

Pearl River Central Middle School

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Office Hours: 7:00 am - 3:00pm

Tardy Bell: 7:40am

Dismissal: 2:55pm

Final Check-Out: 2:15 pm



Pearl River Central Middle School **Expectations & Rules**

We are PRC!

PRIDE

We will Keep our School Clean
We will Make Safe Choices

RESPECT

We will be Kind to Teachers, Classmates and Visitors
We will Keep Hands and Feet to Ourselves

COMMITMENT

We will Be On Time and Prepared to Learn
We will Come to School Every Day

We Show Pride, Respect & Commitment in ALL We Do!

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Rebecca Ladner	Principal
Amy Green	Assistant Principal
Michelle Pryor	Assistant Principal
Rachel Harris	Counselor
Mallory Linden	Administrative Assistant
Michelle Meyer	Receptionist
Laura Werner	Records Clerk
Nakisha Feaster	Social Worker

PRCSD Mission: "The Pearl River County School District in Partnership with families and community is committed to provide a diverse, comprehensive and challenging education for all students."

PBIS Model Site (2015), Title I Distinguished School (2004), Blue Ribbon School (2004)

PRC Middle School Vision

PRCMS takes PRIDE in preparing students to be lifelong learners. We RESPECT the individual differences of ALL students. We make a COMMITMENT to help every student fulfill their potential.

PRC Middle School Motto

We are learners of PRIDE, RESPECT, & COMMITMENT today to become leaders of tomorrow!

PRC MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

At Pearl River Central Middle School, we show Pride, Respect and Commitment in ALL we do! Expectations are posted around our school and in our classrooms. We have expectations for our hallways, bathrooms, classrooms, computer labs, pep rallies, assemblies, cafeteria, break areas, and library.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be issued every 2 weeks, reflecting progress in each academic class. Reminders will be sent to parents every 2 weeks to check Active Parent for updated grades. Progress reports will only be printed upon parent request.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are sent home through the Parent Square App. at the end of each 9 week term. Report cards will only be printed upon parent request.

ATTENDANCE: *See the PRC School District Handbook, page 8.*

Please Notice This ABSENTEES



The Mississippi Department of Education states that a student absent for more than 66% of his/her instructional day is to be considered absent the entire school day.

In order to be compliant with the Mississippi Department of Education, we will require an absence excuse for all check-ins, check-outs, and full-day absences.

Students are allowed a maximum of five unexcused absences per semester. Any additional excused absences beyond this limit require explicit approval from the school principal or district superintendent.

If a student misses three consecutive days of school due to illness or injury, a doctor's excuse is strictly required.

Once a student reaches five unexcused absences during the school year, the case must be reported to the school attendance officer. Official court petitions for truancy can be filed after eight unexcused absences, provided the school has already attempted formal interventions.

Parent notes explaining a student's reason for being absent should contain the following:

- Student's first and last name
- Days missed
- Reason for the absence
- Proper signature of parent or guardian
- Original excuses from doctors, dentists, or licensed therapists should be attached. The school must receive this documentation within **five days** of the student's return to school. The parent will have to gain administrative approval after the five days have expired. **Parent notes will be accepted for a total of 5 days of absences.**

PRCMS Attendance Committee

After 5 unexcused absences: the attendance committee will contact the parent or guardian. The school will report to the Compulsory School Attendance Officer.

After 8 unexcused absences:

The attendance committee will contact the parent or guardian, and a meeting will be required between the parent or guardian, the attendance committee, and an administrator.

After 12 unexcused absences:

Upon exceeding 12 days of unexcused absences for the school year, the student's participation in any extracurricular activities will be terminated.

After 15 unexcused absences:

A home visit will be made by the resource officer, a member of the attendance committee, and/or support staff member in order to address the attendance problem to determine if other agencies (Department of Family and Children's Services), interventions, or services are required. If these interventions are unsuccessful, a complaint shall be filed in the appropriate court of law.

Days students are absent due to out-of-school suspensions shall be unexcused but will not be reported for truancy purposes.



ACCIDENTS

In the event that an accident occurs on campus (minor or major), students should immediately notify a teacher, principal or other school staff member so appropriate action can be taken. A written report must be filed in the Principal's office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BULLETINS

Permission must be secured from the principal before any announcements or bulletins can be posted. Distribution of handbills, (i.e. petitions, fliers, party invitations, etc.) or any other printed material is strictly prohibited without written permission from the principal. As a service to the faculty, staff, and students, approved school announcements will be made daily. Only school related events will be posted on the school website.

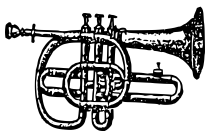


AWARDS PRESENTATION

A student awards presentation will be held at the end of the school year. Students will be recognized for several awards including: overall academic excellence, citizenship, perfect attendance (no tardies and no early dismissals), maintaining all "A's" for the year and maintaining all "A's" and "B's" for the year.



BAND



Band is offered for students in grades 6-8. Students must furnish their own musical instruments. Participation in various school activities is required as part of the overall course grade. Students are instructed to take their instruments home daily for practice. Students are not to leave their instruments in the band hall or classroom. **The school will not be responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen instruments.** No student will be allowed to participate in after school band practices, field trips, performances, etc. if grades fall below a 70 cumulative average in core academic subjects. Student grades will be checked at each progress report and report card period.

