Mossy Creek Middle School



**Student Information Guide**

**2025-2026**

**Dr. Jody Dean, Principal**

**Vision Statement:**

**Every student, every day will achieve excellence in every way.**

**Mission Statement:**

**To cultivate independent thinkers, 21st century learners, community partners and global contributors through a collaborative environment.**

**School Beliefs:**

We, as educators, consider our role to be the caretakers of society’s future. It is our duty to make learning relevant and useful so that students apply their learning in ways that enable them to participate successfully in society. We accept this task with a profound sense of responsibility and dedication.

**At Mossy Creek Middle School, we believe:**

* The provision of a welcoming, safe, and orderly environment is fundamental to teaching and learning.
* Appropriate, rigorous learning and success for all will be achieved through differentiated instruction.
* The provision of opportunities designed to enhance self-esteem, encourage self-motivation and practice good citizenship is essential to helping children become successful, contributing adults in our society.
* A student’s work ethic and demonstration of personal responsibility are paramount to the highest levels of learning.
* On-going professional learning through collaborative communities is vital to providing students

 with high quality instruction

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**Means of Communication**: Canvas, Infinite Campus, Email, Dojo, Phone

1. assignments
2. timeliness of completion of assignments
3. teacher comments, including but not limited to, notification of detention caused by incomplete assignments
4. ![MCj02809180000[1]]()parent comments as desired

**AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

At Mossy Creek, we believe it is especially important to celebrate the success of our students. To do so, we have implemented various recognition programs to be held throughout the year. Teachers, administrators, and outside agencies select award recipients. It is our intent to recognize every deserving student. We encourage parents to attend award programs to share in the recognition of student accomplishments.

**Daily “Gator Goods” –** These awards are given daily to students who demonstrate Generosity, Ambitiousness, Trustworthiness, Optimism, Respectfulness and Self – Discipline.

**Gator Good Ceremonies –** Students who show outstanding behavior will be allowed to attend our celebrations. This will be based on a number decided by the leadership team.

**Athletic Awards Program** - The athletic department will honor all athletes for their participation and dedication. Athletes who have excelled in each sport will be recognized.

**MCMS End-of-Year Awards** - Students who have made outstanding achievements in academics, exhibited good citizenship and leadership, or have excelled in various aspects of school are honored in May.

**ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

**All car riders are to be dropped off and picked up on the gym side parking lot. No student may be dropped off in the front office prior to 7:30am.**

The school opens at **7:00 A.M.** each morning. Students who are **car riders** should be dropped off and picked up on the gym side**.** Students should not be dropped off or picked up in the gym parking lot but should be done so through the parent pick-up/drop-off car rider line. **Students are not to be dropped off or picked up in front of the school between the hours of 6:30 A.M. – 7:30 A.M. or after 2:15 P.M. Any student entering the front door should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. No car rider should be dropped off at the bus ramp.**

**The students will enter the side doors of the building and report immediately to their 1st block class. The students may report to the café to eat breakfast. Students must be in the 1st block by 7:30am.**

**At 2:27 P.M. a bell will sound to dismiss 1st round bus riders. At 2:30 P.M. a second bell will sound to release car riders to the gym side student pick up area and walkers to the front of the school.**

**Any student who is on campus after 2:35 P.M. should be with their group, club, teacher, or should be waiting for their ride on the gym side student pick up area. All students must be picked up no later than 3:15 P.M. unless they are attending a teacher-sponsored activity after school. Students left on campus after 3:15 P.M., who are not attending an official school activity, are unsupervised.**

**ATTENDANCE**

Research shows that there is a direct correlation between student achievement and school attendance. It is important that students be in school unless there are legitimate reasons why they must be absent. Georgia law allows for student absences to be excused only for the following reasons:

1. personal illness
2. Illness in the immediate family
3. death in family
4. recognized religious holidays
5. absences mandated by other government agencies such as a court order
6. serving as a legislative page (excused and counted as present)
7. family leave for military deployment (must complete appropriate application)

No other absence from class will be considered excused. Students on field trips or officially sanctioned instructional trips organized by the school will be counted present. A student who is absent from school for any portion of a school day must have a written excuse for the absence from the parent or guardian. School officials will then determine if the absence is excusable, using the reasons listed above as guidelines. **If a student is absent and does not bring a written excuse within three days of his/her return to school, the absence will be considered unexcused.**

Parents can apply for an unexcused but prearranged absence in instances where it is necessary for the family to be out of town. This must be done prior to the absence by sending a letter to the principal explaining the reason for the child’s impending absence. Students will be allowed to make up missed assignments.

