

# Student Handbook 2022-2023

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School Colors: Purple and Gold Mascot: Warriors and Warriorettes School Motto: Expect the Best

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#### **Student Records**

The SMS Guiding Principles and the SMS Handbook guidelines are designed to promote student achievement and foster a productive school environment. It is the responsibility of all students, parents/guardians, and staff members to read and adhere to these principles and handbook rules.

# **SMS Guiding Principles**

#### **SMS Mission Statement**

Scottsburg Middle School is an innovative community of learners dedicated to helping ALL students learn, grow, create, collaborate, and contribute.

# **SMS Bullying Prevention Code of Courage**

I will not bully others.

I will try to help others that are bullied.

I will make it a point to include others that are easily left out.

# SCSD2 Precepts to Promote a Virtuous and Civil School Community

Respect authority.

Honor your parents and family members.

Treat your classmates, teachers, and school staff with respect.

Speak kindly to and about others.

Resolve conflicts without using violence.

Tell the truth.

Save sex for marriage.

Stay drug and alcohol free.

Leave other people's property alone.

Avoid being jealous of what others have.

#### **SMS Warrior Expectations**

We are... because we...

Accountable own our learning

own our actions

complete all tasks properly/on time

leave places better than we found them

know and follow guidelines

Respectful use clean language

use manners actively listen

apply kindness universally

demonstrate patience

Reliable attend every minute

keep our promises

value our words arrive on time

look out for others

Involved engage with instruction

ask and answer questions

greet others

help others

share our expertise

Organized track our work

prioritize tasks

see/value the big picture manage locker contents

manage digital files

Resilient value growth

expect ups and downs

try new strategies

take care of ourselves

persevere

Scott 2 Calendar

# Scott County School District 2

# 2022-2023 School Calendar



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Jan 3 School Resumes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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September 5- Labor Day

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Nov 8- Election Day e-Learning Day Nov 11 End of 1st Tri (63 Days) Nov 14 Teacher Work Day #3 Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

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May 26 Last Student Day (59 days)	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
May 29 Memorial Day	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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# Bell Schedules

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
6th grade	8:05 - 9:03	9:07 - 10:02	10:06 - 10:58	11:02 - 11:32	11:38 - 12:41	12:45 - 1:47	1:51 - 2:55
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5	Period 6
7th grade	8:05 - 9:05	9:08 - 9:58	10:01 - 11:03	11:06 - 11:37 and 12:16 - 12:49	11:40 - 12:10	12:52 - 1:52	1:55 - 2:55
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5	Period 6
8th grade	8:05 - 8:58	9:01 - 10:04	10:07 - 11:10	11:13 - 12:15	12:18 - 12:48	12:54 - 1:52	1:55 - 2:55

# Related Arts Schedules

6th grad	е		
Ig	gnite	Trimester 1	exploring music on A days; PE on B days
		Trimester 2	3rd 6 weeks=art / 4th 6 weeks=FACS
		Trimester 3	exploring music on A days; PE on B days
T	ribe	Trimester 1	PE on A days; exploring music on B days
		Trimester 2	3rd 6 weeks=FACS / 4th 6 weeks=art
		Trimester 3	PE on A days; exploring music on B days
7th grad	е		
С	ool Rays	Trimester 1	1st 6 weeks=art / 2nd 6 weeks=FACS
		Trimester 2	exploring music on A days; PE on B days
		Trimester 3	5th 6 weeks=art / 6th 6 weeks=FACS
D	ream Team	Trimester 1	1st 6 weeks=FACS / 2nd 6 weeks=art
		Trimester 2	PE on A days; exploring music on B days
		Trimester 3	5th 6 weeks=FACS / 6th 6 weeks=art
8th grad	е		
Е	xplorers	All year	PE one period per day
V	oyagers	All year	PE one period per day

# SMS 2-Hour Late Start Framework (School starts at 10:05 a.m.)

	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
Elective	11:25 - 12:00	10:45 - 11:20	10:05 - 10:40
Lunch	12:45 - 1:15	12:10 - 12:40	11:33 - 12:03

# SMS 2-Hour Early Dismissal Framework (School dismisses at 12:55 p.m.)

	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
Elective	10:17 - 10:57	9:35 - 10:15	8:05 - 8:45
Lunch	11:00 - 11:30	11:40 - 12:10	12:15 - 12:45

# SMS Homeroom Framework (team/grade level decides usage)

	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
Elective	10:06 - 10:58	9:08 - 9:58	8:05 - 8:58
Homeroom	11:38 - 12:02	10:01 - 10:25	9:01 - 9:25
Lunch	11:02 - 11:32	11:40 - 12:10	12:18 - 12:48

# Academic Program

## **Academic Expectations**

Students are expected to give their best effort in all academic tasks and take ownership of their learning. To maximize academic success students are expected to attend school daily, bring all materials to class, be a good digital citizen, manage workflow using a digital or paper agenda, complete all in and out of class practice/assignments, participate in discussions, ask questions when unsure, study for tests, and pass all classes. In all work, students are to demonstrate academic integrity by doing their own work (not copying or allowing others to copy) and by properly citing sources (no plagiarizing). Teachers will assign penalties to students that fail to demonstrate academic integrity.

# **Academic Grade Reporting**

Student grades are a communication of academic progress. They should not be considered rewards or punishments. Teachers have the right to establish grading practices for their

classrooms provided that grades are entered into Harmony regularly and students are notified of practices. Grades can be tracked by students and parents via Harmony. Parents are encouraged to check Harmony Family Access regularly or to establish Harmony push notifications to increase information flow.

The academic year is divided into three terms called trimesters. Each trimester is divided into two 6-week grading periods. Mid-term progress reports are available in Harmony Family Access every 3 weeks. Report cards are created at the end of each 6 week grading period. Trimester grades are the average of two 6-week grades and are recorded in permanent records. Trimester grades are used to determine year-end academic awards. Promotion decisions (made by the SMS administration) will be based on trimester grades, standardized test scores/growth, and attendance.