BETA CLUB

Students seeking membership in the Beta Club must have maintained grades of an 80 or more for the preceding semester; they must maintain at least a B in all academic areas and high school credited courses throughout the school year to remain a member in good standing. If averages fall below acceptable levels, the student will be placed on probation for a 9 weeks and denied the right to attend club functions until the problem is corrected. Students receiving any office discipline will lose membership from the club. Dues for new members are based on membership in the National Beta Club. Initial membership fee is \$15.00. Renewal dues are \$7.00 per year. No money paid will be refunded if the student loses membership or chooses



to terminate membership. Members are required to participate in at least 10 hours (5 per semester) of community service activities for the school year. **All members MUST participate in fundraisers to be eligible to participate in BETA Club events and the end of the year field trip.**

CHEERLEADERS / DANCE TEAM

Cheerleaders and dance team members are selected through competitive tryouts each spring. Squad positions are filled according to the guidelines of each team's constitution. All squad members are required to abide by squad rules, school handbook, and board policy. No student will be allowed to participate in practices, field trips, performances, etc. if their grades fall below a 70 cumulative average in core academic subjects. Student grades will be checked at each progress report and report card period. Members must pay a participation fee that will cover different costs throughout the season and pay all applicable fees to attend camp. All students interested in membership should contact the cheerleader or dance team sponsor for a detailed list of rules and regulations for participation. **Only grades 7-8 will be eligible to participate in these activities.**



CHEMICALS

Permanent markers, paints, glues, correction fluid, aerosol sprays (such as deodorant, hair spray, perfume, cologne, etc.), any item or chemical that alters brain function or behavior, or other like items are not allowed on campus unless required by a teacher for a specific activity. If required by the teacher, that teacher will collect and store the item(s) for the activity. Students are not allowed to possess these items outside class. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action. The only exception will be for students to store deodorant, hair spray, or cologne in their gym bag so they can freshen up after their electives (athletics) classes.

CHROMEBOOK POLICY

See also the PRC School District Handbook for more detailed information.



Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

It is the policy of the Pearl River County School District to (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors, and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

COPPA causes any website that collects information such as name and email address (the information needed to create a unique account) to prohibit use by children under 13 without parental consent. Because of these guidelines, parents must give authorization for PRCS D students to create online accounts or have teachers create online accounts, which are carefully selected for age and subject appropriate classroom use. Students will be supervised during in class use of all Internet tools.

Chromebook Use and Care Agreement

Chromebooks issued to students are the property of the PRC School District. Chromebooks must be charged each evening before school. Students are responsible for handling the Chromebooks with care to prevent accidental damage. Students must immediately report damage or problems to their teacher. If the teacher cannot resolve the issue, the student will be sent to the school's Chromebook help location.

Chromebooks and screens will be protected by following the rules below.

- When moving a Chromebook, hold it securely.
- Close the Chromebook screen before moving it unless otherwise directed by a teacher.
- Chromebooks should be stored in backpacks during transitions, unless directed otherwise by a teacher.
- Do not lean on the top of the Chromebook when it is closed.
- Do not place anything near the Chromebook that could put pressure on the screen.
- Do not place anything in the protective case that will press against the cover.
- Do not remove the protective case.
- Do not poke the screen.
- Do not pick at the keys, insert anything around the edges of the keys, or remove the keys.
- Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the lid (e.g. pens, pencils).
- Do not bump the Chromebook against walls, floors, etc., even if it is inside a backpack or bag, as it will eventually break the screen.
- Avoid using Chromebooks in activity areas where they could be damaged by sports equipment, players, etc.
- Clean the screen with a soft, dry cloth or anti static cloth. Do not use liquids/chemicals.
- No food or drink is allowed next to your Chromebook while it is in use.
- Chromebooks must remain free of any writing, drawing, stickers, labels, photos, etc. that are not the property of the Pearl River County School District.
- Student Chromebooks will be labeled with a barcode by the school district. Students must not remove the barcode sticker.
- Each Chromebook will be labeled with the name of the student to whom it is assigned. Those stickers should not be removed.
- Upon receipt, chargers are to be labeled in a non-permanent way with an adhesive label, masking tape, or painter's tape.
- Wrap charger cords loosely to avoid damaging the wires.
- It is a privilege to use the district's technology resources, so use them responsibly and appropriately.
- Chromebooks must never be left in any unsupervised area.
- You should not share your passwords with anyone.
- You should not loan your Chromebook or charger to anyone.
- Chromebooks should not be disassembled in any way.
- Chromebooks, chargers, and protective cases that are lost or damaged are the responsibility of the student.

TECHNOLOGY FEE: Parents/guardians have the option to pay a yearly Technology Fee of \$20, which lowers the repair costs of the 1st and 2nd damage occurrences, or to pay the full cost of repairs as they occur. Please see the District Handbook for more details.

REPLACEMENT COSTS: Students may go to the school's Chromebook help location to get instructions on how to pay for replacement items through MySchoolBucks.com or with other payment options.

Chromebook replacement cost:-240

AC Adapter & power cord: \$25

Chromebook protective case: \$30

REPAIR COSTS: Broken Screen \$50

Liquid Damage \$100

Damaged Keyboard \$75

Physically damaged AC adaptor and power cord \$25

Please see the District Handbook for more details.

Chromebooks: Saving documents in Google Drive

Students will be logging into PRCMS's GSuite domain (Google Suite) and saving documents to their account in the prc.k12.ms.us domain using their assigned student Google Apps account. With this single Chrome login, the student can access his or her schoolwork from any computer that has Internet access, not just the Chromebook.

Chromebooks: Printing

Printing functionality will not be available at school except with special permissions. Teachers will facilitate digital copies of homework and assignments. If printing is required, students will submit assignments to teachers who will facilitate printing.

Chromebooks: Software

All software and apps on the Chromebooks will be installed and managed wirelessly through the District. Students will not be able to install additional apps on their Chromebooks. Additional software will be installed wirelessly as recommended and approved by the principal and site administrators.

Chromebooks: Batteries & Charging

Students will be responsible for charging their Chromebook fully each night. In emergency cases where use of the Chromebook has caused batteries to drain, students may be able to connect their device to a power outlet in class. This, however, causes class disruptions, may inconvenience other students, and may not always be feasible. Therefore, students should not expect to be able to charge Chromebooks at school. If the school-issued charger is lost or physically damaged, payment must be made as soon as possible so a replacement can be issued.