# EARLY DISMISSALS / TARDIES

Any student who leaves school early or reports to school late **must** come to the office either accompanied by a parent or guardian, or with a note from a parent or guardian. Students who are tardy to school will present an excuse for their tardiness and receive an admittance slip for class. Students with excessive tardies /early dismissals will be referred to the counselors and their parents will be notified. Tardy discipline will be progressive. Students will be put on contract and/or disciplined for excessive tardies or early dismissals. Students who leave early must be signed out by a parent or guardian.

NOTE: Tardies and early dismissals are excused for the following reasons only: personal illness, illness in immediate family, death in the family, religious holiday, or a court order.

**BOOKBAGS**

Students will use bookbags instead of lockers for keeping their items. Teachers will limit the number of books that need to be carried so the bookbags are not too full and heavy. Students will not carry bookbags to their Connections classes.

**BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Student lunch is provided at a cost of $3.00 per day and breakfast is $2.00**. **Students are not allowed more than one charge.** The School Nutrition Program accepts cash, checks, or online payments at www.myschool bucks.com. Students will be given a sack lunch after they owe $5 in charges to the cafeteria but will not be denied a lunch. Students will **not** be permitted to have fast food or hot lunches delivered to school. **Parents are NOT allowed to eat lunch with their child.**

**BRIDGE BILL - Georgia General Assembly HB 400: May 20, 2010**

The purpose of the BRIDGE Bill is to provide a process for development of an *individual graduation plan* for each student in Georgia. It allows students and parents to work together to plan.

Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades shall be provided **counseling, advisement, career awareness, career interest inventories, and information** to assist them in evaluating their academic skills and career interests. **Before the end of the second semester of the eighth grade, students shall develop an individual graduation plan in consultation with their parents, guardians, or individuals appointed by the parents or guardians to serve as their designee.**

| **CLUBS and EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:****Discipline, dress code and other behavior policies of the school and district are in effect at all school sponsored activities and functions.** |
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| **Sponsors** | **Mission** | **Activities** | **Dues** |
| Mrs. Roth | **Book Club** - To foster a love of reading discussion of current adolescent literature | This club meets bi-weekly before homeroom for breakfast and discussion of student-selected novels. All students and teachers are invited to participate. | $25 |
| Ms. Kohn | **Academic Bowl** -To provide team members with the opportunity to increase and share their knowledge while representing Mossy Creek Middle in the PAGE Academic Bowl. | Students will meet and practice three days a week in the mornings from 7:00-7:25 AM. | $25 |
|  Ham/Maxwell/Ward/Bassett | **FCA** - To provide the opportunity for athletes to meet for prayer and devotion. | This club meets for prayer, devotion, and discussion of challenges facing today’s athletes. | $25 |
| Mrs. Fitzgerald | **Student Council** - The student council serves to advise the administration of ideas for school improvement and provide service and support to the school and staff.  | Student council meets monthly, sponsors the valentines dance and provides service projects to support teacher of the month and other school projects. | $25 |
| Mrs. Garza | **Art Club** - Students will meet to discuss art and create wonderful works of art for enjoyment. | Meet after-school to explore various aspects of the visual arts. | $25 |
| Mrs. Roth | **Yearbook Club** - To publish the school yearbook. | Students will work with sponsors to create, edit, and publish the school yearbook. | $25 |
| Mrs. McConnell | **FCCLA** - To promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education by focusing on \*Character Development \*Creative and Critical Thinking \*Interpersonal Communication \*Practical Knowledge \*Career Preparation. | Monthly Meetings held the 1st Tuesday. Fall Rally at State Fair. Fall and Spring Leadership Conferences TBA | $25, includes club designed t-shirt. |
| Mr. Harvey | **TSA** - Open to students enrolled in or who have completed technology and education courses, TSA’s membership includes more than 250,000 middle and high school students across the United States. TSA is supported by educators, parents, and business leaders who believe in the need for a technologically literate society. Members learn through exciting competitive events, leadership opportunities, and much more. A wide range of activities makes TSA a positive experience for every student. | Monthly Meetings | $30, includes t-shirt |
| Mr. Bennett | **FFA** - The National FFA Organization makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. | Monthly MeetingsCompetitive EventsExhibiting LivestockCommunity Service Projects | $25Includes T-shirt |
| Mrs. Rogers | **Gator Gamers** - Students meet to discuss game strategies for chess games. Lessons will be differentiated to teach basic rules to beginners and increase the strategy of already skilled players. | Monthly with tournaments during the year against other middle schools. | $25 Includes T-shirt |
| Knight/ Hart | **Drama Club** – Supports the Choral Program and has performances throughout the year. | Semester Dues  | $25 includes T-shirt |

**COMMUNICATION**

Students are required to use the office phone for communication with parents or guardians when they are sick during the school day. This keeps the school informed when a student is sick or needs assistance. Students that text or call parents using personal cellphones without permission will receive discipline based on their progression.