#### **SCSD2 Grading Scale**

Grade	Percent	GPA	Grade	Percent	GPA
A+	100-99%	4.0	C+	79-78%	2.3
Α	98-92%	4.0	С	77-72%	2.0
A-	91-90%	3.7	C-	71-70%	1.7
B+	89-88%	3.3	D+	69-68%	1.3
В	87-82%	3.0	D	67-62%	1.0
B-	81-80%	2.7	D-	61-60%	0.7
			F	59-0%	0.0

#### **Honor Roll**

SMS uses a college-style honor roll system where awards are based on grade point averages. The three levels of honor roll are computed at the end of each trimester. The Gold Honor Roll is for students that have a 4.0 grade point average. The Silver Honor Roll is for students averaging 3.75-3.99. The Bronze Honor Roll is for students averaging 3.5-3.74.

# **Course of Study**

6th graders take english, math, science, social studies, and an elective. They will also take a related arts class (art, exploring music, FACS, and PE).

<u>7th graders</u> take english, math, science, social studies, and an elective. They will also take a related arts class (art, exploring music, FACS, and PE).

8th graders take english, math or Algebra 1, science, social studies, and an elective. They also have PE (for high school credit) which meets on a daily basis all year.

After the first 10 days of a trimester, no changes will be made to elective classes for the remainder of the trimester. Students wishing to join band/choir mid-year must audition with

the instructor.

#### Student Services

#### **Activity Program**

SMS students can participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Participation is determined by academic status, adherence to coach/sponsor expectations, and for athletics, an IHSAA physical exam on file. Students in clubs and sports must sign and follow the SMS Extra-curricular Activity Code. Students must attend classes on the day of an ECA event to participate in that event/practice.

SMS Extra-Curricular Eligibility: Students with all passing grades on the most recent report card will have full participating access for any team or club in which they are a member. In addition, any student wanting to participate in athletics must have a current physical on file and have completed the necessary athletic forms.

Anticipated extra-curricular activities include Academic Super Bowl, Archery, Art Club, Builders' Club, Cross, Drama, FACS Club, Pep Club, SADD, Science Olympiad, Spell Bowl, Student Council, Winter Guard and Yearbook. Anticipated sports are Fall- Boys Tennis, Cross Country, Football, Football Cheer, Soccer, and Volleyball; Winter- Basketball, Cheer, Wrestling, and Swimming; and Spring- Baseball, Softball, Girls Tennis, Golf, and Track.

#### **Food Service**

SMS provides meal service adhering to the strict federal nutrition guidelines for schools. Breakfasts and lunches are portion-controlled, low calorie meals and include an element of choice. Lunch options include tray lunch and ala carte. Menus are posted on the SMS web site. Meal accounts are managed electronically. Students can make deposits between 7:45 and 8:05 each morning. Deposits turned in after 8:05 a.m. will not be accessible until the next day. Parents may also make electronic deposits in Harmony.

The following rules apply in the cafeteria, halls, and in class:

Students may only access their own accounts.

Students with free/reduced meals may not share or sell food.

Students with negative account balances will not be allowed to purchase ala carte items and may be given an alternative lunch.

Students may not sell/vend outside food or candy.

Students may not consume energy drinks at any time on campus.

Students may not take food or opened drinks out of the lunchroom.

Students will clean their own meal areas and will comply with the directions of all dining staff. Students may not eat restaurant food (pizza, fast food) delivered by parents or restaurants.

Students that bring food/beverage into the school in the morning, must consume it prior to entering the class wings.

Students are not to have any open food or beverage containers in their lockers. Students are allowed to drink clear, non-carbonated water in class from transparent bottles.

SMS reserves the right to assign lunch seating for students based on academic and behavioral needs.

#### Guidance

SMS students are supported by an Indiana Gold Star Guidance program. Counselors assist students with individual, group, and classroom activities to support students in academics, social development, and career exploration. Students wishing to meet with a counselor can complete the form that is linked on the SMS Community page in Canvas. Guidance programming will be implemented during some class time and other times as scheduled.

#### Health

The health of SMS students is of primary importance. A full-time nurse and office personnel assist students with health emergencies. Students who become sick or injured are to report their condition immediately to the nearest adult. Students needing to see the nurse must request a pass from their teacher. Once at the office, students will be assessed and appropriate procedures will be followed. All contact with parents regarding illness will come from the nurse. Students must be seen by the nurse or office personnel BEFORE calling/texting home about a health issue.

All medication will be administered by office personnel as required in IC 34-30-14.1-5. Both over-the-counter and prescription medications must be delivered to the office by parents in original containers. A form for use must be completed. Students are not to carry over-the-counter or prescription meds on their person. SMS does not administer ibuprofen unless it is in the nurse's office and provided by the parent.

#### General Policies and Procedures

#### **Attendance**

Securing an education is an important task for every young person. This task is so important that the state of Indiana has a compulsory education law requiring young people to attend

school. IC 20-33-2-29 says that attendance is mandatory and violation of this law is a Class B misdemeanor as stated in IC 20-33-2-44.

The SCSD2 school board expects students to attend school every day unless prevented from doing so due to illness. SCSD2 expects attendance at a rate of at least 97% (fewer than 5.5 absences per year). The state benchmark is for students to attend at a rate of at least 95% (fewer than 9 absences per year). Eighth graders enrolled in Algebra 1, Intro to 2D Art, PE, or Health may forfeit credit if exceeding 7 absences per trimester.

#### **Attendance Definitions**

An absence is missing school for three or more periods. SMS has three categories of absence.

Excused: Parent Contact - Illness

Parent Contact - Personal

Unexcused: Truancy (student skips school, refuses to come to school, or is absent without

parent contact)

Certified: Court-Ordered Appearance (documentation required)

Medically Documented Absence (documentation required)

Chronic Medical Condition (doctor-signed medical incapacitation form required)

Immediate Family Bereavement (documentation required)

School-sponsored event

A tardy is reporting to school after 8:05 a.m. but prior to 9:00 a.m. Tardy students must check in at the office. Parents are expected to clear tardies. Students are assigned a detention after eight tardies and are assigned a detention for every morning tardy thereafter.

