

# Temple Middle School



## Parent/Student Guide 2024-2025

**School Address**  
275 Rainey Road  
Temple, GA 30179

### **Temple Middle School is a Title I School**

**School Phone Number**  
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**School website**  
<http://tms.carrollcountyschools.com>

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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 2, 2024

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back for the 2024-2025 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 their best efforts into being successful and become involved in additional activities while attending Temple Middle School.

The vision for Temple Middle School is to be recognized as a premier middle school. 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. Cynthia Beers
Assistant Principal.....	Larry Weaver
Guidance Counselor.....	Mary Kathryn Birdyshaw
Instructional Coach.....	Emily Tucker
ISC for Special Education .....	Diana Funderburke
Athletic Director.....	Brandon Dickson

### 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 a 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

<b>Fall Sports</b>	
Cheerleading/Comp	Katelyn Dixon
Cross-Country	Monica Brown
Football	Michael Cleek
Fishing (Year Round)	Jacob Robinson
Golf	Aaron Hall
Softball	Matt Smith
Volleyball	Donna Johnson
<b>Winter Sports</b>	
Basketball (Boys)	Jerome Miller
Basketball (Girls)	Samm Dixon
Cheerleading	Monica Brown
Wrestling	Brandon Dickson

<b>Spring Sports</b>	
Baseball	John Butler
Soccer	Liz Poncela
Track	Andre Carter

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:

<b>Small Schools</b>	<b>Large Schools</b>
Bowdon	Bay Springs
Heard County	Bremen
Mt. Zion	Callaway (FB)
Temple	Cedartown
Villa Rica	Central
	Haralson County
	Rockmart (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)	
<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>
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 - 11:41 3rd Period	10:47 - 11:55 3rd Period
11:40 - 12:52 Connections	11:44 - 12:52 4th Period	11:58 - 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 ELT	3:17 - 3:45 ELT	3:17 - 3:45 ELT
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 Communication Devices

Temple Middle School is proud of the technology available for our students to use. TMS is a one-to-one school, meaning every student in our school has access to the appropriate technology needed in each classroom. For this reason, cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices are not necessary for student success inside our classrooms. Students will not be allowed to have cell phones, air pods, or headphones on their person. Best practices include that all cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices should be stored in students' backpacks during the school day. In the event a student needs to call home, that student will be allowed to do so in the front office. If a phone, smart watch, or electronic device is taken from a student, the following consequences will be issued:

**First Offense:** Device is sent to the front office. Students will receive a documented warning. They will be able to retrieve their device at the end of the day.

**Every Offense Thereafter:** Device is sent to the front office. Students can either pay \$5 to retrieve their phone at the end of the day, or a parent or guardian may pick the device up after school at no charge.

In the event that a student refuses to hand over a device to a teacher or administrator, additional disciplinary consequences will be issued.

### **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.

### **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 have to 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.

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Club or Organization</b>	<b>Description</b>
Zion Robinson	Academic Team	A group of students who compete with other teams in the Carroll County academic bowl competitions.
Blair Cole	FCA	A club whose vision is to see the world impacted for Christ through the influence of coaches and students.
Rebecca Barlow	Honors Chorus	A group chosen based upon commitment and ability. This group works on higher level choral music throughout the school year.
Lauren Rosinski	Jr. Beta Club	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.

Dr. Cynthia Beers Larry Weaver	Principal's Advisory Committee & Assistant Principal's Discipline Committee	The advisory committee consists of representatives from each grade level. These students provide feedback to the Assistant Principal and Principal on various programs and procedures within the school.
Rebecca Raines	Student Council	The Student Council serves as the voice of the student body and is dedicated to its social and organizational activities.
Stephanie Covington Pam Bryant	Science Olympiad	Is a school science team that prepares for competition in the spring. Events vary from academics and lab competitions to science projects such as robotics and rocketry
Kylee Joiner	Junior National Art Honor Society	The Junior National Art Honor Society is a place for practicing artists to hone in on 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.
Tracy Hales	Golden Pearls	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.
TBD	Drama Club	Drama Club is designed for students interested in learning more about the aspects of theater. This includes learning stage terminology, working on acting skills, set building, and costumes/makeup design.
Lori Quintana	Chess Club	
Lori Quintana	TOME Society	<p><b><i>Tome Student Literacy Society</i></b> is a nonprofit organization based in Georgia. Students in the Temple Middle School book club chapter will read and discuss 10 select books, create items to enter in literacy-based competitions, and participate in virtual and/or in-person literacy events.</p> <p>Tome Society serves students in grades 6-8 by providing a diverse menu of digital student competitions; an annual book award list of new, PG, fun-to-read children's and young adult literature titles; student book club activities; curriculum materials for educators; and the TomeCon annual conference for both students and educators. All activities promote self-esteem, leadership skills, character ethics, and nurture critical thinking, creativity, and imagination in the digital age.</p>