Chromebooks: Loans & Replacements

Bringing the assigned Chromebook to school each day with a full charge is essential for learning. Chargers will not be loaned to students unless there are extenuating circumstances. If a student forgets his/her Chromebook, he/she may only borrow a Chromebook for in-house use two times each semester but only if extra Chromebooks are available. If the Chromebook is collected for repair, another Chromebook may be temporarily issued to the student or may be loaned to the student on a daily basis. This will be determined by availability and at the discretion of the school's Chromebook liaison, a school administrator, and/or the Technology Director. If a Chromebook is lost, or damages result in a total loss, payment must be made as soon as possible so a replacement can be issued.

CODE OF CONDUCT

See the PRC School District Handbook, page 23.

COURSE DROP/ADD

Students are scheduled in academic and elective courses according to their individual needs. Since space is limited in each course, students will not be allowed to add or drop any class unless unusual circumstances exist. Not liking a class or teacher, wanting to

change classes to be with a friend, etc. are not valid excuses. All class assignment changes must be requested by the student's parents in writing to the Principal within the first two weeks of the semester. All class assignment changes will be strictly at the Principal's discretion.



CURRICULUM

Language classes are designed to involve students in applying reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Students will develop an appreciation for literature through studying literary elements in fiction and nonfiction. Refinement in grammar and spelling skills will be demonstrated in written composition, word choice, organization and style.

Mathematics classes are designed to involve students in measurement and data, geometry, problem-solving, numbers and operations, and expressions and equations. 8th Grade Pre-Algebra is a Carnegie Unit (high school credit) course.

Science classes are designed to engage students in hands-on interactive learning. Areas of study include inquiry, life, physical, earth and space science. Science content will be taught using a series of lectures, foldables, lab activities, choice boards, and videos.

Social studies classes promote civic competence—the knowledge, intellectual processes, and democratic dispositions required of students to be active and engaged participants in public life. Mississippi Studies and Geography(8th Grade only) are both Carnegie unit (high school credit) courses.

Elective Classes are designed to give students choices that match their interests. Cyber Foundations 1&2 (7th & 8th grade only) are courses designed to develop student awareness of computer orientation and programs, as well as career exploration while promoting online safety. These elective courses receive Carnegie units.

Carnegie units are required for High school graduation. Carnegie units earned in middle school will be on high school transcripts and count towards grade point average for graduation.

DANCES



Dances at the Middle School are provided periodically to provide well supervised socialization for our students, as well as a reward for their good behavior at school. Please read the following section “Dress Code” for tips on selecting appropriate clothing for these events. Only current students at PRCMS may attend these dances. Home-schooled students living in the PRC School District will be allowed to attend dances with approval from the Principal. The parent and student must meet with the Principal to gain approval.



SCHOOL DRESS CODE

See the PRC School District Handbook, page 21.

Dress Code for Dances

Casual dress is encouraged for all Middle School dances (dress code or better). The following guidelines will help you plan for these occasions:

- No low riding jeans will be accepted.
- **NO** strapless dresses allowed. **NO** crop tops, **NO** deep V, low, or plunging necklines.
- Bottoms must meet school dress code guidelines. **NO** mini skirts, **NO** short shorts, **NO** short skirts or dresses.

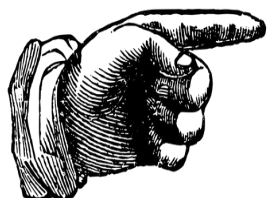
- **NO** clothing, apparel, or jewelry associated with or depicting offensive/obscene wording.

***Any student coming to a dance inappropriately dressed will not be admitted to the dance until someone brings that student appropriate clothing. Any student changing or altering their dress to make it inappropriate during the dance will be removed from the dance, and a parent will be called to pick up that student.*

Dress Code for Field Trips

Students are representing Pearl River Central Middle School when attending a field trip. They are to wear the required dress code. Students may wear appropriate organization uniform/t-shirt, if approved by the club sponsor and the principal.

Please Notice This



DISCIPLINE CODE

School discipline has two broad objectives:

- Encourage students to develop self-discipline and self-control that is required for effective learning.
- Fair and impartial discipline ensures that a proper climate for learning can exist.

Although the ultimate responsibility for student conduct rests with the student and his/her parents, it is the daily responsibility of school personnel to see that no single person interferes with the learning environment of other students. **NOTE: Any student who is currently suspended (OSS) or expelled from school is not allowed to visit the campus or attend any extracurricular activities. This includes PRC students assigned to the Endeavor School.**

Discipline Flow Chart

Is the incident major?

NO	YES
Step 1 • Student Conference • Review & Reteach Expectations • Teacher may require an assignment OR/break detention	• Office Discipline Referral
Step 2 • Student Conference • Parent Contact • Detention (/break) or assignment	• Administrator reviews expectations • Consequence • Parent Contact
Step 3 • Office Discipline Referral for habitual classroom behavior	• Consequence served

PRCMS Demerit System

When a student is referred to the office, disciplinary action will be taken according to the following prescribed demerit system. A student who exhibits repetitive negative behaviors may receive a higher number of demerits in the given ranges. The number of demerits a student receives does not reset until the end of the current school year. Once a student reaches 100 demerits, he or she will be unable to attend any school functions including but not limited to field trips, dances, athletic events, etc.

- Once a student reaches 50 demerits, the student may be referred to Tier 2 Behavior.

- Once a student reaches 75 demerits, the student may be referred to Tier 3 Behavior and a parent meeting may be required with administration.

