

Temple Middle School



Parent/Student Guide 2026-2027

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Please refer to the Carroll County Schools Student Handbook for information on the Attendance Protocol, Dress Code, Discipline, Code of Conduct, and other important information.

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Welcome to Temple Middle School

August 6, 2026

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back for the 2026-2027 school year! We are looking forward to an amazing year with our students and community. We are pleased to offer our students various opportunities to participate in activities beyond academics, including the arts, athletics, extracurricular clubs, and academic competitions. Students are encouraged to put forth their best efforts to succeed and to become involved in additional activities while attending Temple Middle School.

The mission of Temple Middle School is to be recognized as a premier middle school through innovative learning experiences and meaningful opportunities. The vision for Temple Middle School is to be recognized as a premier middle school. The vision of Temple Middle School is to equip students with the essential skills and resources needed to be employed, enrolled in postsecondary education, or enlisted in military service, as well as, being actively engaged in their communities. This is accomplished by providing students with academic, social, and emotional foundations and skills necessary to become high-achieving, socially responsible young adults. We believe that there are several keys to ensuring student success, including:

1. All students benefit from a growth mindset and setting goals.
2. All students are unique and have the ability to learn.
3. Kindness is a skill that all students need to fully develop.
4. A safe, orderly, and positive environment is essential for learning.
5. Students must actively participate in the development of their education.
6. The education of all students is a partnership among parents, school, and the community. There are countless ways for you and your child to get involved at TMS. Please partner with us as we strive to ensure student success and provide a bright future for all students.

Temple Middle School Administrative Team

Principal.....	Dr. Sean Schinella
Assistant Principal.....	Monica Chason
Assistant Principal.....	Larry Weaver
School Counselor.....	Sean Bruso
Instructional Coach.....	Emily Tucker
ISC for Special Education	Diana Funderburke
Athletic Director.....	Brandon Dickson

TMS VISION STATEMENT

Through innovative learning experiences and meaningful opportunities, Temple Middle School will be recognized as a premier middle school.

TMS MISSION STATEMENT

Temple Middle School equips students with the essential skills and resources needed to be employed, enrolled in postsecondary education, or enlisted in military service, and actively engaged in their communities.

Arrival and Departure

The school will open to receive students at 7:45 AM. **Students may not be dropped off prior to 7:45 AM and left unsupervised.** Students who ride to school in cars must be dropped off in the designated parent drop-off/pick-up area, which is located in the front of the school. Bus Riders will enter the school through the connections hall. Once dropped off, male students will report to the gym and female students will report to the cafeteria. Once students enter the cafeteria or gym, they will not be allowed to leave until we dismiss by grade levels to report to their first period. At 8:10, students will be released by grade level to grab and go breakfast as they enter their grade level hallway, if they would like one. Once students have entered their hallway, they will not be permitted to leave that hallway. Students not in their first-period class by 8:25 will be counted as tardy.

Dismissal time is 3:45 PM. Parents should pick up students in the parent pick-up area in front of the school. All students should be picked up by 4:00 unless they are involved in an extracurricular activity. Students riding the bus will be dismissed to the bus loading area to the left (east) of the school. Parents may not drop off or pick up students in the bus loading area.

Temple Middle School Athletics
Athletic Director: Brandon Dickson
Athletic Secretary: Marian Ward

Fall Sports	Coach	Winter Sports	Coach	Spring Sports	Coach
Cheerleading/ Comp	Rebecca Raines	Basketball (Boys)	Matt Smith	Baseball	John Butler
Cross-Country	John Butler	Basketball (Girls)	Samm Dixon	Soccer	Rory Thompson Pam Cooper
Football	Michael Cleek	Cheerleading	Amy Fleming	Track	Rylan Sresthadatta
Golf	TBD	Wrestling	Brandon Dickson	Fishing (Year Round)	Jacob Robinson
Softball	Matt Smith				
Volleyball	Donna Johnson				

Note: Admission to all regular season sporting events is \$5.00 per person, school-age children to adults. Tournament fees are \$10.00 per person. Playoff games are \$8.00, and doubleheader games are \$10.00.

