

Northview Middle School

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MISSION STATEMENT FOR NORTHVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Northview Middle School envisions a partnership dedicated to providing the paths that inspire lifelong learners to value human dignity, contribute to society, and strive for excellence.

BELIEFS

We believe:

1. Learning never ends.
2. All students can learn.
3. All students learn in different ways.
4. Students should be provided with a variety of instructional strategies based on the students' unique needs.
5. The school team, parents, and community share the responsibility for providing a supportive and conducive environment for learning.
6. Providing a safe, healthy, disciplined environment will assist students in becoming accountable and in making responsible decisions.
7. All students can learn to resolve conflict without violence or confrontations by taking responsibility for their actions.
8. Technology used efficiently and effectively will improve education

Visitors

We encourage parents to visit Northview Middle School. **All visitors are required to check in at the school office.** Appointments for conferences with administrators, counselor, or classroom teachers should be scheduled through the NMS office. Scheduled appointments will save everyone valuable time. Students from other schools may not visit school or classes during the school day.

Cougar Club

The purpose of this organization is to bring a closer relationship between the home and the school so that parents and teachers may cooperate more intelligently in the teaching of our children. The membership of this organization is open to all the families of the students at Northview Middle School along with the faculty and staff. The Cougar Club needs your help as a volunteer to help with every facet of the school program. Perhaps you can tutor a student having difficulty, create a bulletin board, read to a small group, chaperone a dance or field trip, serve on the advisory board, or assist with any of the other activities that involve the students at NMS. The tasks are endless, the opportunities are great, and the personal reward and satisfaction you will receive is limitless. Be an active member of our Cougar Club.

Phones

Office phones at NMS are for school business purposes only. If a student becomes ill or is injured during the school day, office personnel will call to notify the parent. **Students will not be permitted to make phone calls during the school day unless it is an emergency.** **Students will not be call to the office to receive incoming phone calls.**

LOCKERS

Lockers will be assigned to students during the first week of school. They are the property of the school and can be searched at any time. Students need to keep them in good condition. Students may bring appropriate book bags to school; however, they must be kept in the locker during the day. **Students should NOT carry book bags to class. Lockers, other storage areas, container, packages brought into the school by students or visitors are subject to search. Vehicles on school grounds are also subject to searches.**

GRADING SCALE

A = 93 – 100	Outstanding Achievement
B = 85 – 92	Very Good Achievement
C = 73 – 84	Average Achievement
D = 70 – 72	Poor Achievement
F = Less the 70	Unsatisfactory Achievement
I = Incomplete	

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Teacher supervision of students begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m. or until the last bus departs. Do not bring students prior to 7:15 a.m. Please pick up your child by 3:45 p.m. After school care is available at "Kids Place" or "Boys and Girls Club". You may contact either of these agencies for more information.

7:15	Bus Duty begins
7:55	Bell for gym dismissal
8:07	Tardy Warning Bell
8:10	Tardy Bell
3:10	Car Riders Dismissal
3:20	Bus Riders to Designated Area
3:40	Bus dismissal begins

HARRASSMENT

Students, faculty, and staff should treat one another with dignity and respect. Any acts of harassment (sexual, racial, etc.) will not be tolerated and should be brought to the attention of teachers or school administrators promptly. Incidents of this nature should be report to Mrs. Rene’ Walker at NMS (933-7985)

MAKE-UP WORK

Students who have been absent from school with an excused absence are allowed to make up any missed work during this time. It is the student’s responsibility to see each teacher and request needed assignments. Parents may request needed assignments for students who have been **absent 3 or more days**. These assignments may be picked up in the school office after 3:15 with prior arrangements having been made with the teachers **prior to 9:15 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Our goal is for every student to have 97% attendance. Help us reach our goal. Make an effort to have perfect attendance.

1. Be on time. School begins at 8:10 and ends at 3:10. Students are dismissed from the gym to lockers at 7:55.
2. You must stay until 11:40 to be counted present.
3. You must bring an excuse when you return to school. Excused absences result from the following: personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, death in the family, extreme weather conditions, religious observances, school bus failures, and circumstances which in the judgement of the principal create emergencies over which the student has no control.
4. You are permitted 4 parental notes per semester. More than 3 consecutive days out will result in a doctor’s note being required.
5. Any student having five or more unexcused absences per school year will be considered for possible truancy actions and will lose field trip privileges.
6. You may not make up your work if the absence is unexcused.
7. Students who accumulate more than 4 unexcused tardies to school will have 1 day of I.S.S. for each successive unexcused tardy.
8. No student should be picked up after 2:10 unless he/she has a doctor’s appointment.
9. Someone listed on the emergency card must sign out any student who leaves the building through the office and furnish proper identification.