Violation Code	Violation	Infraction Category	Consequence	Demerits
SC01	Habitual violations of Classroom Discipline (Step 3 of Classroom Discipline Ladder)	II	Elective ISD-1 Full Day of ISD	10
SC02	Disrespect	II	1-3 Days of ISD	20
SC03	OPEN DEFIANCE	II	1-2 Days of OSS	30
SC04	Disruption/Horseplay	I	Elective ISD-1 Full Day of ISD	10
SC05	Dress Code Violation (3rd Offense)	I	Elective ISD-1 Full Day of ISD	Up to 5
SC06	Profanity/Vulgar Gestures	I	Elective ISD-1 Full Day of ISD	10
SC07	HORSEPLAY LEADING TO INJURY	II	1-5 Days of OSS	Up to 40
SC08	Teasing/Intimidating Other Students	I	Elective ISD-1 Full Day of ISD	15
SC09	VERBAL/PHYSICAL HARASSMENT, OR THREATENING FACULTY/STAFF (Felony)	III	5 Days of OSS Discipline Committee Possible Placement at Alternative School	50-100
SC10	BULLY/HARASS/INTIMIDATE STUDENTS	III	5 Days of OSS Discipline Committee Possible Placement at Alternative School	50-100
SC11	Instigate/Participate in Verbal or Push/Shove Confrontation	II	1-3 Full Days of ISD	20
SC12	Electronics Violation (Confiscation)	I	See electronics policy	10
SC13	Leaving the Classroom without Permission	II	Elective ISD-1 Full Day of ISD	15
SC14	Leaving School without Permission	II	3-5 Full Days of ISD	25
SC16	Skippping Class	II	Elective ISD-1 Full Day of ISD	25
SC17	Out of Area	II	Elective ISD-1 Full Day of ISD	10
SC18	Other Misbehavior as Designated by Administration	I/II	Elective ISD-3 Full Days of ISD	Up to 30
SC19	OTHER MISBEHAVIORS AS DESIGNATED BY ADMINISTRATION	II/III	1-5 Days of OSS Possible Referral to Discipline Committee	Up to 100
SC20	Forge, Deceive, Misrepresent, the Truth or	II	Parent Contact	Up to 15

	Lying			
SC21	Improper Use of Internet/Network/Social Media	II	Elective ISD-3 Full days of ISD Penalty Box	Up to 30
SC22	IMPROPER USE OF INTERNET/NETWORK/SOCIAL MEDIA	II/III	1-5 Days of OSS Possible Referral to Discipline Committee Penalty Box	Up to 100
SC23	Public Display of Affection	II	Parent Contacted-Full Day of ISD	10
SC24	Possession, Use, Transfer of Tobacco or Paraphernalia	II	3-5 Full Days of ISD	45
SC25	Possession of Stolen Property/Intent to Steal/Destroy Another's Property	II	1-5 Full Days of ISD	Up to 30
SC26	Copying/Cheating/Taking Another's Work	II	Parent/Guardian Notified. Teacher Can Give Student 0 or an ODR (1 Full day of ISD)	10
SC27	Possess/Use/Transfer/Sale/Intent to Distribute Prohibited Substance or Non-prescription Drugs	II	Elective ISD-3 Full Days of ISD	Up to 20
SC28	Possession/Use/Transfer/Sale/Intent to Distribute Vape or Paraphernalia	II	3-5 Full Days of ISD	45
SC29	Disruption/Mess in Cafeteria	I	Lunch Detention-3 Full Days of ISD	Up to 30
SC30	Use of Derogatory Terms on the Basis of Race/Religion/Gender/Orientation	II	1-5 Full Days of ISD	Up to 30
SC31	Failure to Attend/Complete/Behave in Detention	II	Elective ISD- 1 Full Day of ISD	10
SC32	FIGHTING	II	3 Days of OSS 2 Days of ISD Possible Social Contract	50
SC33	INSTIGATE/FILM FIGHT	II	Up to 3 Days of ISD/OSS	30
SC34	PHYSICAL VIOLENCE ON STUDENT (Results in Prosecution)	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC35	Sexual Harassment	II	Up to 5 Full Days of ISD	Up to 50
SC36	SEXUAL BATTERY	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC37	USE/ATTEMPTED USE/POSSESSION/TRANSFER OF DANGEROUS WEAPON (Other than Firearm)	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC38	USE/UNDER THE	III	5 Days OSS	100

	INFLUENCE/POSSESSION/TRANSFER/ SALE/INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE DRUGS, NARCOTICS, OR PARAPHERNALIA/COUNTERFEIT SUBSTANCE		Referral to Discipline Committee	
SC39	USE/UNDER THE INFLUENCE/SALE/TRANSFER/ POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC40	EXTORTION	III	5 Days of OSS Possible Referral to Discipline Committee	Up to 100
SC41	STALKING	III	5 Days of OSS Possible Referral to Discipline Committee	Up to 100
SC42	ROBBERY	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC43	THEFT (With Restitution Required)	II	Up to 5 Days of OSS Possible Referral to Discipline Committee	Up to 100
SC44	VANDALISM	II	Up to 5 Days of OSS Possible Referral to Discipline Committee	Up to 100
SC45	POISONING	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC46	TRESPASSING	II	Up to 5 Days of OSS Possible Referral to Discipline Committee	Up to 100
SC47	RAPE	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC48	BOMB THREAT	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC49	DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Results in Prosecution)	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC50	KIDNAPPING	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC51	SEXUAL MISCONDUCT	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC52	MAYHEM (DISFIGUREMENT)	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC53	HOMICIDE	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC54	GANG RELATED CONDUCT	III	5 Days OSS	100

			Referral to Discipline Committee	
SC55	ARRESTED FOR CRIME OFF OF SCHOOL PROPERTY	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC56	USE/POSSESSION/TRANSFER OF RIFLE	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC57	USE/POSSESSION/TRANSFER OF HANDGUN	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100
SC60	TERRORISTIC THREAT	III	5 Days OSS Referral to Discipline Committee	100

Acts of Misconduct and Consequences

The acts of misconduct include students' behaviors in the classroom, on school grounds, or any other times or places the school has jurisdiction, including field trips and athletic events. These acts of misconduct include those student behaviors that disrupt the orderly educational process in the classroom or on school grounds including, but not limited to, the following:

Category I Acts of Misconduct

Chronic or excessive minor misbehaviors at the classroom level will be referred to office disciplinary action after the teacher has addressed misbehaviors through classroom steps.

