# NORTH MOBILE COUNTY PREK-8 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025



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Dear Parents and Students,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to North Mobile County PreK-8! We are excited for a new school year. This year our theme is "TOGETHER WE GROW." I know that your child is your most important possession and we want to make sure that they have the best educational opportunity possible.

Please use this handbook to find out more about North Mobile's expectations and goals, as well as the outstanding programs we offer. There are many policies, services, and regulations discussed in the following pages. Please go over this handbook thoroughly and discuss it with your child. Students and parents are responsible for knowing its contents.

North Mobile County PreK-8 is unique in its ability to educate a child from Pre-K through middle school. Our primary goal is to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to learn in a safe and welcoming environment. With committed teachers and staff, I am confident your student is in good hands.

The teachers and staff join me in saying we are happy to have you and your child/children as part of the North Mobile County PreK-8 Titan family. As the school year progresses, we will have many student-centered activities/programs and invite your family to join us. Again, welcome and we hope this will be a great year for all of us!

Randall Reed, Principal

#### MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Mobile County Public Schools is to produce a literate, lifelong learner who is visionary and productive, aware of self, accepting of cultural differences, sensitive to others and who applies knowledge to make morally responsible decisions in an ever-changing global society.

We will accomplish this by providing a challenging, relevant, multicultural, integrated curriculum taught by caring, competent, motivated, accountable staff committed to the success of all students in a safe, orderly environment conducive to learning.

#### NORTH MOBILE COUNTY PreK-8 SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of North Mobile County PreK-8 School is to prepare all students to become productive members of society who demonstrate a strong commitment to honesty, responsibility, motivation, integrity, and respect.

#### NORTH MOBILE COUNTY PreK-8 SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

North Mobile County PreK-8 should provide educational experiences which foster individuality, educational growth, and responsible young adults. A responsive instructional program that stresses discovering, communicating and cooperating shall be provided.

Students will participate in learning experiences that promote the development of basic skills, academic excellence, and potential careers in professional, vocational, environmental, and technological areas. The faculty and staff are committed to assisting every student in reaching his/her potential academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. The community shall be encouraged to actively participate in all aspects of the school program.

# North Mobile County PreK-8 2024-2025 Bell Schedule

Take In	7:10
School Day Starts	7:30
Tardy	7:35
Morning Routine	7:30-7:40
1 <sup>st</sup> Period 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 4 <sup>th</sup> Period	7:43-8:34 8:38-9:29 9:33-10:24 10:28-11:19
Lunch (Group A) 5 <sup>th</sup> Period 6 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:23-11:43 11:47-12:38 12:42-1:33
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:23-11:38
Lunch (Group B)	11:41-12:01
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:02-12:38
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:42-1:33
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:37-2:30
Reflection/Dismissal	2:30-2:35

### **PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

The North Mobile County PreK-8 Parent-Teacher Organization exists to promote and support the educational process. Parents are encouraged to join and participate in the activities of the PTO. We are looking for a strong membership to continue the work at North Mobile County PreK-8. We need members with new ideas and a willingness to help. <u>Annual membership is only \$5.00 per family.</u>

#### **SCHOOL HOURS**

North Mobile County PreK-8 hours are from 7:30 a.m. until 2:35 p.m. Students should not arrive before 7:10 a.m., as there will be no supervision until that time. Students should leave campus by 2:45 p.m., unless they are supervised by a faculty member. The school office is open from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00p.m. on regular days when students are attending classes.

#### **SCHOOL VISITORS**

All visitors **MUST** use the front door and wait to be allowed into the school. All visitors **MUST** report to the office upon entering the school. Parents are always welcome at North Mobile County PreK-8 but must follow MCPSS policies. If wanting to schedule a parent-teacher conference, please notify the teacher <u>twenty-four hours prior</u> to the date you'd like to make an appointment.