**CONFERENCES**

If parents would like to meet with a teacher, they should call the school’s office (478- 988-6171) to arrange an appointment. **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CALLING TEACHERS AT HOME OR ON THEIR PERSONAL CELLPHONE.**

**COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE SERVICES**

At MCMS, the guidance/counseling program is based on a developmental and preventative model. Our goal is to facilitate the total positive development of adolescence by helping them to develop a positive self-image and to learn responsible life skills.

Mossy Creek’s counseling programs are designed to help all students develop their educational, social, career, and personal strengths along with becoming responsible and productive citizens.The focus of this program includes the needs, interests, and issues related to the various stages of student development.

Middle school students are in transition from childhood to adolescence. They experience accelerated social, intellectual, physical, and emotional changes. Since the changes that occur during this developmental period can be upsetting, our counselors provide a caring and supportive atmosphere. Various programs that are implemented at Mossy Creek to meet the “middle school challenge” include:

* Classroom guidance
* Peer support groups
* Individual counseling
* Student support team (SST)
* Peer mediation
* Crisis intervention
* Special Education referrals
* Teacher/parent consultations

Low grades are often related to poor study habits. The counselor is available to help you with this problem. However, your subject-area teachers are the first people you should see in order that they may offer advice as to what you can do to be successful.

**Helpful Hints from Mrs. Mower and Mr. Ausborn**

1. Develop an interest in what you are studying-do not refuse to learn!

2. Set up a time and a place to study that has adequate lighting and is free from distractions.

3. Budget your time into short periods of deep concentration.

4. Do not procrastinate; use your time wisely.

5. Understand your assignment completely; if needed, ask your teachers for help.

6. Keep your agenda organized and up to date.

7. Take notes in class and do your homework daily.

8. Treat your brain and body with care.

**DANCES**

All school rules and dress code policies are strictly enforced at school dances. Students must be in good standing academically and behaviorally as determined by the staff. **ONLY STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT MOSSY CREEK ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL DANCES.**

**DELIVERIES**

Flowers, balloons, cupcakes, etc. will **not** be delivered to students. No latex balloons are allowed in the building due to student/staff safety. Students will ONLY be allowed to receive food from outside fast-food venues if the parent is staying to eat lunch with them. Parents are not allowed to drop off fast food for a student to eat in the café.

**DRESS CODE**

**General Rules**
• Outer clothing which resembles loungewear, pajamas, or underwear is prohibited.
• Fads and styles in dress, which differ extremely from conventionally accepted standards are prohibited.
• Any clothing that is viewed as distracting because of extremes in style, fit, color, pattern, fabric, etc., shall not be permitted. Undergarments may not be exposed at any time.

**Specific Rules**
• Blouses/shirts should be constructed so that the top of the shoulder is covered and is fitted under the arms (no halter tops, tank tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, or bare-shouldered tops of any type will be allowed). Blouses/shirts which expose any portion of the waist, hips, or midriff are not allowed. Blouses/shirts which are not appropriate for school include those which are low-cut, see-through, backless, or tube tops.
•Holes in clothing that are excessive in size or amount, are a distraction to the learning environment, or allow skin to show are prohibited.
• In accordance with board policy governing student conduct with regard to bullying, weapons, gangs, and drugs: clothing shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, racial, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork. This includes offensive words and designs, violence (blood, death, weapons), sex, playboy symbols, hate groups, tobacco products, drugs, and alcohol.
• No clothing or other articles may be worn or displayed which may indicate membership in a gang at school or any school function.
• Pants, skirts, shorts, and dresses must be mid-thigh or longer. Sagging pants are not allowed and pants must be worn at the waist.
• Excessively long shirts must be tucked in.
• When leggings are worn, a dress or skirt must be worn over the leggings. The dress or skirt must be mid-thigh length or longer.

**Accessories**
• Shoes/sandals must be worn at all times. Cleated shoes are prohibited inside the building. House/bedroom slippers are not acceptable.
• Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, sunglasses, combs, picks, etc., inside the building.

