

SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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2025/26 INFORMATION FOR NEW SIXTH GRADERS

- Our school hours are 8:05 AM– 3:10 PM. The first bell rings at 8:05 AM to notify students to report to class. Students not in classroom seats by 8:10 are considered tardy. Student supervision begins at 7:40 AM; car riders may be dropped off after that time. If you arrive at school by car after 8:05 AM, you must accompany your child into the office.
- Early dismissal procedure: When your child requires early dismissal, please come in to the front office and sign your child out. Someone will then call your student from class to meet you. There will be no early dismissals after 2:40 PM.
- Our school website (listed above) is kept current and morning announcements are published on it daily.
- Students should bring their school supplies to school ON the first day of class (not before).
- 6th graders will use a lock that is provided by the school - there is a \$5 lock rental fee charged to each student.
- Most student fees (including lunch fees) can be paid online through our website or any FMSD website. Look for the “\$ Pay Fees” tab at the top of the website to create your permanent account. If you have already registered, your account login remains the same as in previous years.
- Cell phones must be kept in lockers. They are not used during the school day.
- Report cards are published on Powerschool at the end of each nine week quarter. You may also review your child’s performance at any time using our “Parent Portal” website which is kept current to within two weeks. Sign up instructions are available in our office. If you registered in prior years, your account login remains the same.
- When a student is absent, a parent or a medical note should be submitted to his/her homeroom teacher or provided to our front office within one week. Five days per school year may be excused with a parent note.
- Sixth grade students take two related arts classes each day. If not participating in Band, your child will rotate through most of our available related arts classes during the school year. If your student chooses to participate in Band (a full year course,) he/she will take one semester (two quarters) of P.E. and two quarters of our other available related arts classes. Band participants must participate in band for at least one full semester.
- Students are provided with an agenda that contains a student handbook This handbook is a comprehensive list of our policies and procedures. We ask that you and your child review it together. All of our school rules are consistently enforced.
- Students who feel ill enough to go home must see the nurse to contact home. Using their cellphone to contact you without permission is a cell phone violation and their phone will be confiscated.
- Students may not ride a different bus to go home with a friend, except in rare cases as a babysitter request and then only with advance approval from the transportation department.
- Please pick up your child from all extra-curricular school events on time.
- 6th graders are not able to participate in school sports. Students may participate in sports in 7th and 8th grade. You will find more information on www.fortmillathletics.com. The SC High School League governs our sports programs.
- To minimize classroom interruptions, we do not call students from class to retrieve dropped off items. If a student is expecting an item, he/she may check the front office between classes for it. We will page a child at the end of the school day to retrieve an item.
- We have a fantastic PTO and a Booster Club. More information can be found on our website.
- Dress code can be found on the second page of this sheet.
- Lost and Found items are donated to Goodwill in Fort Mill at the end of each month if we can’t return it. If you put your child’s name on clothing, lunchboxes, etc. it will be returned to your child! Please have them check the stage in the cafeteria for any items they may be missing.

We are going to have a great year!

Fort Mill School Board Policy: JICA Student Dress/Uniforms

Issued 1/20 Purpose: Adopted prior to 1975; Revised 3/6/86, 6/21/99, 1/21/14, 5/16/17, 1/21/20

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for determining appropriate dress standards for students.

Although the responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with each student and his/her parent/legal guardian, students are expected to show pride in themselves and their schools by having their dress and appearance in accordance with good acceptable standards. The school administration and board discourage extreme styles of dress and grooming.

- Students will dress in appropriate attire. Students are expected to dress in clothing that abides the district dress code policy. Logos or clothing that promotes alcohol, drugs, tobacco, racism, hate, gang affiliation, nudity, violence or profanity is not allowed. No clothing or accessories are allowed to disrupt the educational process. The administration reserves the right to determine what is appropriate for school.
- Dress code violations will be handled with dignity, discretion and respect toward all students by school staff members throughout the district.
- The school board may establish such administrative rules and procedures as necessary to enforce this policy.

In addition, the Springfield Middle School Dress Code guidelines are:

- Proper shoes must be worn at all times for safety reasons. Shoes with cleats may not be worn outside of sanctioned athletic events.
- Students may wear shorts, dresses, skirts, etc. whose length is no shorter than the mid-thigh. Tops must be long enough that they can be tucked into pants or shorts. No headwear (hats, caps, hoods, etc.) or sunglasses may be worn in the building by students upon arrival and until dismissal.
- The following items are not appropriate for school: undergarments that are visible, pants or jeans with holes, tears, or tattered to the extent that skin or undergarments are visible above the mid-thigh, see-through garments showing skin or undergarments above the mid-thigh, and tops with straps that are less than 3-fingers wide.
- If there is a disagreement between students and/or parents/legal guardians and the staff regarding the appropriateness of clothing, the administration will use discretion to make the decision. Disciplinary action regarding the enforcement of this policy is listed below.
- Violations will result in the following:
 - if violation can be resolved in a timely manner, student will remain/return to class without further disciplinary action
 - if there are three (3) unresolved offenses/violations, all subsequent violations will require parent conference and detention
 - In all offense levels, if the article of clothing promotes extreme offenses such as acts of violence, profanity, nudity, hate-filled language, or other conditions presenting a potential disruption to the learning environment, then the student may be sent to ISS until suitable clothing is brought to the school.