#### **PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION**

Teachers may be contacted by e-mail, note, or telephone. Parent conferences can be arranged through our office or by written request to the teacher via letter or email. Should you need to speak with a teacher, please leave a message with the school secretary so your call can be returned during the teacher's planning period. *All teacher conferences must be prearranged and preapproved*. Conferences must be kept to a maximum of 30 minutes to ensure that the instructional day is not interrupted. Teachers are teaching with the exception of their planning period and are sometimes involved in meetings during their planning. Please understand they may not be available to respond to emails or phone calls immediately. Teachers are not expected to respond to communications outside of their workday. Please be respectful of their time and allow ample opportunity for them to respond during workhours. *Do not text or use social media for parent/teacher or admin communication*. Utilize email or leave phone messages out of professional courtesy.

#### **Administrator Conferences**

Administrator conferences <u>must be scheduled</u>. Should the need arise, call the office to schedule administrator conferences or email the principal or assistant principal (if applicable) with your concerns.

#### **School to Parent Communication**

The Titansville Chronicles is a newsletter that is sent home at the beginning of every month to keep parents informed of the events that are planned at North Mobile. We also strongly encourage all parents to follow our school's Facebook page. This is a great tool we use to post updates and student highlights throughout the year. Additionally, your child's teachers will use either Remind or Class Dojo to communicate things specific to their classes. We also encourage you to contact the registrar in the office for your username and password to monitor your student's grades, attendance and discipline online.

#### **TELEPHONE/ADDRESS CHANGES**

Please notify the school immediately if there is a change in your address, telephone number, or person to contact in an emergency. If you are unsure who is on your list, please contact the office. This information is very important in case your child becomes ill or injured.

#### **OFFICE RULES**

Students should not come to the office without a pass. Upon entering the office, the student will be asked, "Do you have a pass?" If the answer is no, they will not be allowed to remain in the office.

# **POSTING PHOTOS**

It is against school policy to post any photo or information/comment about a student or school employee to any social media site without the prior consent of the student's parent/guardian or consent of the employee and the school administrator.

#### **ELECTRONIC DEVICE (CELL PHONE) POLICY**

According to MCPSS policy, students are allowed to have phones at school, but they must be powered off and stored away. This policy includes smart watches. If a student is caught with a phone out in class, the teacher will take the phone and return it to the student at the end of class. If the student is caught a second time with the phone out, the teacher will bring it to an administrator and the student will be allowed to get the phone at the end of the day from the administrator. If the student is caught with a cell phone for the third time, the administration will only return the phone to the parent/guardian. Any further infractions of the electronic device policy will result in the student not being allowed to have a personal device on campus and/or suspension. In the event a phone is confiscated as a result of policy violation, the phone is subject to a search.



#### STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL PHONE

If needed, students may be allowed to use a school phone in the office to contact parents. Students must have a pass to use the phone and phone calls will be monitored for content. This is for the safety of the student. We ask that phone conversations be brief and to the point. Please assist us by making sure that your child knows how he/she will get home from school and all other vital information prior to coming to school. **Students will not be called out of class to answer or make phone calls.** 

# **MEDICATION**

# UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD STUDENTS BRING MEDICATION OF ANY KIND TO SCHOOL!

This includes over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Aleve, etc. If it becomes necessary for a student to take any form of medication at

school, a signed "School Medication Form" must be presented to the office. (This may be obtained from the school nurse). This includes inhalers. Only prescription medication in the original prescription bottle will be dispensed. The label must clearly state the child's name, doctor's name, medication, dose, and the dosage schedule. All medication will be kept in and dispensed through the nurse's office. Because of all the different forms and types of illnesses that children now encounter, the nurse will not dispense over-the-counter medication. A guardian may come to the school and bring the student medicine to be taken with the nurse.

We apologize for any inconveniences this might cause. If you have further questions, please refer to the Mobile County School System's policy on medications or call the school.

#### EARLY DISMISSALS

Early dismissals are issued in the office. Students who get an early dismissal before 11:30 a.m. will be counted as absent from school on that day. No early dismissals are issued after 2:00 p.m. In order for a student to leave campus early, a parent or guardian should come to the school and sign the student out on the early dismissal log. A driver's license must be provided as verification of the person that is picking the student up every time. The person that is picking the student up must be listed as a contact. This is for the safety of the student. It is the responsibility of the parent to verify that the office has an updated list of individuals who have parental permission to checkout a student. For an early dismissal prior to homeroom, the student will report directly to the front office.

