

COLUMBIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

2025-2026



MISSION STATEMENT

Columbia Middle School's mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, academically challenging learning environment where students prepare to become responsible citizens in a culturally diverse society.

Raiders LEAD

L – Lifelong Learners

E – Exhibit Positive Behavior

A – Act Responsibly

D – Determined to Succeed

At CMS, we want students to be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

	Teacher	Time
1 st Period		
2 nd Period		
3 rd Period		
4 th Period		
5 th Period		
6 th Period		

GRADING SYSTEM/REPORT CARDS

Letter grades will be assigned from according to assignments and assessments as shown:

90-100 A	70-72 D
80-89 B	Below 70 F
73-79 C	

Report cards are issued at the conclusion of each grading period. Progress reports are sent four times during the school year; this will be during the fifth week of each grading period so students have four weeks remaining to improve grades. Please monitor grades through Parent Portal.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Promptness and Tardiness

Through the daily routine at the middle school, we encourage students to make responsible decisions about their use of time. Students are expected to attend school daily and arrive on time for all classes.

Arrival and Departure of Students

Students are not to be dropped off at school before 7:00 AM. First period begins at 7:30 a.m. Students should arrive no later than 7:20 a.m., as we expect students to be on time for all classes. Students arriving late to school must sign in at the main office. Only confirmed medical reasons will be accepted as excused tardies.

There is no outside supervision available for students before 7:00 AM or after 3:00 PM. Students should not be on campus outside of these hours unless direct supervision of a coach or club sponsor for an authorized event or practice.

Students who are purchasing a school breakfast are to go to the cafeteria upon arrival at school and eat breakfast in a timely manner and must be in their homeroom by 7:30 AM. Students not purchasing breakfast are to report directly to the gym.

Also, there is no student pick-up during dismissal preparation/dismissal beginning at 2:15 PM.

Drop off and pick up must be in the car rider line immediately in front of the school.

No vehicles are allowed in the Bus Zone. Students must leave the bus zone areas immediately after unloading from the bus in the morning. Parents are to drop-off and pick-up students in the approved supervised drop zone. No drop offs are permitted behind the school, at the ball fields, or the teacher parking lots. Students who walk home or who are picked up by parents are to leave campus immediately and are not to go to the bus loading area.

Students will remain with their last period teacher until dismissed by the office. Students may not visit other classrooms or the gym to exchange books or personal items.

Students must have a note from a parent/guardian if he/she is planning to stay for an after-school activity or if planning to change the usual way of going home. This note must be brought to the office in the morning in order to receive permission. Please make sure to list phone numbers where a parent may be reached so the note can be verified. Students may pick up their approved notes prior to the end of the school day.

PROCEDURES FOR SIGNING IN/OUT OF SCHOOL

Students who arrive late must be signed-in or who leave early must be signed-out in the main office by the parent or guardian. In order for a late arrival/early departure to be documented as excused, a medical note must be turned in to the front office.

Parents must always provide identification when picking up their child. Only parties listed in the student information system may pick up a student. **Please make sure you complete the annual update in Parent Portal and verify your emergency contact and those authorized to pick up your child.**

SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION

Information for parents is often sent home with the students. Students have the responsibility to bring these school communications to the parents. Many items such as disciplinary referrals and permission forms require a parent signature and return to the school to make sure the parent has seen the information. Any attempt by a student to forge a parent's signature on a document, note, or other form of communication may result in In-School Suspension.

Please be sure and sign up for Parent Portal to see important information regarding student work and grades. It is vital that you complete the annual update to ensure your contact information is up to date.

Absences

Students are expected to attend school daily. Students are also expected to arrive to school and each class on time. Failure to arrive to school or class on time will result in disciplinary action.

A parental or medical excuse will be required within five (5) school days of return to school upon absence; otherwise, the absence will not be considered excused and make-up opportunity will not be afforded. Only five excuses written by a parent for student illness will be allowed per semester; after that a valid excuse from a health care professional will be required. *It will be the student's responsibility to complete all make-up work upon return to school and to complete all assignments within a reasonable time.*

Be advised that an accumulation of absences can result in the student and/or parents being referred to juvenile authorities for truancy; refer to the Student Code of Conduct for details of this policy.

