



# *Green County Middle School*

## **Parent Information**

Everyone at Green County Middle School is excited and looking forward to a wonderful school year! As summer winds down, we wanted to make a few announcements to make sure everyone was aware of our school policies.

### **PROMOTION/RETENTION POLICY**

For a student to be promoted to the next grade, he/she must complete the year with a final passing grade (60 or above) in at least 5 of their 7 classes. Parents will be notified at the conclusion of each grading period if their student has failed multiple classes and is in danger of being retained. If a student fails 2 or more classes for 2 consecutive 9 weeks, a Parent/Teacher conference will be held and an improvement plan will be implemented. This plan will be signed by parent/guardian, teachers, the student, and an administrator and this form will also serve as acknowledgement that failure to make improvement will result in the student being retained. The goal of the conference, as well as the improvement plan, will be for all parties to work together to find a way for the student to be successful.

### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

#### **I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

Appropriate attire is expected for all who attend Green County Middle School. A school environment is not, nor should be, as casual as a social setting. A certain degree of decorum is expected. Listed below are the general expectations for this policy.

Any apparel that calls attention to it will be responded to as deemed necessary.

Graphics will be allowed on shirts. (Students may not carry or wear anything that advertises drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products, anything that is racially offensive, or those that promote/suggest lewd messages).

Sunglasses will not be worn in the school building.

No hats/caps/head coverings are to be worn or carried in the school building

(Exception given for medical or religious reasons).

No bandanas, combs (picks), or chains are to be worn or displayed in the school building.

No headphones are to be worn except during designated times.

No gloves or hand coverings are to be worn in the school building.

No pajamas or loungewear are to be worn in the school building

Athletic sweat pants will be allowed.

Shoes must be worn at all times in the school building.

## **II. SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS**

### **SHIRTS:** (boys and girls)

Shirts or blouses must be of sufficient length so that they can be tucked in.

Sleeveless shirts are permitted, but no spaghetti straps or tank tops.

Excessively large arm holes are not permitted.

No lowcut or backless shirts are permitted.

Graphics will be allowed on shirts. (Racially offensive or sexually suggestive images or images showing alcohol and tobacco are prohibited)

No hoodies with ear phones are to be worn in the school building.

### **PANTS:** (boys and girls)

Pants must be worn at the waist, no sagging.

Pants may have holes or tears as long as no skin shows above middle fingertip length.

No coveralls are to be worn in the school building

Leggings and yoga pants can be worn as long as they are paired with a dress/top/tunic that comes to fingertip when arms are fully extended at your sides.

Students may not write on their clothing or other student's clothing.

Students may wear sweatpants and athletic shorts.

No undergarments should be visible at any time

### **SKIRTS/DRESSES:**

Skirts & dresses must be of sufficient length to meet the top of the knee if not worn with leggings.

If the skirt or dress has a slit, the slit may not be shorter than the top of the knee.

Dresses can be sleeveless, but no spaghetti straps or tank top dresses.

Dresses cannot be backless.

Leggings/jeggings may be worn if the top/dress comes to the tip of the fingertips.

### **SHORTS:** (boys and girls)

Short length must come to middle fingertip when arms are fully extended at your sides.

### **COATS/JACKETS:**

Oversized bulky coats are not to be worn in the classroom.

Any student not dressed properly in the opinion of the principal or principal's designee will be detained in the office until such time that proper clothing can be delivered to the school. It is the responsibility of the student to provide clothes to correct dress code violations. No student will be able to go home to change until parents have been contacted, and must return immediately. If the problem remains uncorrected, the student will be removed from class, activity, or school until the student corrects the problem. The student will receive a warning for the first offense and a pink slip for additional offenses. The student will be subject to suspension if the student is defiant or the problem cannot be solved.

### **School Policies/ Cell Phones and other electronics**

During the school day, student's cell phones and/or electronics must be off and out of site unless otherwise instructed by the teacher or supervising adult (any school employee) in the room - when this occurs a sign will be posted so all students are clear that cell phones are allowed during that time for instruction. If a teacher or supervising adult takes their phone, a parent or guardian must come to GCMS and pick it up from the office.

There are times of the day students ARE allowed to have their phones and electronics out:

- Morning gym time before classes start (must be put away BEFORE going upstairs)
- Lunchroom and lunch ball
- Break
- During bus dismissals
- If the teacher is letting students use their devices during class time for instructional purposes and the appropriate sign is posted in the room.

If a cell phone, IPOD, or any other electronic device is taken from a student the following shall apply:

1<sup>st</sup> offense- electronic device is taken for the day and a parent/guardian must pick up the phone.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense- A parent/guardian must pick up the phone at the end of the day and student will receive a pink slip for defiance. For a period of 1 month (20 school days) the student will be required to sign a cell phone log stating they have turned in their phone. Phones will be turned into the office each morning.

3<sup>rd</sup> offense-if student is caught with an electronic device during the 20 days he/she will be suspended for 1 day.

### **School Policies/ Tobacco and similar products:**

Students are not permitted to use or have possession of any tobacco products including E-cigs, vapor cigs, and/or tobacco look alike products in the building or on school grounds. Students found smoking are subject to local and state laws. If a student is caught with tobacco products including E cigs and vapor cigs or tobacco look alike products they will assigned to Tobacco Education Group, detention, or other disciplinary action.

### **Get INVOLVED at GCMS:**

There is something for everyone at GCMS. Every student has the ability to be a leader in some aspect at the middle school and we encourage students to be involved. Extracurricular activities offered here are: Students Offering Support (SOS), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), 4-H, Jr. Rotary, History, Art, Student Council, DECA, Student Lighthouse, Junior Beta, Academic Team, Band, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Football, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Track, Cross Country, Girls Softball and Boys Baseball. The requirements for each activity is listed in the student handbook.

## **Miscellaneous information for students and parents:**

**Bookstore-** The GCMS bookstore is open every morning from 7:00-7:30 for students to purchase school supplies.

**Lockers-** Each student will be assigned a locker and will have a locker partner. Each locker has a combination lock to help keep belongings safe. Students should not bring additional locks for their lockers.

**Book Bags-** Book bags are not allowed to be carried throughout the school day. Students are required to leave their bookbag in their locker during homeroom.

**Attendance policy/procedures** - Good attendance is one of the most important indicators of student success. While it is important to come to school every day, we also understand that there are times when that is not possible. In the event of an absence - students should bring their parent note/doctor's excuse or other documentation into Ms. Carol in the guidance office upon returning to school.

**Lunches-** GCMS is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision this school year. This means that all students will have the opportunity for free breakfast and lunch each day. Extras will also be available, but students must purchase extra items, and cannot charge extras.

**It's going to be an AWESOME year at GCMS! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!!!!**

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