#### **Attendance Procedures**

All student absences must be verified in the office by parents in one of two ways:

- 1) Parents can call school prior to 8:30 AM on the day of any absence.
- 2) Parents can send a note with a student on the first day of return.

Absences are considered truancies until they are reclassified based on parent call or other documentation. Absences that are not cleared after two school days beyond return will remain classified as truancies and will result in discipline.

#### Make Up Work

Students are required to make up work/practice during all absences.

- Make up work may be available online. Any hard copies of missed work will be available at the request of the student upon return to school.
- Deadlines for completion of make up work will be set by teachers and will reflect an

appropriate timeline. Absent students are responsible for previously assigned work at the time of their return.

#### Consequences of Poor Attendance

Learning and grades suffer any time a student misses school. Other consequences for poor attendance are as follows:

- detentions for the 8th tardy and for every subsequent tardy in the school year,
- assigned discipline for each truancy,
- automated letter from school with notification of fourth absence.
- mandatory attendance review meetings with the SMS Administration at the 7th absence (excused and/or unexcused) of the trimester,
- Scott County Attendance Review Board meetings at the 10th unexcused absence in any trimester, and
- loss of SHS credit for 8th graders enrolled in Algebra 1, PE, Intro to 2D Art, or Health

# **Badges**

Scottsburg Middle School students and staff will wear school-issued identification badges on campus daily during school hours. These badges will positively impact school safety (clear identification of students and staff), school climate (quick access to student names for staff and students), school efficiency (faster lunch lines and library check-out), and school pride (benefits for those wearing badges).

ID badges are SCSD2 property, therefore they need to be maintained and worn in compliance with the following expectations.

- Students must wear their own ID badge for the year of issue.
- Badges must be on a school-provided, breakaway, SMS lanyard and be clearly visible on the front of the torso between the shoulders and waist.
- Badges must be free of stickers, markings, or any other alteration/destruction that would impact the visibility of the picture or name, or the use of the bar code. Students may personalize the lanyard provided that they do not obstruct the view of the badge or the lanyard.

# Compliance benefits are as follows:

- All members of the school community will experience peace of mind, knowing that badged individuals are supposed to be in the building.
- Badge wearers will be eligible for random WARRIOR points on select days.
- Badge wearers can check out books from the media center.
- Badge wearers can eat lunch in the lunchroom.
- Badge wearers can participate in team/wing bashes and homeroom gym/outdoor days.

Students or staff that do not have a school-issued ID badge will be required to pick up a replacement badge in the front office before 8:05 a.m.

Students will receive their initial ID badge, bus card, and lanyard at no cost. Replacements are obtained in the office. ID badges cost \$5. Bus cards cost \$3. Additional lanyards are \$1. If a student does not have his/her badge, bus card, and/or lanyard, he/she can pay for a new one in the office or the item(s) will be issued and parents will be billed the replacement cost.

#### ID Badge Best Practice-

- Keep <u>vour</u> lanyard on <u>vour</u> neck throughout the entire school day (except PE class).
- Have a consistent place to keep your badge and bus card outside of school hours.

Avoid all horseplay relating to lanyards and ID badges. Do not grab or pull on any lanyard nor attempt to remove a lanyard from any wearer.

#### **Book bags and Backpacks**

For security and safety purposes, students will not be allowed to carry book bags, backpacks, or athletic bags during the day. These items will be kept in lockers. Large athletic bags/equipment can be stored in teacher classrooms, the media center, or the office with the reminder that the bags are not secure and should not be accessed until after school. If a student chooses to change clothes for PE, he/she may use drawstring or plastic grocery bags to transport PE clothing from the locker to the locker room. Student purses that are used to hold books will be classified as book bags and will be stored in lockers.

#### **Dress Code**

SMS has high standards for student appearance. The SMS Dress Code is designed to reduce distractions that interfere with the educational process, to protect student health and safety, to promote positive student interaction, and to prepare students for a working world where appearance may not be their choice.

#### General Guidelines:

- All clothing must be clean and provide adequate coverage throughout the day.
- Clothing cannot be see-through.
- Undergarments must be covered at all times.
- Footwear must be worn at all times (shoes, boots, flip flops, etc.) Your shoes should not be structured or worn in a way that hinders your ability to move throughout the building quickly and safely in the event of an emergency.
- Clothing and jewelry will not display alcohol, drugs, guns, tobacco, sexually explicit or

implied pictures or phrases, profanity, or other words and pictures of an offensive nature. Clothing with suggestive double meanings is prohibited. Clothing or items bearing the Confederate flag or the swastika are not permitted.

- Hair and makeup must not be distracting as determined by administration.
- Students are not to write on their skin or clothing at school.
- Hats, bandanas, and other head coverings will not be worn by students in the school building.

## **Upper Body Guidelines:**

- Tops/shirts and dresses may be sleeveless but must completely cover the shoulder and the side seam must reach to the armpit.
- Spaghetti type straps are inappropriate.
- Tank top sports jerseys can be worn only if a t-shirt is worn underneath.
- All shirts and tops must be able to be tucked in during normal daily activity.

### Lower Body Guidelines:

- Baggy or sagging pants are not allowed.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must reach at least the end of the student's fingertips when arms are fully extended down at their side. The student's longest finger should still be touching material, not skin.
- Holes in pants/shorts/skirts must be below the end of a student's fingertips when arms
  are fully extended down at their side unless they are wearing something underneath
  their clothing that covers their skin.
- Holes at the level of the pockets (or above) are not allowed, even if something is worn
  underneath.

The following items are not to be worn without administrative permission: outerwear, pajama pants/loungewear, slippers, wheeled or light-up shoes, clothing or accessories with spikes, pins, or otherwise potentially hazardous components, gloves or hand coverings, sunglasses, or hats.