Arlin Blackwell	TECH Team	<p>Tech Fair consists of students working either individually or as a team of two to in one of these categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3D Modeling</li> <li>Animation</li> <li>Audio Production</li> <li>Device Modification</li> <li>Digital Photo Production</li> <li>Game Design</li> <li>Graphic Design</li> <li>Internet Applications</li> <li>Mobile Apps</li> <li>Multimedia Applications</li> <li>Productivity Design</li> <li>Project Programming</li> <li>Robotics</li> <li>Tech Programming Challenge</li> <li>Video Production</li> </ul> <p>The student or team of two then presents it to the judges.</p>
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### **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:

- Self-referrals
- Parent referrals
- Teacher referrals
- Administrative referrals
- Support staff referrals

### **Temple Middle School Behavior Expectations**

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



### TMS Faculty and Staff

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	Connections
<b>Tenacious Tiger Typhoons</b>	<b>Fierce Felines</b>	<b>Tiger Frogs</b>	Rebecca Barlow (Chorus)
Blair Cole (ELA)	Amy Fleming (Math)	Stephanie Covington (Sci)	Arlin Blackwell (STEM)
Lawanda Flonnory (Math)	Monica Brown (ELA)	Tracy Hales (ELA)	John Butler PE
Zachary McFall (SS)	Lindsey Minton (Sci)	Jill Johnson (SS)	Brandon Dickson (Weights)
Emma Varner (Sci)	Jacob Robinson (SS)	Lauren Rosinski (Math)	Karri Findley (Read)
<b>Team Sabertooth</b>	<b>Cool Cats</b>	<b>Tiger Train</b>	Cloey Gilham (AG)
Pam Bryant (Sci)	Jessica Bearden (Math)	Shane Herringdine (Math)	Kylee Joiner (Art)
Jennifer Cheatwood (Math)	Zion Robinson (ELA)	Liz Poncela (SS)	Patti Martin (Band)
Paige Flotz (ELA)	Jenna Smith (SS)	Rebecca Raines (Sci)	Eduardo Quintana (Spanish)
Lance Hill (SS)	Catherine Williams (Sci)	Kelly Steele (ELA)	Matt Smith (PE)
<b>Exceptional Children's Services</b>	<b>Administrative Team</b>	<b>Support Staff</b>	<b>Food Services</b>
Mary Catherine Anderson (SLP)	Dr. Cynthia Beers (Principal)	Caroline Allen (SSW)	Tona Cook (Manager)
Christy Agan	Larry Weaver (AP)	Allison Conn (Nurse)	Tammie Hill, (Asst. Mgr)
Constance Billman	Mary Kathryn Birdyshaw (Counselor)	Leila Elliott (ISS/Attendance Clerk)	Ginger Gentry
Kayla Bradshaw	Emily Tucker (Instructional Coach)	Kelly Latham (Bookkeeper)	Ruth Green
Alicia Brock (ELL)		Lori Qunitana (Media)	Martha Wyatt
Andre Carter		Lauren Rudy (IT)	
Katelynn Dixon (ELA)		Hali Santori (Clinic Asst)	
Samm Dixon (Math)		Jessica Speer (Registrar)	
Diana Funderburke (ISC)		Marian Ward (Secretary)	
Jolai Nance			
Kelly Peabody			

## **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.

## **Fun Friday**

Fun Friday will take place several times throughout the year. The purpose of the Fun Friday 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 this time. Any student serving ISS or OSS will not be allowed to participate in the next Fun Friday. Students are eligible for future Fun Fridays as long as they do not receive more ISS or OSS.

## **Hall Passes**

Students are not permitted in the halls during class time without the appropriate Ehall pass.

## **Lockers**

Lockers will not be available for purchase this school year.

## **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.

## **Visitors & Volunteers**

All visitors are welcome at Temple Middle School. In order 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 the school

We truly appreciate the time you donate to TMS, but we must request that you do not bring children that are not enrolled in Temple Middle School while volunteering, visiting, or attending celebrations.