#### **EMERGENCY/ILLNESS**

The school will make every effort to inform the parents of any illness or accident occurring at school that may need care and observation at home. To assist us in contacting you, please be sure that current work and home phone numbers are available in the office. If a parent cannot be contacted, the school will act in the manner considered to be in the best interest of the child. **THE OFFICE NEEDS AT LEAST TWO PHONE NUMBERS** to

call when a student becomes ill. Parents are to notify the nurse, registrar, and the child's teachers in writing if a student has a medically diagnosed chronic illness or disability that could require special or emergency treatment.

#### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

All students enrolling in Mobile County Public Schools MUST provide the office with a current Immunization Certificate from a private physician or the Alabama Board of Health.

**ALL sixth-grade students** are required by the Alabama State Department to have a second measles and DTAP immunization and certificate in order to be officially enrolled.



#### **INSURANCE**

School insurance will be offered at the beginning of each school year by a private provider. The cost is minimal compared to the potential cost of medical care, and parents are encouraged to take out insurance or provide proof of insurance.

# **LEAVING CAMPUS**

Students will not leave the campus any time during the school day without permission from the principal or without following procedures for an early dismissal at the request of a parent.

#### PAYMENTS BY CHECK

Monetary obligations may be taken care of by cash or check. Checks should be made payable to North Mobile County PreK-8 and should have the student's name and homeroom written on the check. All checks must have the following information in order to be accepted:

1. Full name; 2. Home phone number; 3. Street address (**NO P.O. BOX**); 4. Driver's license number with state identified.

Insufficient funds checks will be handled by a collection agency. Students are encouraged to pay for field trips or fundraisers with a check, if possible. This eliminates students bringing large amounts of cash to school that could be lost or stolen.

We also have the option to pay by credit/debit card via eFunds. Please contact our bookkeeper for more details on this payment method.



#### **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-week grading period. If a student's grades are not satisfactory, parents are encouraged to arrange an appointment with the child's teacher(s). Progress reports are sent home every three-four weeks (mid-quarter). Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's grades on Schoology. This can be done on any Internet accessible device. Please call the office for your username and password.

#### VALUABLES AT SCHOOL

We encourage students not to bring items of value or large amounts of money to school. Although the staff does everything to prevent loss of items, we are not responsible for student's property and will not use instructional time to search for missing items. This includes cell phones and personal electronic devices. If your child chooses to bring these items they are responsible for ensuring the security of them. Each student should also have his/her name on outerwear and uniform clothing.

#### **DELIVERIES TO SCHOOL**

The school administration tries to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process. Parents are asked to assist the school in this endeavor by not sending flowers, balloons, etc. to school. **Students will not be allowed to board the bus with flowers or balloons.** 

#### UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT

(See Uniform Information at the end of this document)

The dress policy will be enforced from the first day of school. The uniform policy will be strictly enforced this year. NO HOODED JACKETS OR SWEATSHIRTS WITH HOODS ARE ALLOWED!

In homeroom each day, the teacher will check for compliance of the uniform policy. If the student is in non-compliance with the uniform policy and can correct the infraction at the time (ex. shirt tail out, pants not sitting at natural waistline) then it will be done immediately. If a student has unapproved outerwear or headwear, the item will be tagged with the student's name and homeroom teacher. It will be held in a specified location, until the parent retrieves the item. If the infraction cannot be corrected at that time (ex. no belt, wrong pants, wrong shoes, etc), the teacher will send the student to the office and the student will be asked to call a parent to bring correct uniform attire. If they are unable to contact the parent or the parent is unable to bring the proper uniform attire, the student will be sent to retract for the remainder of the day. If uniform violations become a repeated offense of the student, it then becomes a "Group B" offense (Willful Disobedience) and the students may be suspended.

#### **ATTENDANCE/TARDIES**

Students should arrive on time and get to each class prior to the tardy bell. A student is tardy if he/she is not inside the room at the beginning of the period. The first five minutes of class are crucial to creating an atmosphere of instruction. It is essential that all students make arriving to class promptly a priority.