Students with questionable apparel will be referred to the designated team member. Students in violation of the code will receive discipline (1st offense = lunch detention, 2nd and subsequent offenses = detention), and will be required to remedy the violation themselves or with a school-provided alternative if such is available.

This list is not meant to be exhaustive; rather, it is intended to provide some idea of acceptable standards of dress. The purpose of the school program is education. Members of the faculty and staff will use their professional judgment when enforcing this policy.

#### **Campus Access**

In order to maintain an appropriate level of security and to minimize distractions to the educational process, SMS has strict campus access rules.

Upon arriving at school, students are to immediately enter the building through the main hall doors. Students who arrive at SMS prior to 7:55 a.m. will report to their homeroom or cafeteria (if eating). Students arriving before 7:30 a.m. will wait in the cafeteria until they are dismissed to go to their homeroom. Students that are not seated in class at the 8:05 bell are tardy and must report to the office for a pass.

SMS exterior doors are to remain locked during the school day. Students are not to open locked exterior doors. After 8:05, all students arriving to campus must enter door #1 and check in at the office.

Students are not to leave the building prior to 2:55 unless directed to do so by an adult. Students may be signed out in the office by individuals that are listed in their emergency file. Parents are responsible to keep all contacts up-to-date. Upon dismissal from school, students are to exit the building or report to their after school destinations. Once students leave the building for the day, they are not to return unless reporting to a scheduled night activity or are escorted by a parent.

Anyone visiting the school is required to register at the main office with a driver's license run through our Raptor system and receive clearance before proceeding into the building. Only visitors with legitimate business will be admitted. In order to create a safe environment, school administrators are authorized to refuse entry onto school grounds to persons who do not have legitimate business at the school and to request any unauthorized person or any person engaging in unacceptable conduct to leave school grounds (I.C. 35-43-2-2).

#### **Personal Mobile Devices**

In order to provide a safe learning environment, personally owned mobile devices such as cell phones, iPods, wearable devices (such as watches/Fitbits), tablets, or laptops are not allowed to be used at school without prior administrative approval. **Any device capable of sending/receiving texts/calls must be turned off and stored in the student's locker from the time he/she arrives until 2:55 p.m.** Other music and gaming device owners must also store their devices in their own lockers in the off position.

Owners are solely responsible for the care and security of their personal mobile devices. SMS assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage to the device.

Personal Mobile Device Violations (phones, smart watches, listening devices)

- Storage violations (personal mobile device not secured in locker in the off position) = confiscation of the device until the end of the day and lunch detention for 1st violation, detention with .25 demerit for 2nd violation, and ½ day ISS with .5 demerit for 3rd violation. The device will be returned to the student at the end of the day.
- Use violations (calling, texting, gaming, taking pictures/movies, playing music, or any other function) = confiscation of device until the end of the day and detention with .25 demerit for 1st offense, ½ day ISS with .5 demerit for 2nd offense, and 1 day ISS with 1 demerit for 3rd offense. The device will be returned to the student at the end of the day.

The administration reserves the right to check phone contents when investigating disciplinary cases. The administration will confiscate phones for police investigation in cases concerning illicit content.

#### **Fundraising**

Students are not to participate in daytime fundraising with peers (with the exception of SMS all-school events such as hat days, etc.) Students that raise funds for clubs, sports, or churches may seek donations from staff with prior administrative approval. Students raising funds are advised not to carry large sums of money or large amounts of 'product' at school.

#### Student Messages/Calls

In case of emergency, parents may call school and leave a message for students. These messages will be delivered to students by 2:50 P.M.

There is no student phone. If students forget an item or need to contact a parent, they should come to the office for assistance.

# **Technology**

SMS students have the opportunity to utilize a variety of technology tools and to establish themselves as responsible digital citizens. SMS students use iPads and Macbook laptops. These devices are provided for students for educational purposes. Students must comply with all rules and meet all expectations in the SCSD2 Responsible Use Policy. Violations of the RUP or any of the following rules can result in any or all of the following consequences: device access limitations, disciplinary action, and/or financial responsibility for repair or replacement. There is no expectation of privacy in the use of SMS iPads or Macbooks or in the use of school networks. Student activity will be monitored. Students and their parents will be charged for iPad and accessory replacement and repair costs.

#### Basic Rules for iPad Use

- Students are responsible for the care and use of their iPads and accessories 24/7.
- The SCSD2 devices/network are for SCSD2 school purposes/accounts.
- Students will follow staff directions for use during class.
- Students are responsible to have a fully charged iPad at school, every day.
- Students will take iPad questions/problems to the media center.

#### iPad Student Agreement

- I will not make any changes to alter the connection between the iPad and SMS filter.
- I will not seek, download, create, or share any content that is defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, bullying, illegal, or contrary to school purposes.
- I will not share my password, change my password, nor use the passwords of others.
- I will not disrupt the school network.
- I will use digital collaboration (example: Google Docs) for school (not personal) communication.
- I will never take an iPad or Mac into restrooms, locker room, or cafeteria during lunch.
- I will not take pictures or videos of people without their permission.
- I will use school devices for SCSD2 accounts only.
- I will not access or download material that is in violation of copyright or software licenses.

#### iPad Care

- The protective case must never be removed from the iPad.
- The cover should protect the screen when the iPad is stored, not in use, and/or moving.
- The iPad screen should be cleaned periodically with a slightly damp, lint-free cloth or commercial wipe.
- The iPad should be kept clear of stickers, paint, markings, or any other adornment.
- The iPad should never be thrown, dropped, or exposed to extreme cold, heat, or outdoor elements.
- The iPad should never be left unsecured at school, at home, or in a car.
- The iPad must be charged at home nightly. Students with iPads charged below their team's threshold at the beginning of the day can get a school charge, but will be assigned a consequence.

#### Macbook Use

- Responsible Technology Use and the other rules listed above apply when using Macs.
- Macbooks will not be removed from a classroom without explicit teacher permission.

Macbooks must be carried with two hands and a closed lid.