**Hair & Grooming**
• Hair must be well groomed. Extreme hairstyles and fads that would interfere with the learning process, cause a disruption of the educational environment, or be a health or safety hazard are prohibited.
• Facial hair should be neat, clean, closely trimmed, and not be a distraction to the learning environment.

**Coats**
• Due to variances in physical design of schools, principal’s discretion will apply to wearing of outer garments, coats, and jackets. Students may wear coats/winter garments to school but may be asked to store them in their lockers during the school day. Students are encouraged to bring lightweight jackets to wear in the building as changes in weather dictate.

**NOTE: Principal discretion applies to all the above**.

**Note:** **Dress Code Policies are enforced at all school related functions unless other notice is given. Final decisions and judgments concerning appropriate dress are made at the discretion of the administration. Students who violate dress code will be asked to call their parents for a change of clothing; if parents cannot bring appropriate clothing, the student will be placed in the In-School Suspension (ISS) classroom for the day.**

1. Student may not wear any jewelry with metal spikes.
2. Students may not wear oversized belt buckles (2 inches or larger in length or width).

**ELECTIONS AND OFFICES:**

**Qualifications of Candidates/Elected Officers**

1. Students must pass all subjects in the previous semester.

2. Students must have admirable behavior and a positive attitude.

3. If, during the school year, an elected student fails to meet the above academic criteria or is involved in any disciplinary misconduct resulting in suspension, the student may be removed from the office.

**GRADES/GRADE REPORTING**

Mossy Creek Middle School expects all class and homework assignments to be completed in a timely manner. **Reminder: Students have three days to turn in work after an excused absence. All assignments due to unexcused absences will be accepted at the admin/teacher’s discretion.**

**Coursework Grades**

Each teacher sets his/her grading procedures and expectations for student achievement at the beginning of the course. At the midpoint of each grading period, a progress report is prepared and given to students stating the general status of the child’s progress; therefore, you should expect notification every 6 ½ weeks as a minimum.

**Grading Percent and Categories**

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| **GRADE Category** | **6th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade EOG Course** | **8th Grade EOC Course** |
| **Major** | **40%** | **40%** | **40%** | **40%** |
| **Minor** | **30%** | **30%** | **30%** | **25%** |
| **Daily** | **25%** | **20%** | **15%** | **15%** |
| **Final** | **5%** | **10%** | **15%** | **20%** |
| **Final Exams** | **Sem. 1:** Final from last 9 weeks content. **Sem. 2:** Final from 18 weeks of content. | **Sem. 1 & 2:** Final from 18 weeks of content. | **Sem. 1 & 2:** Final from 18 weeks of content. | **Sem. 1:** Final from 18 weeks of content. **Sem. 2:** Final from EOC grade. |

**Infinite Campus**

In addition to receiving printed progress reports and report cards, parents can access their student’s grades at any time via the Internet. Information on how to access Infinite Campus grade book can be obtained through the office at 478-988-6171.

**PROMOTION POLICY**

According to the Houston County Board of Education’s promotion and attendance policy, all students must pass five out of six classes including all academic subjects to be promoted to the next grade and must be in attendance for 95% of the school term.

**HOMEWORK**

The faculty and administration of Mossy Creek Middle School believe that homework is a valuable learning experience. Homework may accomplish any or all of the following:

1. Reinforce academic skills introduced in the classroom.
2. Increase learning time (time on task) thereby increasing student achievement.
3. Communicate the curriculum to parents.
4. Encourage personal responsibility in the student.
5. Identify content or skills in which the student needs remediation or teacher assistance.

Homework is the student’s responsibility.

**LOST AND FOUND**

Teachers will provide a space in their rooms for unclaimed items. Students should be diligent in retrieving and attempting to find lost items. Items left unclaimed for a period longer than one week may be donated to local charities. Below are some helpful hints to avoid loss of personal items.

1. Do not bring any valuables or large amounts of money to school.

2. Mark all your possessions with your name.

4. Never carry items of value to the P.E. dressing rooms; these lockers remain unlocked and are **not** secure.

**LUNCH**

Parents are NOT allowed to visit and eat lunch with their child.