Regular attendance is necessary for a good education. Students are allowed only 8 (eight) parent notes per school year. Chronic poor attendance may result in an administrator making a home visit.

Students should miss as few days from school as possible during the year. Parents are asked to do all that is necessary to ensure that their child comes to school on time each day ready to learn.

Whenever a student is absent from school, on the day of the student's return, he/she must bring a written excuse signed by a parent or guardian stating the reason for absence. Only reasons cited under the Code of Alabama will be considered excused (illness, death in immediate family, prior approval by the principal or legal reasons). This note is to be given to the homeroom teacher on the student's return to school so that the student's absence will be excused. However, if the student fails to bring an excuse by the third day of their return to school, the absence will become unexcused. Parents may call the registrar to verify that the student turned in the excuse to the teacher.

#### **ABSENCES**

- 1. Each student is responsible for reporting to school and to each class in accordance with his/her approved schedule.
- 2. Each teacher shall be responsible for checking the rolls daily in their assigned classes and properly recording the student's attendance.
- 3. A student, approved by the principal or his/her designee to participate in or attend a school sponsored or other approved activity during the day, shall be counted present. Students are responsible for all assignments missed while participating in or attending said activities.
- 4. The sponsor shall notify teachers, in advance, of students who will be attending approved activities and should be counted present.
- 5. In cases of prolonged absence due to illness, the parent or guardian should seek assistance from the Homebound Program or make other reasonable arrangements with the principal of the school.
- 6. The principal or his designee should make every reasonable effort to contact (by phone or in writing) the parents of any absent students on the day of the absence.
- 7. Excessive tardiness to school or excessive unexcused absences will result in referral to the Early Warning Truancy Program.

MAKE-UP WORK: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO INITIATE MAKE-UP WORK WITHIN 3 (THREE) DAYS OF RETURNING TO SCHOOL



# P.E. UNIFORMS (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

P.E. uniforms will cost \$25.00 (shorts and shirt). It is important that students wear appropriate clothing in physical education classes. Gym wear MUST meet safety standards by having no zippers, buttons, or snaps, which might cause injury during physical activity.

Gym socks and shoes MUST be worn during P.E. class in order to get credit for dressing out. **ONLY Tennis/Athletic shoes are allowed on the gym floor**. Expensive name brand tennis shoes or athletic shoes should be avoided.

#### **DRESSING OUT**

Dressing out is an important part of physical education class. Failure to dress out will cause a reduction in the student's physical education grade. Frequent failure to dress out can warrant a referral to the office for disciplinary action. This only applies to students in  $5^{th}$  grade  $-8^{th}$  grade.

# P.E. LOCKERS (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Only)

Lockers are available for use in the Physical Education classes for <u>\$5.00</u> per year. These can be rented from the child's P.E. teacher. Any problem occurring (mechanical or otherwise) should be reported to the P.E. teacher. It is strongly encouraged that students lock all items in the P.E. locker.

It will be the student's responsibility to care for and protect their PE locker. Lockers are rented to the students for protection and convenience. Lockers are the school's property and as such may be inspected by school officials using a master key. Each student has his/her own locker.

Locker sharing is not permitted. For the student's protection we ask that he/she not give anyone his/her locker combination. The student must be especially careful to see that his/her locker is always locked after use.

#### **ATHLETICS**

AHSAA competitive athletics will be offered to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Students participating in athletics must maintain a <u>70/C average</u> in all classes and good conduct. Students with multiple disciplinary incidents may not be allowed to participate in sports. *The principal has final say over athletic participation.* The following sports may be offered:

#### Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Cheerleading, and Track







\*If a sport is not offered at North Mobile,  $7^{th}$  and  $8^{th}$  grade students may tryout for that particular sport at Lott Middle School.

#### Alabama's Sports Officials Bill

Alabama has become the 16<sup>th</sup> state to toughen the punishment of angry sports fans that attack game officials, coaches, and administrators. It creates new crimes of harassing, menacing, and assaulting sports officials, coaches, and administrators. The punishments are harsher than normal for convictions for harassment, menacing, and assault. The legislation applies to all levels of athletics from church softball to professional sport.