## **Toys/Prohibited Items**

The following items are not to be brought to school without prior administrative approval: spinners, skateboards, playing cards, collectible cards, game cards, rubber bands, laser pointers, novelty toys, or any other play item that disrupts learning. If these items are brought to school they can be confiscated and held until parents pick them up.

Weapons, fireworks, tobacco products, illegal substances, and other prohibited items are further defined in the student behavior section of this handbook.

#### **Visitors**

SMS does not accept student visitors during the school day. Parents or guardians wishing to visit classrooms during the day should contact school in advance to plan the visit. Parents or guardians wishing to eat lunch with their students can do so in the office.

#### SMS Student Behavior

Teaching students to behave appropriately is a joint responsibility of the school and home. When students choose appropriate behaviors, they enhance their own learning potential and the potential of others and they position themselves to be productive members of the community. Each student has a right to learn in an environment that is safe and secure. Student behavior that interferes with learning or safety is unacceptable. To create a safe, secure, and productive school environment, the following expectations, rules, and consequences are in place.

# **Basic Behavioral Expectations**

The foundation of the behavioral expectations of all SMS students is as follows:

- Middle school students are capable of the self-discipline required to manage their own behavior.
- Students will treat all individuals with respect.
- Students are to follow directions from all school personnel including certified teachers, non-certified assistants, substitutes, and the administration.
- Students will follow all school rules and help others to do the same.
- Students are expected to act in a safe manner in all school settings.
- Students will speak truthfully and kindly.
- Students will respectfully observe the daily Minute of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Students will refrain from all public displays of affection such as hand holding, arm

locking, hugging, kissing, or any other intimate behavior.

The WARRIOR program will be used to help students grow in the Warrior Expectations of being accountable, respectful, reliable, involved, organized, and resilient.

Students that become aware of another student's plan or intent to cause harm to him/herself or others are required to report that information to any school adult including our School Resource Officer (SRO). Anonymous reports can be called in to the SCSD2 Safe School Hotline at 877-727-2338. Failure to report this information could result in disciplinary action.

#### **Specific Area Conduct**

#### Classroom

Students will behave appropriately and follow all school rules in all classroom settings whether supervised by teachers, substitutes, or assistants. Individual teachers and teaching teams will establish classroom and team behavior guidelines, rules, and procedures.

#### Cafeteria

Students are to follow all cafeteria procedures and follow the directions of all personnel. Students select a seat upon arriving and follow the table service plan. All trash and food waste should be kept on trays and disposed of properly. Students will clean their own areas prior to dismissal. Students will not cut in line and will not socially wander during lunch. Students may engage in quiet conversation at their own table.

#### Cyberspace

Students are to demonstrate digital citizenship 24/7. The Responsible Technology Use Agreement clearly sets the expectation that students demonstrate digital citizenship on the school network and using school devices. Students that participate in bullying, harassing, or threatening behavior outside of the school network (including personal devices and personal networks) may receive school discipline if the behavior results in a disturbance to the educational environment.

#### Hallways

Students are not allowed to enter wings other than their own grade. Hallways are to be kept clean and clear. Students will not run, throw/kick items, or yell in the hallway. Food and drink (with the exception of an approved water bottle) will not be consumed in the hall.

#### Lockers:

Lockers must not be damaged, defaced, or kicked shut. Any damage to lockers will be

considered vandalism. Students are not to place items on the exterior locker door. Items may be posted inside lockers provided that they are in good taste and are affixed with magnets. Students are not to share their locker combinations or open lockers not assigned to them. Students must keep their lockers locked. Students are to keep their materials in their own lockers.

#### Restrooms

Students may access restrooms in their assigned areas. Students are not to destroy/deface restroom walls, surfaces, or supplies. Horseplay and loitering in and around restrooms will not be tolerated. Students are not allowed to bring mobile devices into the restroom. Students who get in trouble for bathroom behavior may be required to use the nurse's restroom for up to the remainder of the school year. Other restrooms in the building would be off limits during that time.

#### **Great Room**

Students are not to sit or stand on the stage or on tables or go into the stairwells without permission. Students are not to engage with the technology/presentation equipment without permission.

#### School Buses

Bus riders are subject to the SCSD2 transportation rules. Proper conduct as defined by those rules and by the bus driver is required. When rules are broken, the bus driver can assign consequences such as assigning seats. The administration can assign school discipline consequences and/or suspend riding privileges. If a student is suspended from a bus, the student must find an alternative method of getting to school. Staying home on a bus suspension day will not count as 'serving the suspension.'

The transportation system is designed to take students safely to their own homes. Students are not allowed to ride non-assigned buses without prior written consent from the administration. This consent requires parent contact from all parties before noon on the day of the ride. Take bus notes to the office.

#### Special Events

All SMS behavior and dress code expectations will apply during special events such as field trips, assemblies, team activities, school dances, and extra-curricular activities. Students who have earned two or more demerits for aggressive or illegal behavior will not be allowed to attend the next dance.

#### **Discipline Consequences**

When student behavior interferes with learning or safety, discipline will be assigned and consequences applied. Discipline may be reported by any school employee for a variety of infractions that are outlined in the chart below. The following section outlines the consequences that may be applied. Administrators reserve the right to alter consequences in individual situations.

#### Classroom Intervention

All school staff members may address minor inappropriate behaviors with classroom level interventions such as seating change, single period removal from class to the hall, single period removal from class to office, conference during class, parent call, conference after class, and/or working lunch with the teacher.

#### Behavior Warning

All school staff members may write a warning to notify parents of any behavior concern. Staff members may also call parents to seek help remedying behavioral problems.

#### Detention

Lunch detention is held during a student's lunch.

After school detention is held from 3:05-3:50 p.m. and prompt pick-up is required.

Students are expected to read, complete school work, or sit quietly during detention and ISS. Students serving lunch detentions will be allowed to eat school lunch while serving. Students will not be allowed to sleep/put their head down, make noises, or disrupt during detention and ISS. Failure to correctly serve a detention or ISS will result in the automatic assignment of the next level of discipline.