- Running or making excessive noise
- Horseplay or play fighting
- In an unauthorized area without appropriate pass
- Disruptive behavior at school or school sponsored activities (Any action or conduct which disrupts any school function including classroom, cafeteria, school bus, activity events, student assemblies, or class changes is prohibited)
- Profanity or vulgarity including gestures(minor offenses)
- Profanity or inappropriate language in the school environment whether it is oral, written, electronic or suggestive gestures will be classified as vulgar. Examples include dirty notes/ letters, “shooting the bird”, or other indications of vulgarity.
- Harassment, intimidation, or threatening other students (minor offenses) **See Bullying Policy
- Writing on self, others or property of school or other students
- Inappropriate public displays of affection
- Not participating in class (i.e. sleeping, daydreaming, refusal to participate)
- Eating in classrooms or hallways
- Grooming in the classroom
- Failure to bring materials to class (**This includes failure to bring Chromebook and failure to have Chromebook charged.**)
- Dress code violations
- Electronic Violations *See electronic policy*
- Failure to return a borrowed Chromebook, charger, mouse, headphones or earbuds to the appropriate location by the end of the school day.
- Other misbehavior as designated by the administrator

Consequences for Category I Acts of Misconduct

(Violations 1-3 or managed by the teacher)

First Violation: Verbal Reprimand

Second Violation: Written Reprimand and Parent Contact

Third Violation: Move to Category II Consequences

Each Offense of Academic Dishonesty - Grade of "0" when dishonesty occurs on tests/exams/assignments

Category II Acts of Misconduct

(Behaviors subject to office level discipline: These disruptions will be sent directly to the principal. Punishment will be at the discretion of the principal, based on Mississippi Code and School Board policy.)

- Habitual Category I offender (3 Category I Acts of Misconduct)
- Use or possession of anything vulgar or profane to include acts, gestures, symbols or associated literature (Mississippi Code 97-29-47).
- Use or possession of medicine not checked into the office
- Disrespect or open defiance toward any member of the school's staff or administration.
- Skipping class or leaving the school without permission.
- Possession of or use of any fireworks, i.e. lighters, matches, ammo, etc., at school.
- Vandalism, intentional abuse or destruction of school or personal property of others, Restitution of school property will be required.
- Gambling or possession of gambling devices, i.e. dice, cards, etc.
- Possession or use of any tobacco products on any school property (including juuls/vapes).
- Harassment, intimidation, fights, assaults or threats to students, staff, or administration in any form, i.e., verbal, physical, writings, etc. while at school, on the way to or from school, or at school activities. (MS Code: 97-3-87, 97-3-85).
- Out of designated areas, i.e. students are allowed in Middle School areas only.
- Stealing money or property; possession of stolen property; violating property of others.
- Creating or participating in a disturbance in any classroom or other area of the campus.
- Forgery of an administrator's, teacher's, or parent's/guardian's name, or intentionally providing false information to any school employee concerning a school document, note, class assignment, etc.
- Possession of/improper use of any electronic devices or their components including cameras (Please see the district portion of the handbook under electronic devices.)
- Dispensing or accepting prescription drugs or any over-the-counter type medication.
- Horseplay that involves injury to a student.
- Signs, symbols, writing, phrases, gestures etc., associated with gangs, cults, racism, sex or otherwise considered obscene or vulgar are prohibited.
- Other inappropriate behavior as designated by the school's administration.
- Public displays of affection such as kissing, etc.
- Dress code violations after the third written warning.
- Use or possession of any chemical aerosol spray. (i.e. deodorant, perfumes, cleansers, etc.). See "Chemicals".
- Failure to return a borrowed Chromebook to the appropriate location by the end of the school day

Consequences for Category II Acts of Misconduct

(One consequence, or a combination of any of the consequences below may be used as deemed appropriate by the Principal.)

- **Minimum:** 1 Class period up to 3 days of ISD, Community Service, Referral for TIER II Behavior
- **Maximum:** 3-9 days ISD, Community Service, TIER II Behavior referral (*Maximum consequence can depend on what step a student is on step ladder*)

Category III Acts of Misconduct

- Possession or use of any object that is classified as a weapon on school property (MS Code: 37-11-18).
- Any student who has in his/her possession, uses, or is under the influence of alcohol will be immediately suspended for a minimum of 3 days and a maximum of 9 days (MS Code: 95-5-35, 67-1-18, 67-1-87, 97-29-47, 37-9-71).
- Any student in possession of a controlled substance will be immediately suspended for a minimum of 3 days and a maximum of 9 days, with recommendation for expulsion in accordance with state law (MS Code: 37-11-18, 37-9-71).
- Any violent verbal or physical act against any member of the school's faculty or staff (MS Code 37-11-21).
- Other behavior designated as a severe disruption by administration.

Note: Depending on the severity of the incident, several of the offenses as listed above may bypass one or more steps, and lead directly to a 3-9 day suspension. **Law enforcement officials may be summoned for violations as needed.**

In-School Detention (ISD)

Students will be assigned to ISD as a disciplinary action to provide the student with access to their education while removing them from the regular classroom setting for a short period of time. Students are expected to follow ISD rules and complete a behavior reflection during their visit to ISD. Students who do not comply with ISD rules will be sent to the office once they complete the ISD step ladder.

Substitute Teacher Disciplinary Actions

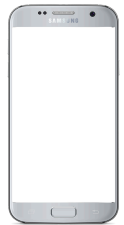
STEP 1: Student receives a verbal warning.

STEP 2: Student's name is written on the board.

STEP 3: If the student continues to be disruptive, the student will be sent directly to the office.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CELL PHONES

Electronics, such as cell phones, cell phone watches/devices, iPods, iPads, MP3 players, e-readers, tablets, gaming devices, cameras, etc. can be a major distraction to the educational process. Ringing phones and text messaging in class are detrimental to the academic climate. Camera and video options on these devices create discipline and privacy problems as well. Because of the problems these electronic devices cause at school, please adhere to the following guidelines.