Temple Middle School is a member of the West Georgia Middle School Athletic Conference (WGMSAC). Member schools are divided into two divisions:

Small Schools	Large Schools
Bowdon	Bay Springs
Bremen	Central
Haralson Co. (FB)	Callaway
Heard County	Gardner-Newman (FB)
Mt. Zion	Haralson County
Temple	Long Cane
Villa Rica	Rockmart (FB)
	Villa Rica (FB)

Athletics Eligibility

In order to participate in any athletic activities, the following is required:

1. Pass five of six classes for the semester immediately preceding participation or try-outs.
2. Provide the school with an up-to-date physical form, signed by a physician. Physicals are good for no more than one year from the date of the physical.
3. Provide documentation of current health insurance.

Participating in athletics is a privilege that is subject to revocation due to academic or disciplinary concerns. There is **no guaranteed playing time** for any middle school athlete. In addition, athletes are subject to team rules and discipline consequences set forth by the coach. Students are prohibited from attending or participating in games while serving an in-school suspension and/or out-of-school suspension.

Student attendance at all extra-curricular activities is encouraged and appreciated. To ensure your child is picked up promptly and safely after athletic events, please make transportation arrangements prior to the event.

Bell Schedule

7:45–8:10	Male students report to the gym. Female students report to cafeteria.	
8:10–8:25	Release to 1st Period (Grab and Go Breakfast)	
6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
8:25 - 9:33 1st Period	8:25 - 9:15 Connections	8:25 - 9:33 1st Period
9:36 - 10:44 2nd Period	9:18 - 10:08 Connections	9:36 - 10:44 2nd Period
10:47 - 11:37 Connections	10:11 - 11:19 3rd Period	10:47 - 12:17 3rd Period 1st Lunch 11:00 - 11:31
11:40 - 12:52 Connections 2nd Lunch 11:40 - 12:11	11:40 - 12:52 4th Period 3rd Lunch 12:18 - 12:49	12:20 - 1:28 4th Period
12:55 - 2:03 5th Period	12:55 - 2:03 5th Period	1:31 - 2:21 Connections
2:06 - 3:14 6th Period	2:06 - 3:14 6th Period	2:24 - 3:14 Connections
3:17 - 3:45 LEAD - M,T,TH PAWS - W,F	3:17 - 3:45 LEAD - M,T,TH PAWS - W,F	3:17 - 3:45 LEAD - M,T,TH PAWS - W,F
3:45	Student release	

Book Bags

Students will be required to carry backpacks or string bags to transport their belongings, including cell phones, from class to class. Students may not have book bags with wheels. Athletic bags, large bags and large carryall-type purses are not allowed in classrooms. Arrangements for storage of these bags must be made in advance with coaches/sponsors.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Georgia State Law HB340, the “Distraction-Free Education Act” requires schools to prohibit students from accessing personal electronic devices while on school premises during school hours. This includes cell phones, smartwatches, ear phones, and other electronic devices. If an electronic device comes to campus with a student, it will be expected that it is turned off and remains in their bag, or in the area designated by the school, for the duration of the school day. Parents should contact the front office if they need to speak with their student. Please see **Board Policy JCDAF: Use of Electronic Devices by Students** and the **Carroll County Schools Student Handbook** for more information.

Violations of the Electronic Device Guidelines will be handled as follows:

1st Offense:

The student will receive a citation, and the Parent/Guardian will be notified. The device will be confiscated, documented, and released to the student at the end of the day by the front office.

2nd Offense:

The student will receive a citation, and the Parent/Guardian will be notified. The device will be confiscated, documented, and released only to a parent or guardian by the front office.

3rd Offense:

The student will receive 1 day of ISS. The device will be confiscated, documented, and released only to a parent or guardian by the front office.

4th Offense:

The student will receive up to 3 days of ISS. The device will be confiscated, documented, and released only to a parent or guardian by the front office.

5th Offense:

The student will receive 1 day OSS for Repeated Violations/Chronic Misbehavior, and a behavior contract will be established. The device will be confiscated, documented, and released only to a parent or guardian by the front office.

6th Offense:

The student will receive up to 3 days OSS for Repeated Violations/Chronic Misbehavior, and a behavior contract consequence. The device will be confiscated, documented, and released only to a parent or guardian by the front office.

7th Offense:

The student will receive up to 5 days OSS for Repeated Violations/Chronic Misbehavior, and a behavior contract consequence. The device will be confiscated, documented, and released only to a parent or guardian by the front office.

8th Offense:

The student will receive up to Expulsion/Disciplinary Tribunal for Repeated Violations/Chronic Misbehavior.

