

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

How are students placed on teams?

Randomly by computer selection – some placements are made for band and special math levels

Do I need to furnish my own lock?

All hall lockers have a built in combo lock.

The gym lockers will need a lock. Please check with the P.E. teachers.

When does school start and when does it end?

1st Bell at 7:51 a.m., and students should be in their classrooms at 7:55 a.m.

School dismisses at 2:55 p.m.

Where do I drop off and pick up students?

The building doors open at 7:30 a.m., when supervision is available. Students may enter through the Commons doors only (south side of building) and wait in the Commons until dismissed to go to their lockers. Students being picked up after school will walk to their vehicle in the parking lot.

How do I know what bus to ride and what time it picks me up?

The transportation department will mail out postcards in July with your bus # and the pick up location and time. If you have not received a postcard by July 28th or you have questions, please call Transportation at 495-1159.

What is the dress code?

Student dress code is addressed in the student handbook, which each student will receive. If a student arrives to school in dress that does not meet the code, parents will be called. If a parent or other contact is not reachable, students may borrow clothes from PE for the day.

What about phones, cameras, iPods, MP3, CD players, skateboards?

All electronic devices are to be turned off, placed in lockers or backpacks during the school day. Students may listen to music (not videos) before school, at lunch and after school. If students choose to have electronic devices out or they ring during class time, staff members will take the item and give it to one of the Assistant Principals. Students may pick them up after school in the office. If the problem continues, parents will be required to pick them up and students asked not to bring them to school. Skateboards and cameras are not allowed at school. Camera phones may not be used at school at anytime. FMS is not responsible for the loss / damage of any of these items. We recommend they are not brought to school. We won't investigate thefts.

How much are lunches?

Students put money on their account and lunch costs \$1.90. If you have been in the district your account number is the same as it was in 5th and 6th grade. Students may Not Charge lunches. A la carte items may be purchased with cash (nothing larger than a \$20.00 bill) or students may have parents sign a pre-approved form. Second lunches cost \$2.35.

When will my student get to go through an orientation?

Our WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Team will provide student transition and orientation activities for both 6th and 7th grade on Aug. 4. Each student should receive a phone call from their WEB leader inviting them to the orientation.

What do I need to participate in sports?

Students will need to be eligible, which means no F's on your report card the previous quarter.

A current physical from your doctor must be on file. Physicals are good for 365 days.

A pledge packet completed and turned in.

Remit a \$30.00 fee per sport, \$70.00 maximum for the school year per student.

NOTE: Admission to games: \$2.00 for adults (16 and older), \$1.00 for students (6 to 15) and senior citizens. Most games begin at 3:30 p.m.

How does the activity bus work?

The district offers 3 activity buses after practice. They follow corridor routes: North, South and East.

When are practices?

Teams usually practice every school day after school from 3:00 - 5:15 p.m. Each sport will provide athletes with a calendar listing practice days and times. Some Saturdays may be required.

Can I stay after school for activities, extra help, or watch practice?

Students participating in school - sponsored events that are supervised may stay, but they must ride the activity bus or be picked up immediately after the event.

Students staying for extra help must have teacher permission and the teacher should have contacted parents ahead of time to arrange the times. Students may not wait for friends or just hang out at school after school. Students attending after school activities must remain on school grounds at all times and follow all school expectations. If students choose not to follow expectations, they will lose their privilege of attending activities.

How do I get a Bus Pass to ride home with a friend?

You must bring a written note to the office, with your parent's signature verifying permission, before the end of the school day. The note must include the bus number. A Bus Pass will be given to the student to give to the bus driver. Verbal permission or an email is not acceptable.

Do you need parent volunteers?

Yes, we welcome your help! Please sign-up on the volunteer form or call the office and let us know (495-5232).

What should I do if my student is sick?

Call the attendance line (495-5221). A doctor's note may be requested for excessive absences. Check online, e-mail the teacher, or leave the teacher a voice message to request missing work. Students will be given 2 days for each day absent to submit their work.

How can we take a family vacation while school is in session?

Please have your student bring a note to the office 3 days prior to your vacation and he/she will be given a pre-arranged absence form to take around to his/her teachers. The student will return the completed form to the office and will get a copy of the form to bring home.

Appointments during school (doctor / dentist / etc.)

Whenever possible, schedule appointments after school. If you need to pick up your student during the school day, please come into the office to sign them out. Most health professionals will give you an admit slip to show that the absence should be excused.

How do I withdraw my child?

Please come into the office and sign a withdrawal form. Your student must take the form around to teachers and also turn in all books.

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