All cell phones, cell phone watches/devices, and related electronic devices must be kept in a backpack, athletic bag, or personal bag and in the "powered off" position from the moment students arrive on campus until the dismissal bell rings to end the instructional day.

Any student needing to contact a parent/guardian during school hours may use the phone in the school office, per office approval.

If a student has a visible cell phone, cell phone watch/device or other related electronic device, the student will be issued a discipline referral and sent to the office. Also, any cell phone or other electronic device that rings, vibrates, beeps, etc. during the school hours listed above, regardless of the cell phone or electronic device's location, will result in a discipline referral. The following consequences will be imposed for electronic device discipline referrals:

First Offense: The electronic device will be confiscated from the student and held in the office for 10 school days. A parent/guardian may pick up the electronic device at any time from the student's school office upon acknowledging and signing the Electronics Policy.

Second Offense: The electronic device will be confiscated from the student and held in the office for 20 school days. A

parent/guardian may pay a \$50.00 fee and pick up the electronic device at any time from the student's school office.

Third Offense: The electronic device will be confiscated from the student and held in the office for 30 school days. A parent/guardian may pay a \$75.00 fee and pick up the electronic device at any time from the student's school office.

Fourth Offense: The electronic device will be confiscated from the student and held in the office until the end of the school year. A parent/guardian must then pick up the electronic device from the student's school office. No fee can be paid to retrieve the electronic device early.

***Classroom instruction will not be disrupted to collect a confiscated electronic device.**

If an electronic device is used to video, upload, or transmit acts or messages of violence, harassment, intimidation, bullying, etc., the device will be confiscated from the student and held in the office for up to 30 school days. After the hold has expired, a parent/guardian may pay a \$75 fee and pick up the electronic device from the student's school office. The student will also be subject to suspension from school for up to 9 days at the discretion of the school administration.

Any student who refuses to relinquish an electronic device upon request from school personnel due to an electronic device violation will be subject to suspension from school for up to 9 days; at the discretion of the school administration.

The Pearl River County School District and its employees are not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken electronic devices that have been confiscated.

Due to the enormous amount of time spent on stolen electronic devices, the school will NOT investigate stolen electronic devices. Electronic device security is the responsibility of the owner of the electronic device. The school is not liable for damaged/stolen student electronics.

EXEMPTIONS

All students will take 1st, 2nd, and 3rd nine week exams. A policy of exempting students from final exams at the end of the year is in effect subject to the following:

1. Exemption privileges are based on all or none of the subjects. To be exempt, a student must meet grade and attendance requirements in all subjects.
2. Students are not allowed to check out after the exemption list is posted.
3. Exemptions may be granted based on the following grade and attendance requirements:
 - a. Yearly average of "A" with no more than 4 absences.
 - b. Yearly average of "B" with no more than 3 absences.
 - c. Yearly average of "C" with no more than 2 absences.
 - d. Classes missed for school sponsored activities do not affect exemptions.
 - e. Students who have received out of school suspension (OSS) will not be eligible for exemptions.
4. Review and testing days will be counted as excused absences for exempt students.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A variety of extracurricular activities are offered to students. Students are encouraged to select and participate in activities that interest them. **To be eligible for participation in athletics and activities, students must follow the rules and meet all eligibility and scholastic requirements found in the PRCSD Department of Athletics and Activities Handbook. Clubs and student organizations have their own requirements for participation. With the exception of show choir and band, 6th grade students are not allowed to participate in athletics and activities.**

Extra!



FIELD TRIPS

It is a privilege for students to participate in school activities outside the classroom. Any student who has reached 75 or more demerits will not be eligible to attend any field trip. Students must have maintained an average of 60 in all classes during the previous term and may not have more than 12 unexcused absences in order to attend field trips. The decision to suspend this criteria will be at the discretion of the principal. The decision to suspend student attendance shall be at the discretion of the principal. A list of all students attending a field-trip and the trip itinerary must be sent to the principal's office two weeks in advance.

FOOD ITEMS, ETC.

See the PRC School District Handbook for cafeteria rules, Healthy Lifestyles guidelines, and the District Wellness policy.

Drinks and snacks purchased at school or brought from home may be consumed during class at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

Glass containers are not allowed on campus. Drinks must be in non-breakable closable containers like spill-proof cups, boxes, pouches or bottles. Energy drinks of any kind are not allowed on campus. It is not feasible for students to have food and drink items delivered to the school by family, friends, or delivery services as it is an interruption of class and the normal school day. If a student has forgotten his/her lunch at home and is unable to eat the cafeteria meal, the office may call a parent/guardian on the student's behalf to deliver the meal to the school office; however, the meal and drink item should comply with the district's competitive food rules. Treats and sales approved by the principal's office are the only exceptions to these rules.

DELIVERIES:

It is not feasible to have flowers, balloons, gifts, drinks, or meals delivered to the school by family, friends, or delivery services as it is an interruption of class and the normal school day. See **FOOD ITEMS, ETC.** for more information.

FUNDRAISERS / SALES

No item is to be sold or distributed on campus without prior written approval from the principal. Sales and/or distribution of items will be allowed for approved school purposes only.

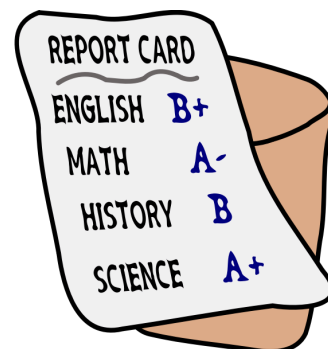
GUIDANCE PROGRAM

The guidance program plays an important role in the total education process. The major purpose is to assist students in setting goals and making educational plans. Students may contact the counselor regarding their schedules, educational concerns, or other problems affecting their school performance. The counselor is available throughout the school day.