*Habitual offenders of the Cellphone Guidelines will be subject to behavior management plans/contracts that may include turning the device into the front office staff upon arrival.

*In the event a student refuses to hand over a device to a staff member, disciplinary consequences will be issued for failure to comply with school personnel.

Field Trip Electronic Device Guidelines

Students may bring personal cell phones on both day and overnight field trips; however, use will be limited and closely monitored.

- During all trips: Electronic Devices should remain stored away during instruction, activities, and group times.
- Appropriate use: Teachers or chaperones will determine when Electronic Device use is allowed (for example, quick check-ins with parents or taking photos when permitted).
- Misuse: Excessive use, inappropriate content, or disruptions may result in the Electronic Devices being collected and returned at the end of the trip. Taking videos or photos of peers or adults to post on social media or to harass, embarrass, or cyberbully others is strictly forbidden.
- Communication: Teachers and chaperones will have phones available for emergencies or communication with the school or families as needed. The school will provide updates to families; parents should not expect constant communication from students.

Check-in and Check-out Procedures

1. Students arriving late (after 8:25 AM) to school must sign in and secure a tardy pass from the front office. Students will present this pass to their teacher for admittance to class.
2. Students cannot check themselves in or out of school.
3. The school cannot release students to anyone other than those persons who are listed in Infinite Campus as approved for checkout by the enrolling parent.
4. We will NOT allow student checkouts after 3:15 PM.

Citations

Our PBIS Plan also provides opportunities for students to learn from their mistakes. TMS will follow a citation system that allows students multiple opportunities for intervention, aka citations, before they are sent to in-school suspension. A behavior referral will be generated upon the third citation. Citations will carry over from class to class, setting a higher standard for behavior throughout the building. The plan also allows for early parental involvement so that communication can take place BEFORE the most severe consequence. Please see below:

Citation Steps:

- 1st citation - Parent contact and classroom consequence
- 2nd citation - Parent contact and silent lunch
- 3rd citation - ISS

Citation counts start over after serving ISS. Each additional set of 3 citations earned will result in an increase in days of ISS. Students will begin each nine weeks with a clean slate of citations. Parent contacts will be made after each citation.

Class Schedules & Changes

Temple Middle School designs student schedules to maximize the educational experience of its students. Therefore, schedule changes are made only in extreme circumstances and must be approved by the school administration. Each student will rotate connections classes throughout the school year.

Clubs and Organizations

Student participation in school clubs and organizations are voluntary and encouraged. If you wish to decline permission for your student to participate in a particular club or organization, please send the opt-out page at the end of the district student handbook. Written parent permission will be required prior to a student's participation in any new club after the start of the school year.

Club or Organization	Sponsor	Description
Academic Team	Catherine Williams	A group of students who compete with other teams in the Carroll County academic bowl competitions.
Disc Golf Club	Matt Smith	Disc Golf Club is open to all students to give them exposure to a new sporting opportunity. Students will play the disc golf course located on TMS campus, but they will also have the opportunity to travel and play other courses like Hobbs Farm.
Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) Club	Nicole West	D&D is a collaborative storytelling game where students can use their imagination to create a unique character and use its unique skills based on rolling the dice to determine the different adventures to embark on. Unlike a video game or a board game with a fixed path, D&D is driven by the player's choices on a fantasy adventure.
FCA	Matt Smith Blair Robinson	A club whose vision is to see the world impacted for Christ through the influence of coaches and students.
FFA	Cloey Gilham	FFA is a youth organization that builds premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. For middle schoolers, it offers hands-on exploration of plants, animals, and technology while developing teamwork, public speaking, and community service skills
Honors Chorus	Emily Graffius	High-ability chorus students who will work on higher-level choral music throughout the school year and are chosen based on ability and commitment.
Junior Beta Club	Lauren Rosinski	A leadership-service club for grades fifth through ninth whose purpose is to encourage effort, reward merit, and promote those qualities of character that make for good citizenship.
Junior National Art Honor Society	Kylee Joiner	The Junior National Art Honor Society is a place for practicing artists to hone their skills, develop their techniques and portfolios, collaborate with other artists like themselves, create bonds with the community through the arts, and learn how to work together through group projects that will beautify the school and community.
Junior TOME Society	Jodi Ogden	Temple Middle School Jr. Tome Society Chapter serves students in grades 6-8 and is a competitive book club for students who love to read. Students in the Temple Middle School book club chapter will