**MEDIA CENTER**

Open: Monday- Friday
7:15 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

(Other hours by arrangement with media staff)

**Unless coming with an entire class, a student must have a Smartpass to come to the media center during the school day.**

Student Check-Out

General Collection books – 2 weeks
Reference/Reserve books/Magazines – overnight

Overdue Fines
 General Collection books – 10 cents/day
 Reference/Reserve books/Magazines – 25 cents/day

(Additional books or magazines may not be checked out when fines are owed, or books are overdue)

**Report Card Hold Procedure**

Student report cards will be held for media center issues on the following basis:

The student owes fines

The student has library book(s) overdue

Any Student fines

Students receive overdue and fine notices on a regular basis from their language arts teachers. Also, as part of the media center orientation at the beginning of the year, they are instructed on how to check their personal media accounts on Safari, our online card catalog. A list of students on the report card hold list is given to all homeroom teachers a week prior to the date report cards are sent home. This list is updated several times during the week preceding report cards. A final hold list is sent to teachers the day before report cards go home along with copies of a letter to be sent home in place of the held report card. This letter is to go in the report card envelope with all the other inserts. **Students will not be eligible to attend special activities, such as 8th Grade Day and/or Gator Days, if they owe fines or have overdue books.**

**MEDICATION**

**ALL** **over-the-counter** medications (including Tylenol) **MUST** be brought to the office in an unopened bottle with the appropriate medical form by the parent. These forms must be completed by the parent and are available in the office. Please check the expiration date on the bottle before bringing the medication to school. All medications **will be** administered in the office. **All prescription medication** taken daily must be accompanied by a physician’s statement form, which may be obtained from the office. Students are NOT allowed to bring medication to school.

**OFFICE SERVICES**

Students may visit the office to use the phone in an emergency; the phone is not to be used to call for forgotten assignments or items. Students may also visit the office to see the medical technician, counselor, or administrator. **Students using the phone for non-emergency situations will have their Gator Card signed.**

**PUBLICITY**

We are proud of our students and their accomplishments. From time-to-time, photos will be taken and posted on the school website or published in the local paper. **If you object to having your child’s photo used in this way, please contact the school office for an opt-out publicity form.**

**RIGHTS**

**Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities.**

**504 Coordinator: Ashley Mower 478-988-6171 or ashley.mower@hcbe.net**

**RTI Coordinator: Marcell Ausborn 478-988-6171 or marcell.ausborn@hcbe.net**

**STUDENT EXPECTATIONS/DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES**

**BEHAVIOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

 Once you arrive on campus, you may not leave without parental permission and signing out through the office. The library is open for study each morning and after school. You will need a pass from your homeroom teacher to visit the library before school. Bicycle riders should not linger at the bike rack. There should be no loitering on street corners adjacent to campus before and after school. The gymnasium is off limits before and after school except for students who are participating in a supervised activity. Car riders should wait **on the gym side pick-up area. Cellphones are not allowed to be visible in the building and must be always in a book bag during the school day.**

**VISITORS**

All visitors must check-in with the office. Parents/Visitors that are allowed in the building must wear a visitor’s badge for identification. All visitors must show a valid ID to visit or pick up a student.

**MCMS DISCIPLINE POLICY**

It is Mossy Creek’s belief that a structured and disciplined environment helps students develop self-control, character, orderliness, and efficiency, and that good discipline is inherently a cornerstone of a quality educational program. The Mossy Creek discipline policy provides for close communication with parents at the onset of discipline problems so that together we can help students have a positive experience and successful school year. While the school will help students develop good decision-making skills, ultimately, the students must make choices for themselves and be responsible for their own behavior and actions. Proper student conduct in school and at school-related activities is a joint responsibility of students, parents, and staff. Together we can make Mossy Creek an effective place for learning and help our students develop the habit of self-restraint, which will help develop individual character.

Our first priority shall always be given to the safety of our students and to the attainment of quality education, free from disruption, for all students who seek it and accept the responsibility therein. You have our commitment that the administrative staff and teachers will administer discipline in a fair and consistent manner.

**GUIDELINES OF DISCIPLINE**

School discipline applies to incidents that occur on the way to school, at school, and returning home from school. Whenever a student is referred to the office, he or she will be afforded *due* *process* and allowed an opportunity to tell his/her side of the incident. If necessary, written statements will be taken. The student will be informed of the school rule(s)/policy(ies) that was violated and the consequences. **All referrals will result in a phone call home and/or written notification.**

**ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL/STUDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Students who are referred to the alternative school for long term suspension have the right to a Student Review Committee (SRC) hearing. Parents have the right to a **Tribunal** hearing if they do not agree with the recommendation of the SRC. Any student entering Mossy Creek Middle School from the alternative school may be placed on a behavior contract.