# **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP FOR STUDENTS AND OTHERS**

- 1. Remember that a student spectator represents the school, as does the athlete.
- 2. Recognize the good name of the school is more valuable than any game won by unfair play.
- 3. Respond with enthusiasm to the calls of the cheerleaders for yells in support of the team.
- 4. Accept the decisions of officials without question.
- 5. Recognize and applaud an exhibition of fine play or good sportsmanship on the part of the visiting team.

- 6. Insist on the courteous treatment of the visiting team, as it passes through the streets or visits the local school building and extend the members every possible courtesy.
- 7. Be considerate of any injured player on the visiting team.
- 8. Acquaint the adults of the community and the elementary school students with the ideals of sportsmanship that are acceptable to North Mobile County PreK-8.
- 9. Impress upon the community its responsibility for the exercise of self-control and fair play at all athletic contests.
- 10. Be friendly and polite to all visitor spectators.
- 11. Remember that North Mobile County PreK-8 is a non-smoking facility.

# \*\*Parents and students may use GOFAN or cash to purchase tickets to any athletic event.\*\*

#### **BAND**

North Mobile County PreK-8 offers beginning woodwind, beginning brass, and advanced band instruction for our middle school students.



# <u>NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)</u>

Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> may be selected for membership in the North Mobile County PreK-8 chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. In order to be selected for the honor society, students must have high academic grades (A/B Honor Roll) and no major discipline infractions. Students in NJHS must maintain a "B" average in all core subjects.

#### **YEARBOOK**

The school publishes a full color yearbook at the end of each school year. The yearbook sponsors school portraits, sports pictures, and cheerleader pictures. Students may purchase a yearbook for a cost to be determined.

# CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

- 1. Students should be in attendance on a regular basis and should report on time.
- 2. Students should abide by all school rules and regulations.
- 3. Students should assume responsibility for having necessary tools and materials in class.
- 4. Students are expected to apply themselves actively in achieving academic goals. They should work while in class according to their teachers' directions.
- 5. Students should show respect for the property of others and the school grounds. They should accept responsibility for helping to keep the school building and grounds clean.
- 6. Students should exhibit a respectful attitude toward fellow students and school personnel.
- 7. No student should intimidate another or put his/her hands on another student. If a student is threatened by another student, the student should report such threats to a teacher or adult immediately.

BULLYING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN ANY FORM AND WILL BE REPORTED TO THE MOBILE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

#### **STUDENT MISCONDUCT**

Student's misbehavior will be dealt with in accordance with the Mobile County School System's Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy. Parents are given a copy of the Code of Conduct and are asked to go over it with your child. This code of conduct details the rights and expectations of parents, students, and school personnel. Please keep it handy for future reference.

Administration is not allowed to discuss the discipline of a child with anyone other than the parent/guardian.

#### BEHAVIORS NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL

The following behaviors are against school policy and will not be tolerated at North Mobile County PreK-8:

- 1. Use or possession of tobacco or tobacco products on school campus including vaping of any type.
- 2. Use or possession of drugs, alcoholic beverages, fireworks, or dangerous weapons in or on school property.
- 3. Use of obscenities or profanities in any form, verbal or written. Suggestive, lewd, or obscene pictures, photographs, or drawings are also forbidden.
- 4. Truancy (skipping) for all or part of the school day.
- 5. Inappropriate display of affection or sexual harassment.
- 6. Bringing weapons to school.
- 7. Fighting, name calling, bullying or other peer conflicts.
- 8. Violence, vandalism, or threats toward teachers or school staff.

# ITEMS NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL

Certain items, determined by school administrators, should not be brought to school. Students found in possession of these items deemed harmful, unnecessary, or disruptive to the educational process can face disciplinary action. These items will be confiscated and returned only to the parent. Examples of prohibited items, but not limited to:

radios cards of any kind

stink bomb liquid paper

tobacco products, matches, dice

recorders (audio/video) sunflower seeds

water or play guns permanent markers

vulgar/obscene literature trading cards

playing cards knives or blades of any size video games alcohol /drugs of any form

games brass knuckles

gum

#### **VANDALISM AND PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Our school building and equipment cost the taxpayers a lot of money to construct, purchase, and maintain. Students who destroy or vandalize school property will be required to pay for losses or damages. If students willfully destroy school property, suspension and subsequent expulsion may be necessary. If a student should happen to damage something by accident, he/she should report the incident to a teacher or the office immediately.