SEVERVE WEATHER CLOSING

Announcements by the Director of Schools concerning the closing of schools in Sevier County will be made on local radio (The new Mix 105.5 FM) and on local TV stations. Please listen for these announcements and do not call the school.

2007 – 2008 School Calendar

2007

- August 20th First Day of School
- August 31st Labor Day *
- September 3rd Labor Day *
- October 26th Vacation *
- November 12th Inservice *
- November 22nd ½ day
- November 23rd - 24th Thanksgiving *
- December 20th First Day of Christmas Break*

2007

- January 3rd School Resumes
- January 15th Administrative Day*
- February 5th Inservice*
- February 15th-18th Winter Break*
- March 21st ½ day*
- March 24th – March 28th Easter Break *
- May 26th Memorial Day *
- June 3rdAdministrative *
- June 4th ½ day – last day of school

* No School

Report Card Distribution

- October 10th
- November 27th
- January 24th
- March 11th
- April 29th
- June 4th

Parent Teacher Conferences

- October 16th 4 – 7 p.m.
- November 29th 4 – 7 p.m.
- January 29th 4 – 7 p.m.
- March 13th 4 – 7 p.m.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

All students will receive instruction in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, physical education, art, music, computer technology, library, and guidance. Special courses include CSA, band, accelerated mathematics, algebra I, and resource.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are furnished to each student in Sevier County at no cost to the individual. Each person signs a textbook agreement at the time of enrollment and agrees to pay for any damage or loss of the book according to a scale adopted by the Sevier County Board of Education. All books must be returned to the appropriate teacher at NMS before grades or cumulative records will be released.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

The school must be given a copy of any legal document that concerns custody of children. If a child's natural parent is prohibited from picking up the child, we must have a legal document on file attesting to that fact. The legal guardian must provide proof of residency within the county to the school system. Students must attend school in the county in which their guardian resides. It is mandatory that the school has a working telephone number where a parent or guardian can be reached at all times.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Sevier County provides bus transportation for students according to state guidelines. Riding a bus is a privilege and students are expected to observe proper rules of conduct and good manners at all times. Failure to do so will result in appropriate disciplinary action, including bus suspension. Bus schedules, routes, and drivers are determined by the transportation department. Questions related to transportation should be made to Mr. Danny Ellis, bus supervisor, at the bus garage at **453-3568**.

Accidents and Illnesses

Accidents or illnesses, which occur during the school day, should be reported immediately to the teacher in charge. Office personnel should also be notified. Office personnel will provide temporary care. Parents will be notified at home or at work. Names and phone numbers of a relative or neighbor should be provided on the emergency card and the authorization card. These people will be contacted if the parent cannot be reached. If emergency medical attention is required, the student will be taken to the nearest medical facility. Please sign the portion of the enrollment card that allows us to care for your child and designate the medical doctor you prefer. Office personnel will place calls concerning an accident or illness. Students will not be allowed to call home requesting to be picked up. Or school nurse will assess the student when feasible.

CAFETERIA

Both Breakfast and Lunch are served daily at NMS cafeteria for all children. The capable cafeteria staff provides attractive, well-balanced, nourishing meals. All students are encouraged to participate in our lunch program. Payment is made daily or in advance for extended periods.

Students may choose regular lunch service for the prices listed below. Students who do not wish to buy lunch in the NMS cafeteria may bring a lunch from home.

Leaving the NMS campus during the lunch period or have their lunch catered is not permitted. Beverages should be brought in a thermos. Soft drinks (carbonated beverages) in cans or bottles are not permitted. Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their son or daughter at NMS. You can not bring a catered meal.

Forms are available for free or reduced breakfast and lunch. These may be obtained from the office or from the cafeteria manager. Please complete the information and return it to the school as soon as possible.