#### Suspensions

According to IC 20-33-8-14, students may be suspended or expelled from school for interfering with school purposes or an educational function. Demerit suspensions are assigned by the administration based both on the incident and on the student's conduct history. Suspensions can be from .5 to 10 days in length and served either in-school, out-of-school, or a combination of the two. Descriptions of the offenses below are on subsequent pages of this handbook.

Infraction	1st offense	2nd offense	3rd offense
Aggressive behavior	1 day ISS (Police report may be filed.) .5 demerit		3 days OSS (Police report may be filed.) 2 demerits

Arson/possession or threat of incendiary device	Police report and 10 days OSS pending expulsion 4 demerits		
Away from assigned area	Detention	½ day ISS	1 day ISS
	0 demerit	.25 demerit	.5 demerit
Bullying	1 day ISS 1 demerit	1 day OSS 1.5 demerit	10 days OSS pending expulsion 2 demerits
Cheating	Lose credit on assignment and lunch detention 0 demerit	Lose credit on assignment and detention .25 demerit	Lose credit on the assignment and ½ day ISS .5 demerit
Disrespect to staff or peers	Detention	1 day ISS	1 day OSS
	.25 demerit	.5 demerit	1 demerit
Dress code violation (including not wearing badge/lanyard)	Lunch detention	Detention	Detention
	0 demerit	0 demerit	.25 demerit
Failure to participate in class or to complete assigned task	Lunch Detention	Detention	Detention
	0 demerit	0 demerit	0 demerit
False fire alarm/ threat against SMS/ panic-causing behavior	Police report and 10 days OSS pending expulsion 4 demerits		
Fighting	Police report and 3 days OSS 2 demerits	Police report and 10 days OSS pending expulsion 2 demerits	
Firearm/deadly weapon - possession	Police report and 10 days OSS pending expulsion		
General rule violation	Lunch detention	Detention	Detention
	0 demerit	0 demerit	0 demerit
Horseplay/running	Lunch detention	Detention	½ day ISS
	0 demerit	.25 demerit	.5 demerit
Inappropriate physical contact	Lunch detention	Detention	Detention
	0 demerit	.5 demerit	.5 demerit
Inappropriate physical contact (intimate/sexual contact)	1 day ISS	1 day OSS	3 days OSS
	.5 demerit	1 demerit	2 demerits
Insubordination	1 day ISS	1 day OSS	3 days OSS
	.5 demerit	1 demerit	2 demerit
Lighter/Matches - Possession	½ day ISS	1 day ISS	1 day OSS
	.5 demerit	1 demerit	2 demerits
Major disruption	1 day ISS	1 day OSS	3 days OSS
	.5 demerit	1 demerit	2 demerits
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Minor disruption	Detention	½ day ISS	1 day ISS
	0 demerit	.25 demerit	.5 demerit
Off task with technology	Lunch detention	Detention	½ day ISS
	0 demerit	.25 demerit	.5 demerit
Over-the-counter or personal prescription not turned in to the nurse	1 day ISS 1 demerit	1 day OSS 1 demerit	10 days OSS pending expulsion 2 demerits
Peer conflict (arguing)	Lunch detention	Detention	½ day ISS
	0 demerit	.25 demerit	.25 demerit
Phone storage violation	Lunch detention	Detention	½ day ISS
	0 demerit	.25 demerit	.5 demerit
Phone use violation	Detention	½ day ISS	1 day ISS
	.25 demerit	.5 demerit	1 demerit
Profanity	Lunch detention	Detention	Detention
	0 demerit	.25 demerit	.5 demerit
Racist/Hate Speech	1 day ISS 1 demerit	3 days OSS 1.5 demerits	10 days OSS pending expulsion 2 demerits
Sexual gestures	½ day ISS	1 day ISS	2 days OSS
	.5 demerit	1 demerit	2 demerits
Sexual harassment	1 day OSS 1 demerit	3 days OSS 1.5 demerits	10 days OSS pending expulsion 2 demerits
Skipping class	½ day ISS	1 day ISS	1 day OSS
	.5 demerit	1 demerit	1 demerit
Substances that are illegal for any person - possession and/or use	Police report and 10 days OSS pending expulsion 4 demerits		
Substances (including look-alikes and paraphernalia) that are illegal for minors - possession	10 days OSS pending expulsion 4 demerits		
Tardy to School (discipline starts with the 8th tardy)	Detention	Detention	Detention
	0 demerits	0 demerits	0 demerits
Theft	Pay back and .5 day ISS	Pay back and 1 day ISS	Pay back and 1 day OSS
	(Police report may be filed.)	(Police report may be filed.)	(Police report may be filed.)
	.5 demerit	1 demerit	2 demerits
Truancy	Detention	Detention	Detention
	.25 demerit	.5 demerit	1 demerit
Unlawful occupation of the building	3 days OSS (Police report may be filed.) 3 demerits	Police report and 10 days OSS pending expulsion 3 demerits	
Vandalism	Pay back and 1 day ISS	Pay back and 1 day OSS	Pay back and

	(Police report may be filed.) 1 demerit	(Police report may be filed.) 1 demerit	10 days OSS pending expulsion (Police report may be filed.) 2 demerits
Verbal, written, or physical intimidation/threats/instigation	1 day ISS (Police report may be filed.) 1 demerit	3 days OSS (Police report may be filed.) 1 demerit	10 days OSS pending expulsion (Police report may be filed.) 2 demerits
Violation of Technology Use Agreement	Detention and possible technology restriction 0 demerit	1 day ISS and possible technology restriction .5 demerit	1 day OSS and possible technology restriction 1 demerit
Weapon - possession	3 days OSS (Police report may be filed.) 2 demerits	10 days OSS pending expulsion (Police report may be filed.) 2 demerits	

In-school suspension (ISS) is held for half or full days. ISS students may use school transportation, but may not participate in extra-curricular activities on ISS days.