Students who have emergencies necessitating their absence from school for a portion of the school day must have been present for half of the school day to be counted present. When there is cause necessitating an individual student to be excused from school during the school day, the student shall be released from school only by his or her parent(s) or legal guardian or upon request by letter or telephone from the parent or guardian.

Attendance Policy JBD is mandated by CCSD and may be found in the Code of Conduct.

TARDINESS

Time in class and time on task are essential to your success in school and to preserve instruction time for the teacher and other students. In accordance with the CCBOE Code of Conduct, our tardy policy and procedures are as follows:

Tardy To School: First period begins at 7:30 AM. If you are not in the classroom when the 7:30 bell rings, you will be counted tardy to school. You will need to sign in at the front office and you will receive a pass to class. The only excused tardies are those excused with a Doctor's note. If your child arrives on a late bus, it is not counted against the number of tardies.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tardy to School = Documentation in Attendance Record

4th Tardy to School = Student is called to office and verbally warned.

5th Tardy to School = Parent receives a phone notification.

6th Tardy to School = Student is assigned to detention.

7th Tardy to School = Student is assigned to 2 days of detention.

8th Tardy to School = Student is assigned to Saturday School

9th Tardy to School = Saturday school + admin/parent conference.

10th Tardy and beyond = Saturday school + referral to outside agency.

Tardy To Class: Each class begins on time according to your class schedule. Time is allotted between classes for class change. Students are given specific times for restroom breaks. Students who are not inside the classroom when the class tardy bell rings will be counted as tardy to class. Tardies to each class will be documented by the classroom teacher. Upon the 4th tardy to a class, the student will receive a warning. Each additional tardy will be referred to the office and will result in the following consequence:

4th Tardy to Class = Verbal Warning to student

5th Tardy to Class = Phone call home

6th Tardy to Class = 1 day of Detention

6th Tardy to Class = 2 days of Detention

7th Tardy to Class = 2 days of Detention

8th Tardy to Class and each additional tardy to Class = Saturday School.

A student who is more than five minutes late to class may be considered as skipping. Class and school tardies reset at the semester break. First semester is August through the end of December. Second semester is January through the end of the school year.

GENERAL SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION

BOOK BAGS

Book bags can be used to carry books and materials to and from school. Students may bring book bags to class and place the bag in the designated area by the teacher. Girls' hand bags should be small enough to fit under desks. Only small, drawstring bags will be permitted for items for PE. Students will not be allowed to go to the book bag during class without teacher permission. The book bag will also be used to house students' electronic devices.

SEARCHES OF STUDENTS BELONGINGS

Any student may be searched whenever there is reasonable suspicion and/or circumstances that the student has violated either the law or the rules of the school. Such a search may include bookbags, student purses, possessions, and clothing.

STUDENT MESSAGES AND GIFTS

Only messages of an emergency nature will be delivered to students in order to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. Gifts and flowers will not be accepted for students.

USE OF TELEPHONE BY STUDENTS

The office telephone may be used by students for emergencies such as illness only. It is the responsibility of the teacher to determine if a student's request to be dismissed from class to use the phone is justified. Students needing access to the phone will be sent to the office. The student must have a hall pass and must sign the register so that phone calls can be monitored.

CAFETERIA RULES AND COURTESY GUIDELINES

Columbia County's commitment to offering students a superior education which extends to the meals that we provide for students. The school aspires to provide the highest possible quality in its breakfast and lunch programs, and is dedicated to meeting high standards of nutrition, taste, attractiveness, and accurate delivery.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to complete a Free and Reduced Priced Meals Application for their student so that payment status can be established.

Students may purchase a meal daily, \$1.50 for breakfast or \$ 0 reduced and \$3.10 for lunch or \$.0 (reduced). Breakfast is served from 7:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. If the student wishes to purchase a double lunch - the first lunch is at the student cost, the second portion is charged extra depending on the item.

Students needing to charge a lunch must see the cafeteria manager.

Parents may make breakfast/lunch payments by cash or check directly at the cafeteria. Online payment options will also be available for parents wishing to pay by credit card through EZ

School Pay. Parents are encouraged not to send cash with their student to avoid the risk of loss or theft.