PRICES: (As of day of printing)

Breakfast	Grades 5 – 8	\$1.40
(Reduced)	Grades 5 – 8	\$.30
Lunch	Grades 5	\$1.70
Lunch	Grades 6 – 8	\$1.80
(Reduced)	Grades 5 – 8	\$.40

MEDICINES

If a student is taking any kind of medication, it should be brought to the office on arrival to school. A signed note from the parent should accompany the medication. If a child is taking prescription medication the following procedures must be followed:

1. The medication must be clearly labeled with the child's name, direction for dosage, and the physician's name.
2. The medication is to be brought to the office and left there until it is taken. No more than five days of medications should be brought at one time.
3. The student will be responsible for returning to the office to take the medication at the appropriate time.
4. At the end of the day the remaining medication should be picked up and taken home.
5. Parents will be required to sign a medicine form giving the school permission to administer the medicine. School staff cannot dispense any medication without these forms. Students should never carry over-the-counter-medications.

MEDICATIONS SHOULD NOT BE TRANSPORTED ON THE BUS. PARENTS NEED TO HAND DELIVER MEDICATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

FIELD TRIPS

All grades at NMS will participate in educational field trips. The same good manners and rules of conduct that apply at school will be expected of students participating on field trips. Expenses for these trips will be the responsibility of each student. Students participating in field trips must turn in signed permission form from parents. Phone calls for permission will not be accepted.

Students who have been suspended out of school, placed at the Alternative school, been placed in in-school suspension for multiple offenses, or who have accumulated 5 or more unexcused absences will NOT

be eligible to go on field trips. Students who stay at home on the day of the field trip will be counted absent (unexcused). Parents are welcome and encouraged to go on field trips. Adults accompanying each group will need to pay at the adult rate. No preschool children or siblings are allowed to go on field trips.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

1. All NMS Staff Members have not only the right, but also the responsibility and duty to reprimand or correct a student that is misbehaving. Disrespect by students toward any staff member will not be tolerated.
2. Good citizenship means students always do assignments, bring materials to class and in general, conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.
3. Boy-girl relationships are a natural part of growing up. However, obvious or open displays of affection (kissing, handholding, arms around each other, etc.) are not appropriate in the school, on buses, school grounds, or field trips.
4. Obscene or vulgar language or gestures will not be tolerated. Name-calling is unacceptable behavior.
5. Damage, destruction, or defacing of school property will not be tolerated.
6. Chewing gum is not permitted.
7. Cellular phones, pagers, CD players, radios, tape recorders, cameras, collector's cards (baseball, pokemon, Yu-Gi-O, magic, etc.) tapes, CD's, skate boards, toys, i-pods and other valuable possessions should not be brought to school except with special permission for a special purpose. Students are not permitted to bring items to school to sell.
8. Students may not drive any motorized vehicle to school.
9. Students will not be allowed to take part in any after-school activity if they are not in school on that day, in in-school suspension or at the Alternative School.

Students will exhibit behavior that exemplifies the Character Counts Program.

STUDENT MESSAGES

We will be unable to deliver messages to any student, except in cases of an emergency. We understand that parents may feel the need to get in touch with students during the school day, but we cannot stop the instruction of the other students in the class for any reason other than an emergency. The nature of the emergency must be specified to a school official before classroom activities will be interrupted. **After school arrangements, meeting places, pick-up times, etc. should be made between the child and the parent before the student arrives at school in the morning.**

DRESS CODE

1. Shirts must be tucked in at all times or be no longer than three inches below the waist, but in no event shall the bottom of the shirt cover any portion of the pocket opening.

2. Shorts, skirts, dresses, slits in dresses or skirts can be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.
3. Shirts must be size appropriate for the wearer having sleeves that cover the deltoid muscle.
4. Size appropriate fleece pullovers, sweatshirts, or sweaters may be worn over an approved shirt. (These items are not to be worn around the waist. They need to be worn appropriately or kept in the student's locker
5. No bare midriffs.
6. Sunglasses, hats, bandanas, and caps may not be worn at school.
7. No body piercing, except the ears, and no visible tattoos will be allowed.
8. Writing on any part of the body with pens, markers, or other instruments is not permitted.
9. Articles of clothing shall not be worn which imply or promote alcohol, sex, drugs, tobacco, violence, gangs, racial slurs, or offensive language.
10. Any accessory that is studded, spiked, contains chains, or can tabs, or in any way presents a potential danger or harm to self or to others is prohibited.
11. Hair is not to be dyed unnatural colors, spiked, or mohawked.
12. Coats and jackets shall not be worn in the building unless directed by the principal.
13. Book bags must be clear or mesh. All sports bags, backpacks, etc that are not clear must be taken to the office upon entering the building to be left in the office.