Out-of-school suspension (OSS) is when a student is assigned to stay at home during school hours. Students are not allowed on school property or at bus stops when on OSS.

Regardless of the suspension assigned, students are required to complete all class work during the suspension. After a demerit suspension, students may return to school with social restrictions.

#### Restriction

Restriction is the loss of social privileges. Students may be placed on restriction by the administration when they earn one or more demerits. Students will remain on restriction until they meet the release requirements set forth by the administration. Restrictions may include loss of passing period privileges, assigned restroom usage, locker use, lunch seating, iPad limitations, or ability to attend after school/evening events on campus.

#### **Expulsion**

SMS follows the Grounds for Expulsion/Suspension as outlined in IC 20–33–8–14. If a student repeatedly behaves in a way that interferes with the operations of the school and/or the learning of others or has accumulated a fourth demerit, he/she can be recommended for expulsion. Expulsion is the termination of schooling. If an administrator recommends expulsion for a student, due process rights are granted and a hearing is held. The determination of whether or not a student is expelled and, if expelled, the length of the expulsion is made by a

hearing officer. Expelled students may not be on school property during expulsion and may be retained at the end of the school year.

## **Discipline Definitions**

**Bullying** is intentional harm-doing over time in a relationship with a power imbalance. It can be direct (shoving, taunting, etc.) or indirect (shunning, rumor spreading, cyber bullying, etc.) Students are encouraged to report bullying to an adult either in person, via Canvas message, or by using the Cyberbullying Hotline at (812) 329-0894.

**Disruptive behavior** is activity that interrupts a class or other school function.

**False reporting** is knowingly misrepresenting information or inaccurately accusing someone of violating a school rule or state/federal law. Initiating a false fire alarm or making a bomb threat are examples of false reporting. Besides a demerit suspension, restitution of costs incurred by the school due to the investigation, search, and/or securing of our building will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the minor perpetrator.

**Fighting** is taking aggressive physical action such as hitting, kicking, shoving, tripping, slapping, or punching. Demerits are assigned to any student initiating a fight or participating in a fight.

**Firearms** are prohibited both by school policy and by Indiana law. Students may not possess a firearm in or on school property or on property that is being used by the school for a school function, or in or on a school bus, or during a school function away from school property. The school specifically recognizes the provisions of IC 35-47 which prohibits the possession of firearms on school property. This prohibition also extends to any device that has the appearance of a gun.

**Harassment** is classified as any continual speech or action that creates a hostile, intimidating, or offensive learning environment.

**Illegal Substances** are defined as tobacco and tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vape products, alcohol, and drugs (both illegal and those over-the-counter and/or prescribed medications used contrary to their purposes.)

**Inappropriate physical contact** is defined as contact created by horseplay, minor aggressive contact, or intimate/sexual contact.

**Intimidation/threat** is making another person fearful by using verbal, written, or electronic threats or physical gestures made on via a school-issued device or during school hours.

**Insubordinate to staff** is the failure to follow the directions given by the administration or other school staff when lack of compliance interferes with school purposes.

**Possession of Illegal Substance Paraphernalia** is defined as but not limited to the following products: lighters, matches, e-cig/vape cartridges, syringes, rolling papers, smoking pipes, and roach clips or any other material commonly recognized as illegal substance paraphernalia.

**Sexual harassment** is any unwelcome sexual advance or remark or any form of improper physical contact. Harassment may be a violation of federal law. Incidents of harassment should be brought to the attention of a teacher or administrator. Complaints not resolved at the building level to the satisfaction of the complainant should be directed to the SCSD2 Compliance Officer at the Central Office.

**Weapon** implies any device such as knives, knuckles, chains, fireworks, martial arts implements, stun devices, explosive or flammable substances or other material, that in the manner it is used, or could ordinarily be used, is readily capable of causing bodily injury.

#### Other Substance Information

Tobacco-Free Campus: The entire SMS campus (inside and outside) is designated as tobacco-free. Students, staff, parents, and patrons are prohibited from using tobacco or tobacco replacement products on campus. Students may not possess cigarettes, tobacco products or paraphernalia associated with smoking (lighters, matches, vape/e-cig products, etc.) on school property. Teachers are authorized to confiscate tobacco products from students and turn them over to the administration. The smoking and tobacco product use ban extends to school buses and at school-sponsored events away from school.

Substance abuse: Students who use, transmit, sell, deliver, or in any way possess either actually or constructively, or who are under the influence of any controlled substance, including but not limited to narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, alcoholic beverages, alcohol-based products, anabolic steroids, look-alike/counterfeit drugs, pills, or substances which are misrepresented as a controlled substance, glue, alcohol, or any

other material used as an inhalant or intoxicant, or any other intoxicants of any kind (hereinafter referred to as illicit drugs/ alcohol) while on school grounds at any time, off of school grounds at a school activity, function, or event, or on school provided transportation are in violation of the substance abuse policy and shall be subject to disciplinary action by school officials and/or civil authorities. Reference is further made to Indiana Criminal Code for violations of the substance abuse policy including but not limited to IC 35-48 (controlled substances) and IC 7.1 (alcoholic beverage offenses.)

Controlled substance offenses and duty to report- IC 7.1 requires school employees who personally observe a violation of IC 35-48-4 (controlled substance offenses) in, on, or within one thousand feet of school property to immediately report the violation in writing to a member of the administrative staff.

Administrators or other employees making a report are presumed to act in good faith and are not liable for civil damages or penalties unless the presumption is successfully rebutted and it is proven that the employee failed to act in good faith.

# **Problem Solving Guidelines**

Every person encounters some difficulties in daily living. Minor conflicts are not uncommon in schools just as they are not uncommon in adult life. A key to success is the ability to navigate these conflicts with effective problem solving skills. SMS students are encouraged to employ productive problem solving guidelines when deciding how to respond to difficult situations.