# **OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

Out-of-school-suspension can be assigned by the principal or assistant principal. The school will make every attempt possible to contact a parent by phone when a student is considered for suspension. However, it is the student's responsibility to take the written notification home to the parent. Students who are suspended may not attend a school function while under suspension. Parents MUST accompany the student for a conference with an administrator.

# ALTERNATIVE (SECOND CHANCE) SCHOOL

Students who have experienced significant discipline problems will be considered for placement in the Mobile County Public School System's Alternative School Program.

#### PROGRESSIVE DISCPLINE

Students are expected to be on his/her best behavior during school, including on the school bus. Failure to adhere to the rules and expectations of the MCPSS Code of Conduct and this handbook may result in loss of certain privileges including but not limited to field trips, sporting events, and/or school sponsored activities (ex. Splash Bash). Each quarter students who have repeated behavior offenses will result in said privileges being revoked. Students are not rewarded for bad behavior.

#### HALL PASSES

Each student leaving a room must have a properly filled out hall pass. Should the student go to an alternate destination, this will be considered skipping and will be dealt with accordingly. The student must carry the pass in his/her hand at all times.

#### **ASSEMBLY ETIQUETTE**

School activities will be held in the gym or cafeteria throughout the school year. Students should be seated quickly and quietly during this time. Applause is the only correct and courteous way of showing your approval of a program or speaker. Students should be respectful of all speakers and are expected to remain seated and quiet during the entire presentation.

# **TEXTBOOKS & LIBRARY BOOKS**

The Mobile County Public School System furnishes textbooks to all students. The student is responsible for the care of the books issued or checked out from the library. Loss or damage of these books may result in payment to the school.



#### **INTERNET USAGE**

Inappropriate use of the Internet will result in a cancellation of the privilege of using the Internet at school and can result in disciplinary or legal action. Each student should sign on the computer using their username and password provided by the school. Each student should make sure to log off the computer when they are done. The administration is monitoring the sites that students are using and will be sent emails if a student is searching for inappropriate material.

#### **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

The school system provides bus transportation for students who live in the zoned school area and live more than two (2) miles from the school. Parents, however, must provide transportation for their children who participate in extracurricular activities after regular school hours. If a student exhibits poor conduct on a school bus, his/her privilege to ride a bus can be revoked.

#### **BUS RULES**

- 1. Students should be on time at the bus stop and should wait until the bus stops before getting on the bus.
- 2. Hands, arms, and head should be inside the bus at all times.
- 3. Loud talking and laughing are not allowed.
- 4. Horse playing is not permitted at the bus stop or on the bus.
- 5. No eating or drinking on the bus.
- 6. Never tamper with the bus. Breakage and damage caused by careless or willful acts of vandalism shall be paid for by the parents or guardians of offending pupils.
- 7. Do not leave books, lunch, coats, or purses on the bus.
- 8. Do not throw anything out the bus window.
- 9. Do not leave your seat until the bus has stopped.
- 10. Be very quiet when the bus approaches railroad crossings.
- 11. Students will not be allowed to ride any bus other than the one they are assigned. Students are not allowed to ride the bus to a friend's house or switch buses. All buses have a roster of students, and they are not allowed to accept other riders.

NOTE: RIDING A BUS IS A PRIVILEGE! THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR A STUDENT WHO MISBEHAVES ON THE BUS.