Any student not attired in accordance with the foregoing policy shall be subject to disciplinary consequences as per board policy. In addition to the foregoing when a student is attired in a manner that is likely to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school, the principal shall take appropriate action. Legal reference: T.C. A. 49-6-4215.

ZERO TOLERANCE

The zero tolerance violations listed below which occur on school property, on a school bus, or at school-sponsored activities, shall be reported to local law enforcement officials. The student violator will be dealt with according to Sevier County School Board policies. Zero Tolerance violations are as follows:

- Possessing a firearm or an explosive, incendiary device, or poison gas device.
- Unlawfully possessing, using, or selling drugs, stimulants or drug paraphernalia.
- Committing battery (bodily injury) upon any teacher, administrator, or any employee of the Sevier County Board of Education.
- Making threats to bring a weapon or harm another person(s).

SAFE SCHOOL CHOICE

Every public school shall annually notify parents that if their child is the victim of a violent crime at school, the child has the right to attend another grade-appropriate public school in the district.

WALKING HOME OR RIDING HOME

If you want your child to walk home from school, we must have your written permission. The note of permission will stay on file in the office. **We do not recommend that your child walk home.** Traffic is extremely heavy both before and after school. For your child's safety, please consider an alternate form of transportation.

When riding home with another student, your child and the other student must both have a note with permission. These must be brought to the office upon arrival at school so copies can be made and approval given through the office.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION and BAND

Physical education is a required portion of a well-balanced educational program. Students are expected to participate in all P.E. activities unless excused by a doctor's note. Students are expected to dress out in the appropriate clothing and shoes. Band is an elective subject offered to students in grades five through eight.

GUIDANCE

Guidance is an integral part of the total middle school program. The primary function is to provide a comprehensive guidance program for all students and to specifically provide activities to meet the needs of the individual student. The counselor will be available to meet with teacher, student, and parents to provide support and enhance the educational opportunities for the student.

LIBRARY

The NMS library is located near the office complex of our building. It is a fully equipped facility designed to support and expand the academic programs while providing enjoyable recreational reading material for all students. The library is available for both individual student research and class research projects. Books may be checked out for a two-week period. Students must have a library pass from their teacher to go to the library. If a library book is lost or damaged, the student who checked it out is responsible for payment.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

NMS sponsors several interscholastic sports for our seventh and eighth grade students. All Sevier County schools are members of the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association (TMSAA). All students must meet academic and behavior standards in order to be eligible. The sports available are basketball for boys and girls, volleyball for girls, and football for boys. The TMSAA requires all students to have a physical before tryouts. Parents must provide proof of insurance (school or private policy), and a parent or guardian permission form. Teams

are selected through a tryout process. In addition there is a cheerleader squad and a dance team for seventh and eighth grade girls.

TITLE VI COMPLIANCE

The Tennessee Department of Education is responsible for ensuring that the children of Tennessee have the opportunity to receive an education and enhance their intellectual abilities. The Civil Rights Acts of 1964 was passed to ensure that all persons of the United States receive equal rights, opportunities, and treatment regardless of race, color, or national origin. Title VI of the Act creates the right to be free of discrimination in any program that is financed by federal funds in whole or in part.

The Sevier County School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, handicap, or veteran status in provision of educational opportunities, programs, activities, or employment opportunities and benefits.

Inquires or completed grievance forms should be referred to: Title VI Coordinator, 226 Cedar Street, Sevierville, TN 37862.

TITLE I SCHOOL

Northview Middle School is a Title I School, which means that our school has to meet certain criteria under federal law and that our teachers need to be highly qualified. If at anytime you wish to check the qualifications of your teacher you may come by the school and see me.

“Parents Right to Know” – NCLB requires that all schools notify parents of all children that they have a right to request and receive timely information on the professional qualifications of the teachers and paraprofessionals working with their children.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that the Sevier County School System with certain exceptions, obtain the written consent of parents prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information from a child's education records. Parents should be encouraged to carefully review the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information that is distributed for parental signature at each school annually. The notice specifically deals with the access of military recruiters.

Children and Youth In Transition - The Sevier County School System will ensure that all children and youth receive a free appropriate public education and are given meaningful opportunities for success in school. The system will follow the requirements outlined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. A copy of the policies related to McKinney-Vento will be available in the school office.

Sevier County Board of Education Policies- A copy of the Sevier County Board of Education Board Policy Manual is available in the school office and on the school district's website: <http://www.sevier.org>

