ISS

3rd Offense: 3 days OSS

***Depending on severity - student may receive OSS and referred to Tribunal.**

Offense: Sexual Harassment:

(verbal/written/physical)

1st Offense: 3 days ISS and referral to counselor

2nd Offense: 3 days OSS

3rd Offense: 5 days OSS

4th Offense: Referred to MCSD Discipline Tribunal

Offense: Vandalizing, Damaging, or Stealing

1st Offense: 3 days OSS

plus damages/replacements

2nd Offense: 5 days OSS

plus damages/replacements

3rd Offense: 5-10 days OSS

plus damages/replacements

Offense: Plagiarism

Parent contact, paper will be taken up and work will receive a grade of zero.

Offense: Friday School Violation:

Tardiness: Will not be allowed to enter

Friday/Sat. School- 2 days ISS

Failure to show: 3 days ISS and/or 2 days of OSS

Disruption: 3 days ISS and/or 2 days of OSS THE

CONSEQUENCES LISTED BELOW ARE

MINIMUMS OF **CLASS 3 OFFENSES.**

MISBEHAVIORS DETERMINED TO BE

SEVERE BY THE ADMINISTRATION WILL

RECEIVE MORE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES

Students who are placed in Friday/Saturday School will be ineligible to participate in any athletic or extracurricular event the day Friday/Saturday School is served.

Students placed in ISS or given OSS will not, at minimum, be eligible to participate in the next athletic or extracurricular event.

DISCLAIMER

****The administration reserves the right to determine the class and consequences for offenses not listed.**

****The administration reserves the right to change and/or alter consequences as deemed appropriate.**

****The administration reserves the right to change and/or alter policies and procedures stated in the BRMS Handbook as deemed necessary and/or appropriate.**

School District Policies

Each student will be issued a copy of the Muscogee County School District Behavior Code and Discipline Policy during the first week of school. Parents should study that book with their children and understand that violations of School District policies will result in a hearing before the Superintendent's Disciplinary Tribunal.

THIS IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BLACKMON ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES. THE MCSD DISCIPLINE CODE TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER THIS HANDBOOK



EAGLE GROWTH CHALLENGE

2020-2021 EAGLE PROGRESS MONITORING

Each grading period, students will complete their student progress monitoring sheet. If growth is shown in class averages and Achieve Lexile, students will be awarded a pass to be used during the school day and/or cafeteria time.

*Scores must be a 70 or above in order to be considered. Any failing grades will disqualify a child from receiving a pass.

* Lexile growth in Achieve 3000 must occur to receive a pass unless a child reaches the top Lexile within Achieve 3000.

Students who qualify cannot allow other students to use their passes and/or personal cell phones. Students will be given a lanyard with a pass to use. Students must keep up with their passes in order to participate. Replacement lanyards/passes are \$2.00.

CELL PHONE PASS

Growth in 7 areas
*70 or above

SPORTY SCHOLAR PASS

All A's +
Growth B's/Lexile

Cell Phone Use +
Athletic Wear



EAGLE PASS

All A's + Lexile
GROWTH

Indoor/Outdoor
Choice Seating

Athletic Wear
Cell Phone Use



BRMS RIP BEHAVIOR MATRIX



EXPECTATIONS	HALLWAY	BATHROOM	CAFETERIA/COMMONS	CLASSROOM
RESPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk calmly on the right side Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself Use calm voices wear a mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hush, flush and wash Use calm voices wear a mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say "please" and "thank you" to the cafeteria staff Walk orderly and stay in your place while waiting in line Use calm voices wear a mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not talk without permission Keep your area neat and clean Use calm voices wear a mask
INTEGRITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay quiet and respect others' learning environment Use locker time wisely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report any inappropriate incidents that happen Keep area clean and graffiti-clean Remember: Cell phone rules still apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy your own food unless offered food by others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in your assigned seat Accept consequences Be honest Keep track of your grades
PERSEVERENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep moving! Arrive on time Always have a pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get in, get out! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw away trash even if it's not yours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn in completed work on time Stay focused and on task



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