Respond assertively (not aggressively). Civilly and personally communicate your needs to the person responsible for the problem or to an adult that can assist in resolution. Do not broadcast your problem verbally or digitally. Do not turn to others to deliver communications. Avoid threats, talk of fighting, profanity, and put downs when solving problems.

#### Discipline involving special education students

In addition to the considerations listed in this discipline policy, the following considerations will be made in determining an appropriate discipline procedure for students receiving special education assistance.

- 1) Was the student's misbehavior manifested in his/her special services disability?
- 2) Was the student's IEP being implemented at the time of the misbehavior?
- 3) Was the student able to understand the rule that was broken?

#### Scott 2 Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, age, disability, or limited English proficiency be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any educational program or in employment, recruitment, consideration, or selection, therefore whether full-time or part-time under any educational program or activity operated by the district.

# Student Rights

## Freedom of Assembly

Students may be permitted to hold student meetings on school property within the limitation applicable to all groups under Indiana law. Student gatherings shall not substantially disrupt the educational process, cause disorder, or invade the rights of others.

Assembly Procedure - Student meetings must have administrative approval. Community laws and ordinances and school regulations and policies will be followed. Students' conduct will be orderly and peaceful. Students will assume full responsibility for their actions as individuals and group members. All meetings must be scheduled with the school office and must have adult supervision as approved by the administration. Groups that are not associated with the school must be approved by the superintendent through the Facility Use Agreement process.

#### Freedom of Speech

SMS students have the right to Free Speech but only within the bounds and purposes of the school program. Whether shared in person, in writing, or in electronic form, students will not be protected if their speech brings embarrassment or shame to themselves or the school, or if their speech negatively impacts the reputation of the student or the school.

Examples of non-protected speech include:

any illegal activity;

any non-illegal activity that is lewd, vulgar, obscene, indecent, or that portrays any conduct done in manner whereby the community learns of such activity; or any activity that degrades, demeans, or disparages any teacher, coach, activity sponsor, school official, or student.

School-sponsored newspapers or any other sanctioned print or digital media will not print obscene or libelous material, or any material that would cause a substantial disruption of the educational process.

Scottsburg Middle School reserves the right to assign discipline to students that violate the above categories of non-protected speech.

#### Search and Seizure

When a search is contemplated, student rights and the welfare of the school community will be balanced. A principal may, in accordance with corporation rules, search a student's locker, locker contents, and personal items at any time. A law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the geographic area of the school facility may, at the request of the school principal, and in accordance with the rules of the school corporation, assist a school administrator in searching a student's locker or locker contents. Students will be held responsible for the contents of their lockers. Any contraband found during a reasonable search may be used as evidence for both school and legal action. Students are also responsible for items found on their person during reasonable search.

Search procedure - The search of school property assigned to a specific student and/or the search of a person and the resulting seizure of any illegal items found therein must comply with the following:

- 1) There shall be a reasonable suspicion for school authorities to believe that possession of such items constitutes a crime or rule violation.
- 2) When reasonable suspicion exists, a search may be conducted of any individual under authorization of the principal or designee.
- 3) Search of an area assigned to a student shall be made in the presence of a witness, and when reasonably possible, in the presence of the student. Search of a student's person shall be made in presence of a witness.
- 4) Illegal items as defined by federal, state, or local law or a provision of this policy, include improperly stored cell phones or electronic devices, weapons, tobacco products, drugs, alcohol, and paraphernalia associated with the use of these items.

#### **Due Process**

The U.S. Supreme Court Goss v. Lopez decision ruled that students must receive notice of charges against them and be offered a hearing during which the student may tell his/her side

of the situation. The court's reasoning was based on the fact that students have a property right to attend public schools and a liberty right to maintain a good reputation. Students shall not be deprived of their rights without an appropriate level of due process.

Due process procedure - Except in the case of a student posing a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disturbing the school or class, no suspension from school shall be enforced against any student until the following has occurred. 1) The student, and when appropriate the parent, shall be given oral and/or written notice of the charges. 2) The student shall be afforded the opportunity to present his/her side of the story through a formal or informal hearing. 3) Statements in support of the charges must be produced by the principal or other members of the faculty. The student, his/her parents or guardians, or others in support of the student will be permitted to make statements in the student's defense. 4) The principal may determine whether or not to permit student counsel. 5) A written record shall be kept of the time, date, location of the hearing, participants, summary of what was said, and the conclusions of the hearing.

### Corporal Punishment

Although state law gives school personnel the right to use corporal punishment, SMS does not use it. However, force and restraint that is reasonable and necessary is permissible. All school personnel may use acts of force and restraint which are reasonable and necessary in the following circumstances: 1) for stopping students who threaten to or actually cause physical injury to an individual or disrupt the educational process, 2) for self-defense, 3) for protecting property, or 4) for obtaining possession of a weapon or dangerous object upon the individual or within the control of the individual.

#### Student Records

It is the responsibility of the school to protect student privacy rights. SMS will follow the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 contained in the General Education Provision Acts. The parental rights under this act extend until the student is 18 years of age or is enrolled in a post-high school institution; thereafter, only the student may exercise the rights.

Parents have the right to examine their child's records at reasonable times. Parents have a right to have a record corrected if it is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student.

Any person may receive the records if the parent executes a written consent specifying the records to be released, the reason for the release, and the person to whom they are to be released. A copy will be sent to the parent in such cases if requested. The parent may request and receive a copy of any student record forwarded to another school for transfer purposes. A copy may also be furnished pursuant to a court order or subpoena, but only if the parent is given advance notice.

Record Procedure - Certain persons may examine students' records without parent consent. They include school officials including teachers that have a legitimate interest, officials of transfer schools, and certain representatives of the state and federal government with various limitations.

Certain directory information including the student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in recognized activities, weight and height, dates of attendance, awards received, and other similar information may be released without parental consent unless the parent notifies the school district in accordance with the School Record Policy that they do not want certain directory information released without prior consent.

Periodically, photographs of students engaged in educational activities are released to the local media (with names) or to the school web site or school social media sites (without last names). It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school in writing if student photographs are not to be released.