		read and discuss 10 select books and participate in either virtual or in-person literacy events, with the chance to compete at the TomeCon conference.
Principal's Advisory Committee	Dr. Sean Schinella	The advisory committee consists of representatives from each grade level. These students provide feedback to the Principal on various programs and procedures within the school.
Student Council	Hannah Fortner	The Student Council serves as the voice of the student body and is dedicated to its social and organizational activities.
Science Olympiad	Stephanie Covington	The school science team prepares for competition in the spring. Events vary from academics and lab competitions to science projects such as robotics and rocketry
Tech Team	Arlin Blackwell	Tech Fair consists of students working either individually or as a team of two in one of these categories: 3D Modeling, Animation, Audio Production, Device Modification, Digital Photo Production, Game Design, Graphic Design, Internet Applications, Mobile Apps, Multimedia Applications, Productivity Design, Project Programming, Robotics, Tech Programming Challenge, Video Production The student or team of two then presents it to the judges.
Golden Pearls	LaWanda Flonnory	The PEARLS is an organization aimed at providing elementary, middle, and high school female students with the tools that they need to be successful, future-focused students, while being of service in their communities.
S.A.F.E. Club	Sean Bruso	Empowering students to become peer leaders who promote a culture of inclusion, empathy, and safety to stop violence before it happens. These clubs often focus on recognizing warning signs, peer mediation, and mental wellness to counteract bullying.

Code of Conduct

Please refer to the Carroll County Schools Student Handbook for information on the Code of Conduct.

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Student misconduct that results in the loss of instructional time or a safe school environment will not be tolerated. Progressive discipline will be used with students who continue to violate our code of conduct.

Counseling and Support Services

Philosophy: Counseling and guidance services are structured to meet the individual needs of students. It is a part of the total educational program of the school.

Services include: Classroom guidance, individual counseling, and small group counseling are available for students. Please contact the counselor if you have any questions or concerns.

Referrals to the counselor may be made by:

Student, (self-referral), parent, teacher, or an administrator

Please contact Mr. Bruso at sean.bruso@carrollcountyschools.com for counseling needs
The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is available 24 hours a day at 988

TMS Faculty and Staff

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	Connections
Tenacious Tiger Typhoons (T3)	Fierce Felines	Tiger Frogs	Arlin Blackwell (Computer Science)
Blair Cole (ELA)	Kenya Fields (ELA)	Tracy Hales (ELA)	John Butler (PE/Health)
LaWanda Flonnory (Math)	Amy Fleming (Math)	Jill Johnson (SS)	Stephanie Covington (STEM)
Hannah Fortner (SS)	Catherine Williams (Sci)	Lauren Rosinski (Math)	Brandon Dickson (Weight Training)
Emma Varner (Sci)	Kellie Price (SS)	Tarrah Walston (Sci)	Cloey Martin (Ag)
Team Sabertooth	Cool Cats	Tiger Train	Kylee Joiner (Art)
Pam Bryant (Sci)	Dalton Bloom (ELA)	Jennifer Cheatwood (Math)	Emily Graffius (Chorus)
Paige Flotz (ELA)	Pam Cooper (Math)	Rebecca Raines (Sci)	Jodi Ogden (Spanish)
Lance Hill (SS)	Lindsey Minton (Sci)	Jacob Robinson (SS)	Matt Smith (PE/Health)
Nicole West (Math)	Rylan Sresthadatta (SS)	Kelly Steele (ELA)	Amelia Young (Band)
Monica Brown (ELA)	Monica Brown (ELA)	Monica Brown (ELA)	
Teiara Denmark (Math)			

Exceptional Children	Administrative Team	Support Staff	Food Services
Diana Funderburke (ISC)	Dr. Sean Schinella (Principal)	Caroline Allen (SSW)	Teresa Torrance (Manager)
Constance Billman (6th)	Monica Chason (Assistant Principal)	Ben Akridge (IT)	Ginger Gentry
Kayla Bradshaw (ELA)	Larry Weaver (Assistant Principal)	Allison Conn (Nurse)	Martha Smith
Alicia Brock (ELL)	Emily Tucker (Instructional Coach)	Leila Elliott (ISS)	Martha Wyatt
Samm Dixon (Math)	Sean Bruso (Counselor)	Bonnie Horsley (Bookkeeper)	

Kerry Findley (7th)		Jodi Ogden (Media Specialist)	
Amanda Gray (6th)		Hali Reece (Clinic Asst)	
Exceptional Children	Administrative Team	Support Staff	Food Services
Melissa Johnson (8th)		Christy Agan (Registrar)	
Jolai Nance (Para)		Marian Ward (Secretary)	
Kelly Peabody (Para)			
Jessica Speer (Para)			
Renee Williams (SLP)			

Fees

Outstanding student fees will be entered into Infinite Campus and can be paid using the Campus Pay portal.