**School administrators and/or designated representatives possess the authority to conduct a reasonable search of lockers, students, and their possessions while either on campus or at a school sponsored activity.**

**\*Parents, please be advised and encouraged to communicate to your children the consequences and potential criminal penalties of underage sexual conduct and related crimes for which children may be tried as adults.**

**GATOR GOOD PROGRAM**

Students will be given Gator Good cards for demonstrating exceptional behavior at school. Each time students are Generous, Ambitious, Trustworthy, and Optimistic and Self-Disciplined, they will receive a Gator Good card. The students will use these points to purchase items in the Gator Good Store or in the teacher’s classroom store.



**Gator Good Matrix**

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**Minor Behavior Progression:**

* 1st MIR=Teacher notifies parent by phone; teacher and student conference to discuss behavior strategies
* 2nd MIR= Parent contact, behavior strategies conference, 1 day lunch detention
* 3rd MIR=Parent contact, behavior strategies conference, 2 days lunch detention
* 4th MIR= Parent contact, behavior strategies conference, 1 day After School Teacher Detention (2:30-3:15)
* 5th MIR= Parent contact/conference, behavior strategies conference, 1 day After School Administrative Detention (2:40-3:30)
* 6th MIR=AUTOMATIC OFFICE REFERRAL, 1 Day ISS assigned
* 7th MIR= Parent contact, behavior strategies conference, 2 days lunch detention
* 8th MIR= Parent contact, behavior strategies conference, 2 days Administrative After School Detention (2:40-3:30)
* 9th MIR=AUTOMATIC OFFICE REFERRAL, 2 Days ISS assigned, Placed on CICO Tier 2 and a Behavior Contract
* 10th MIR= Discipline is at the discretion of the Administration.

**IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)**

Some instances of serious rules infractions may result in students being assigned to the In-School Suspension (ISS) program. The ISS program at Mossy Creek is an alternative to home suspension and is staffed by a certified teacher. In addition, while in ISS, students have access to their instructors who monitor the progress of students daily. Students in ISS receive assignments that cover the grade level standards for that course. Students who fail to uphold the rules of ISS will be given extra days and/or suspended home depending on the severity of their offense. Students will report to ISS when they arrive on campus. Students may NOT attend any school events while they are suspended.

**HOME SUSPENSION**

For infractions of the rules, disruptions, disobedience, or failing to carry out previously assigned punishment, students may be suspended at home for up to 10 days. Students may NOT attend any school events while they are suspended.

**BUS POLICIES AND BEHAVIOR PROCEDURES**

***Riding a school bus is a privilege. It is not a required service. School buses and the bus stop are an extension of the school; therefore, the student code of conduct will be enforced. Bus suspension is a reasonable and often necessary discipline action. Bus privileges can be suspended either temporarily or permanently.***

We believe all students can behave appropriately and safely while riding on a school bus. Student behavior that may impair the ability of the bus driver to carry out his/her duties while driving the bus will not be tolerated. To ensure the safety of our students, the following rules must be observed on the bus:

* Respect yourself and the rights of others.
* Follow the driver’s directions the first time they are given.
* Stay in your seat; keep all parts of your body and all objects on the bus.
* Pushing, shoving, or fighting is not allowed.
* Eating, drinking, chewing gum, smoking, or spitting is not allowed.

If a student exhibits disruptive behavior, the driver will notify the parents immediately to solve the problem; however, if the student continues to violate bus rules more progressive discipline will be assigned.

A student may be suspended from the bus for 1-10 days on the first report based on the severity of the incident. More serious offenses will receive consequences beginning at the third report

**MOSSY CREEK ATHLETIC RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Practice**

**Administrative Discipline**

1. Players who receive after-school detention will receive conditioning after practice. If the detention falls on the day of a game, athletes must provide their own transportation to the game, if necessary.
2. ISS- An athlete cannot participate in practice or in any games during their time in ISS. (This period begins from the moment they are assigned ISS until 2:45 P.M. of their last day.) Once returning from ISS, a player must attend one scheduled practice before they can participate in a game. A missed game will count as one scheduled practice, as long as the player attended the game with the team on the bench. Any athlete that receives ISS twice during one season will be removed from the team.

**Dress**

1. Proper attire for each sport must be worn.
2. Jeans or shorts with writing across the back may not be worn at any time.
3. No cleats are to be worn in the building.

If you have a question, or concern, please contact your child’s coach at (478) 988-6171; then press option #3 or contact Coach Joey Brett directly at (478) 293-9478.