# **Uniform Information**

2024-2025 NORTH MOBILE COUNTY PREK-8 UNIFORM POLICY			
SHIRTS PreK-5: Red 6-8: Black	Polo/golf style 3 button shirt, short or long sleeve; with or without logo (Logo should be no larger than a quarter). School Spirit Shirt can be worn on Fridays. Team jersey can be worn on game days.		
PANTS/ SHORTS/ SKIRTS	Girls:  Tan Khaki uniform pants  Plain or pleated; tan khaki knee length walking shorts  Tan khaki skirt/skort (must be knee length)  Plaid Skort #33 or Style #UD300  Capris (CANNOT be rolled up at hem)  Skorts can be purchased at Zoghby's  ELEMENTARY PREK-5 (OPTIONAL): Khaki pleated jumper dress	Boys:  Tan khaki uniform pants Plain or pleated tan khaki knee length walking shorts  OR Solid Red Polo style dress w/ collar	
SHOES	Athletic/tennis shoes only (solid or no more than three colors)  Elementary students are encouraged to tie their shoes, but until they can VELCRO is recommended.  NO open back or open toe shoes are permitted  NO cowboy boots, work boots, cleats, slides, high heels, or Crocs are permitted  Socks should be worn and may be any color		
BELTS	SOLID black or brown traditional belts with a factory, regular belt buckle. No studs or other markings are allowed.  PreK - Kindergarten students only - will not be required to wear a belt.		
OUTERWEAR	***NO HOODED JACKETS/SWEATSHIRTS ALLOWED. ALL OUTERWEAR MUST BE FREE OF A HOOD.***  Must be predominately red, white, gray, black jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts. Can be a combination of those four colors.  Outerwear must be free of obscene graphics/language.  No blankets are permitted on campus for any reason.		
ADDITIONAL NOTES	<ul> <li>Students are not allowed to wear hats, caps, bandannas, or other types of headwear, picks, combs, or hair rollers.</li> <li>Small bows for girls are acceptable.</li> <li>Body piercing is limited to ears and can be no larger than a quarter for girls and no larger than a pencil eraser for boys. Other body piercings are distracting and are NOT ALLOWED. Students wearing other body piercings will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the school administration.</li> <li>Hair color is limited to that which is normally considered natural hair colors.</li> <li>***Girls in K-5 should not wear any type of makeup.</li> <li>Students should not wear clothing that is offensive.</li> <li>Shirts must be tucked in at all times.</li> <li>Students are not allowed to wear more than TWO (2) bracelets.</li> </ul>		

#### The consequences for being out of uniform:

- 1st offense will result in a warning/letter to parents. After this, disciplinary action will start as a second offense.
- The 2nd offense will result in a 1 day retract assignment.
- The 3rd offense will result in 2 days retract assignment.
- The 4th offense will warrant a 1-3 day out-of-school suspension.
- Repeat offenders will receive progressive discipline assignments.

#### NOTE: No writing on body, uniform or shoes.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> As the need arises, the school administration may make minor changes to this dress code for clarification purposes. \*\*\*

### **Uniform Closet**

We accept donations year-round of clean uniform items that are in good condition. Students are also encouraged to donated uniforms they no longer need at the end of each school year.

#### **Snacks**

Most days students may be allowed time within the instructional day to eat an additional snack. Please understand that instructional time must be safe-guarded and students will often eat snack while learning and/or working on a task. Please be mindful of the type of snack you provide for your child, and students may not consume more than one snack in a sitting. Candy is not allowed as a "snack". Snacks should be something that your child can manage on his or her own and NOT cause mess or distraction. Avoid sending snacks with strong odors or snacks that may become messy (i.e., cheesy, powdery, crumbly). Also, please understand that occasionally the day may not lend itself to an additional snack time.

Snacks should come to school with the child. Do not drop snacks/lunches by the office. School snacks may also be sold throughout the year as a fundraiser for our athletic department.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECEIPT OF STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK (SCHOOL COPY)

### Receipt and Review of Policies Form

Signature on this receipt acknowledges that you (parent and student) have reviewed the North Mobile County PreK-8 Student/Parent Handbook for 2024-2025. Please sign and date this receipt and then return it to the student's homeroom teacher within three (3) days.

# **Receipt of Code of Conduct Statement of Certification**

We	and	certify that we have received Name)
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We also realize tha student's cumulative	_	t will become a permanent part of the
Parent's Signature		Date
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		eturned at registration. If it is not, it must be teacher the first day of school.