Athletic Fees		
Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
FB/Comp Cheer \$800 (Covers Uniform Rental, Clothes, Camps)	Boys BB \$300 (Clothes and Shoes)	Baseball \$125 (Cloth Items)
Cross-Country \$125 (Cloth Items)	Girls BB \$200 (Cloth Items)	Soccer \$125 (Cloth Items inc. Uniform)
Football \$125 (Cloth Items)	BB Cheerleading \$350. Covers Uniform Rental, Cloth items, team gifts, and banquet.	Track TBD
Golf \$150 (Course Fees & Clothes)	Wrestling \$125 (Cloth Items)	Fishing \$50 (Hat and Shirt)
Softball \$125 (Cloth Items)		
Volleyball \$80 (Cloth Items)		

Field Trips and Assemblies

Field trips and assemblies provide students with enriched learning experiences. Students at Temple Middle School will have the opportunity and privilege from time to time to attend these learning experiences. Our expectations are that all students conduct themselves appropriately at any and all school functions.

Food and Drinks

Students are allowed to have bottled water at all times throughout the school day at TMS, although access may be limited during connection activities. Students may not sell any food items at any time. Unauthorized solicitation of any type is prohibited on school grounds.

Tiger Time & PBIS Carnival

Tiger Time will take place throughout the year. The purpose of the Tiger Time and the PBIS Carnival program is to reward students for good behavior and promote our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program at Temple Middle School. Students can play games, socialize, and purchase snacks from concessions during Tiger Time. Any student serving ISS or OSS will not be allowed to participate in the next Tiger Time. Students are eligible for future Tiger Time(s) as long as they do not receive additional ISS or OSS. Our PBIS Carnival will take place in the Spring. Students who have served more than 5 days of ISS or received any OSS will not be eligible to participate in the Carnival.

E- Hall Passes

Students are not permitted in the halls during class time without the appropriate E-Hall pass.

Honor Roll and Academic Awards

A/B Honor will be calculated using the posted 9-week grades. Midterm grades and semester averages will not be used to determine A/B Honor Roll. Academic recognition programs at TMS will be held in the Spring. Students who have earned an award will receive an invitation to attend the awards ceremony. Families will be notified via email of the time and date of the ceremony if their student is invited.

TMS will host a ceremony for all 8th-grade students, celebrating their completion of 8th grade and promotion to high school.

School Advisory Council

Temple Middle School utilizes a school advisory council consisting of parents and other stakeholders. The purpose of this council is to improve the learning experience of students at Temple Middle School. This council meets periodically throughout the school year. Please contact the front office for more information.

School Deliveries

Deliveries (e.g., flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, food, etc.) made to students are not permitted and will not be accepted at Temple Middle School. This includes deliveries for birthdays, special occasions, holidays, etc.

Student Advisement

Temple Middle School conducts monthly advisement lessons with our students to inform and educate them on various topics such as internet safety, bus safety, bullying, college and career opportunities, and character education topics. In addition, our 8th-grade students will complete a series of activities and lessons that culminate in a career exploration capstone project to help prepare them for selecting a pathway through high school and beyond.

Toys, Stuffed Animals, Fidgets

Due to their distracting nature, toys, Needohs, stress balls, fidget items, stuffed animals, etc are not allowed on campus at Temple Middle. Only students with a medically documented reason for these items will be allowed to possess them throughout the day.

Visitors & Volunteers

All visitors are welcome at Temple Middle School. To maintain a proper environment for instruction, please note a few reminders:

- Call ahead to arrange a visiting time with the teacher
- Sign in and out at the front office to receive a visitor or volunteer pass
- Silence cell phones while in school

We truly appreciate the time you donate to TMS, but we must request that you do not bring children who are not enrolled at Temple Middle School while volunteering at TMS.