STUDENT GRADING POLICY & GRADING SCALE

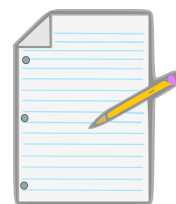
See the PRC School District Handbook, page 16.

During each of the nine-week grading periods, tests, daily work, homework, and other methods are used by teachers to measure student progress. Some Carnegie unit credit classes are offered to students in 7th and 8th grade. Carnegie unit credits will be transferred to the high school, will be part of the student's high school transcript, and will be used in GPA calculation. Carnegie unit classes include 8th grade Pre-Algebra, 8th grade Mississippi Studies, 8th grade Geography, and Cyber Foundations I & II.



PRCMS Grading Scale

90 - 100.....	A
80 - 89.....	B
70 - 79.....	C
60 - 69.....	D
59 and below.....	F
Incomplete.....	I

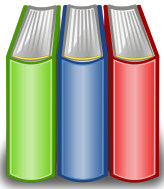


HOMEWORK

Homework will be given at appropriate levels and graded for accuracy in order to provide students with feedback. Homework is given to encourage students to study on their own, to aid in developing study skills, and to reinforce classwork through review. Homework assignments will be limited on weekends and holidays. With the exception of projects and study guides that may need to be completed, there will be no homework the night before end-of-term exams. Students are expected to study for exams. There will be no homework during state testing.

The guidelines for assigning homework at Pearl River Central Middle School include the following:

- Homework will be reviewed in class and incorporated into subsequent lessons (reviewing answers, addressing misunderstandings, correcting mistakes, etc.).
- Each class will keep the maximum amount of time to complete all homework between 20 and 30 minutes per night. Math homework may be given each night. No more than an estimated 30-45 minutes of homework should be given for 6-8th grade students.
- A maximum of two homework grades may be given per progress report period. Due to this, homework grades may be cumulative.



LIBRARY

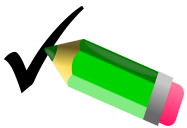
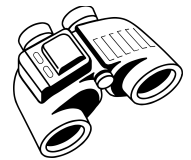
The library supports and enriches the school's curriculum by providing a wide range of materials that accommodate various reading levels, reflect various interests, express varying points of view, and represent human diversity. The librarian works with other faculty members to ensure that students develop effective information skills for lifelong learning. To accomplish this, the librarian provides access to information, promotes literacy, and provides guidance in the use of information.

Classes are scheduled to use the library on a regular basis, and opportunities to use the library before 1st period are provided for students. Students also have 24/7 access to the digital library collection.

Students may only check out one book at a time from the traditional library unless given special permission by the librarian. Students are responsible for returning borrowed library materials on time. Parents/guardians are responsible for lost or damaged library books and will be expected to pay for them. Borrowing privileges will be suspended until lost or damaged book fines are paid; however, digital library access will still be available.

LOST AND FOUND

If a student finds an unclaimed article, he/she should take the item to the office. If a student has lost an article, he/she may check with the office periodically. Pearl River Central Middle School **will not be responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen property**. In the event that any personal items NOT allowed at school are stolen, only **minimal efforts** will be made toward their recovery. Unclaimed items will be discarded or donated at the end of each term.



MAKEUP WORK

After returning to school, students will have two school days for each day absent from school to make up assignments. Students who have been suspended out of school (OSS) will be allowed to make up work at the discretion of the principal. All other makeup work will be allowed at the discretion of the teacher.

MEDICATION

See the PRC School District Handbook for more information, page 67.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to administer medication to their children at home if possible. However, a parent or responsible adult may bring prescription and/or over-the-counter medication along with a doctor's orders to the school nurse's office. A school permission form for medication must also be completed by a parent/guardian before the medication can be administered. **Students will not be allowed to personally carry any medications at any time.**



NEW EDITION SHOW CHOIR

The New Edition Show Choir is offered for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. The Choral Program serves as a wholesome outlet for self-expression through music and theatrical dance. Participation in various school activities is required as part of the overall course grade. No student will be allowed to participate in after school show choir practices, performances, field trips, etc. if their grades fall below a 65 cumulative average in core academic subjects. Student grades will be checked at each progress report and report card period.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents are encouraged to confer with teachers, counselors, and administrators regularly concerning their child's progress. Parents can schedule a parent-teacher conference at any time during the school year by calling 601-798-5654. On occasion, the school's administration or staff may require the parent/guardian to meet for a conference to discuss their child's discipline, academics, etc. Parents must request an appointment through the counselor who will schedule a conference at the earliest convenient time. Parents must check in at the office and sign in for a visitor's pass upon arrival.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT (TRUE BLUE)

The Pearl River Central Middle School strives to create and sustain an environment where academic achievement and behavior competence is expected, nurtured, and celebrated through a program of teaching behavior expectations, providing consistent reinforcement of the expectations, and celebrating when expectations are met. Utilizing the framework of positive behavior interventions and supports, the PRC Middle School focuses on improving the climate and culture of the school environment. We emphasize success in the areas of improved behavior, attendance, and academic excellence.



True Blue Program

Platinum Level	90% grade avg or higher 0-2 unexcused absences No ODRs
Gold Level	80% grade avg or higher 0-3 unexcused absences No ODRs
Silver Level	70% grade avg or higher 0-3 unexcused absences No ODRs
Blue Level	65% grade avg or higher 0-4 unexcused absences No more than 1 minor ODR

**True Blue Levels are checked each 9 weeks after report cards are issued.

SCHOOL BUS CONDUCT POLICY

See the PRC School District Handbook, page 36.



SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE

In order for a student to leave campus during the school day, the parent/guardian must physically come to the middle school office to sign the student out. Students may only be checked out by people who are on that student's parent/guardian approved check out list, which is filled out at registration. Parents or guardians who wish to add or delete contacts from this list must come into the office in person and make this request in written form. No additions or deletions of contacts can be done by telephone or email. In cases of immediate need/emergency situations, written requests will be accepted and must be approved by Administration. **All persons who check out students will need to show picture identification to office personnel. Final check out will be 30 minutes prior to student dismissal for daily pick-up. Parents/guardians who arrive after that time must pick up their child in the daily pick-up line.**



SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

Pearl River Central Middle School has a full-time school social worker who works with students, teachers, parents, and the community to promote and support students' academic and social success in the educational setting. Services include individual and group discussions and social and emotional learning sessions, parental conferences, and teacher consultation. Referrals to the social worker can be made by contacting the middle school office.

STUDENT CLASSIFICATION AND PROMOTION

Students are classified and promoted in grade levels according to the following criteria:

- Be awarded a minimum passing final grade of 60% (D).

In order to be promoted to the next grade, a student must demonstrate mastery of core objectives and receive a passing grade in the academic subject areas: Mathematics, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.



STUDENT COUNCIL



The stated purpose of the student council is to raise school spirit and involvement and to foster the relationship between the student body, teachers, administration, and the community. The council shall be composed of appointed representatives and elected members from each grade. The council also includes officer positions for students who have previous student council experience. As a member of the student council your responsibilities include: speaking in front of your fellow student body, giving the morning announcements, serving in the community, planning pep rallies, organizing student sections at sporting events, recognizing fellow students for praise, recording the newscast, giving tours to new students, and many other duties.

Students who want to run for student council are required to submit three teacher recommendations. These forms are 100% confidential between the teachers and the student council sponsors. Teachers may also nominate students for one of the select few honorary student council positions. Please note that not all students submitted via teacher referral will have a position on the council. The ONLY campaigning allowed is up to ten handmade posters to be hung in the hallways and in person word-of-mouth. Any other form of campaigning may result in the disqualification of the candidate.

PRCMS Student Council Members Guidelines:

Members must maintain a 75 or higher average in all academic areas. Grades are checked periodically and students not maintaining a 75 or higher average will be placed on probation for two weeks. If grades are not maintained after that point, the student may be removed from the council. Members shall have no discipline referrals. If while on the student council a member receives a discipline referral, he or she may be removed from the council. Members shall be present at scheduled meetings. Any member who has two or more unexcused absences from meetings or does not fulfill his/her commitment to service obligations, community service, or

fundraisers will be recommended for dismissal. Each Student Council member will conduct himself/herself appropriately in all manners of speech, dress, and attitude. Failure to comply with PRCMS expectations both in and out of school will cause a recommendation for dismissal made by the club sponsors.



TARDINESS TO SCHOOL / CLASSROOM

Students are expected to report to class before the tardy bell. Students arriving at school after the tardy bell must be signed in by a parent or guardian. Unexcused homeroom tardies will be monitored and recorded by the front office. Student tardies reset every semester. Consequences for excessive tardies are as follows:

- 1st-5th - Warning
- 6th or more - Elective ISD

TELEPHONE

Telephones located in the office, teachers' lounge, and in teachers' classrooms may not be used by students. Students will not be called out of class to take calls, except in the case of an emergency.

Teachers and office personnel are authorized to make emergency calls for students.



TEXTBOOKS

See the PRC School District Handbook.

Language arts, mathematics, science and social studies books may be requested by parents or checked out from the teacher as needed. Teachers will send home the necessary materials to complete assigned homework. Books that are checked out will need to be returned and signed back in when the assignments have been completed. Parents/guardians are responsible for lost or damaged textbooks and will be expected to pay for lost or damaged books. No other books will be issued to the student until these fines have been satisfied.

TIER PROCESS

See the PRC School District Handbook.



TUTORING SERVICES

Tutoring services will be made available throughout the school year and communicated through ParentSquare.

VISITORS

All individuals visiting the campus must sign in at the main office upon arrival to the school. To ensure the safety of students and staff, a visitor's pass must be obtained on each and every visit. Visitors will be asked to present a picture I.D. and /or badges if representing an agency or company. Any student who is currently suspended (OSS) or expelled from school is not allowed to visit the campus or attend any extracurricular activities. This includes PRC students assigned to the Endeavor School.

WHO'S WHO ELECTION PROCEDURE

Students will vote electronically. Each person may nominate one boy and one girl in each category for which they are eligible to nominate. Please see the chart for who nominates. Each student will have the opportunity to vote on a boy and a girl for each category according to their grade and category provided. **No campaign fliers or posters will be allowed.**



The winners will be placed on a master list. The Who's Who advisor/committee member(s) will electronically tally all votes. No one who has a relative on the ballot may assist with the counting process. In case of a tie, both students will be declared winners unless one student has already won a previous category with a higher number of votes. Nominees will be allowed to win a maximum of one category. In the case of a student winning the nomination in more than the maximum categories, his/her name will be placed in the top category respectively, in which he/she received the most votes. In such cases, the second highest nominee's name shall be placed on the ballot in that category. Students who receive an office referral resulting in ISD or OSS during the current or previous semester will not be allowed to participate.

WHO'S WHO CATEGORIES

(Other categories may be added at the time of the election at the discretion of the principal.)

Category	Who can participate	Who Nominates	Who Votes (Final Ballot)
Mr. and Miss PRCMS	8 th Grade	8 th Grade	8th Grade
Most Intellectual	Each Grade	Teachers	Each Grade
Class Favorite	Each grade	Each Grade	Each Grade
Most Talented (Band, Art, Show Choir, Dance)	Each Grade	Teachers	Each Grade
Most Courteous	Each Grade	Teachers	Each Grade
Most Athletic	Each Grade	Teachers	Each Grade
Most School Spirit	Each Grade	Teachers	Each Grade



YEARBOOK CLUB

Yearbook Club members are selected from 7th and 8th grade students through an application process that includes a writing sample. Students selected to be members of the Yearbook Club must maintain a 70 cumulative average in core academic subjects and shall have no Class 2 discipline referrals. Students who do not meet these criteria will be dismissed from the club. Criteria will be monitored at progress report and report card periods.