- Students are not allowed to take any food or drinks out of the cafeteria.
- Eating and/or drinking is not allowed in the library, hallways, or gym.
- Eating is not allowed in the classroom unless a student has permission from a teacher or administrator.
- Only clear, plastic water bottles are allowed in the classrooms.
- Food brought from home must be in a lunch box or paper bag. Soft drinks from home are discouraged.
- Glass bottles and Energy Drinks are not allowed at school.

Students are responsible for cleaning up their lunch area each day. Tables must be cleared and trash must be discarded in containers provided before the students will be dismissed from the lunchroom.

Students must sit where assigned and may not leave the lunchroom table without permission from the teacher who accompanies them to lunch. Throwing items in the lunchroom will result in a disciplinary referral and consequence.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Use of electronic communication devices is prohibited during the school day unless prior approval from an administrator or teacher is given for instructional purposes only. Devices will remain in the students' book bag during the school day unless they are being used for instructional purposes. Students are responsible for following their teachers' directives. The school district is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged communication devices. The school day is defined as 7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Personal headphones or earbuds are not allowed at Columbia Middle School. Students who choose to bring them to school must secure them in their bookbags during the school day. Students will be allowed to use personal headphones for instructional purposes only.

Phones/headphones/earbuds should not be used during transitions. If a student needs to contact their parent, they should ask for their agenda pass to be signed to be given permission to visit the front office to use the telephone.

HALL PASSES

Students are not permitted in the halls during class periods unless accompanied by a teacher or in possession of their agenda which contains their hall pass signed by a teacher or staff member. Students must have a pass to see a teacher, counselor, principal, go to the media center, or to

use the telephone. Students in the hallway without a pass or in a location not stated on the pass will be considered skipping class and will receive appropriate consequences.

HALLWAY BEHAVIOR

In order to keep the noise at a minimum and to ensure student safety, students should be quiet and courteous in the hallways at all times. Class changes are to be as quick and quiet as possible. Always walk on the right side of the hall. Restrooms are not to be used during class changes unless the teacher gives permission. Students running, playing around, using profanity, or yelling in the hallways will be considered to be engaging in Disorderly Conduct. Consequences consistent with the Code of Conduct will be applied.

Students may not buy, sell, barter, or trade items from/to each other at school.

HOMEWORK

Home study is a necessary part of school. Students will be expected to spend time doing homework in addition to attending their scheduled classes to achieve satisfactory progress. Some assignments are long-range in nature and require planned study time for completion. Students are strongly encouraged to develop good study habits. Study buddies in each class are helpful in order to discuss or retrieve missed work when absent. Homework policies are developed in each class or grade level team to promote the success and learning of all students and deter failing grades. Parents are reminded that daily reading is a part of homework.

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ITEMS UNNECESSARY FOR SCHOOL

Items which are unnecessary for instruction should be left at home. Electronic items such as laser pointers, radios, electronic games, electronic pets, etc. are not allowed at school. Other

play items such as yo-yo's, etc. are not allowed in school. Personal grooming items must remain put-away and are not to be used in class. Any items that disrupt school will be confiscated by the teacher and checked in at the office. Only parents may pick up confiscated items. Repeated occurrences will result in disciplinary action. Student's refusal to hand items to the teacher or other school personnel will result in placement into ISS. Only items needed for school activities should be brought to school. Students who discover that they have brought personal property items mentioned above to school by mistake may voluntarily turn the item in to school personnel without consequences if they do so at the first chance they have. The school recommends that expensive items or large sums of money should not be brought to school. **The school personnel will not be responsible for these items and will not interrupt instructional activities if they are lost or stolen.**

Cell phones and other devices (including ear buds, headphones, etc...) are to be kept in the student's bookbag at all times. Bookbags are to be placed and kept in the area designated by the classroom teacher. Students are not permitted to use cell phones/smart watches/music devices/earbuds or other electronic devices during school hours unless at the direction of the teacher for instructional purposes.

INTERNET USAGE

County policy requires permission forms be filled out and signed by parents allowing students access to the Internet. These forms are kept on file and are checked by teachers before students are allowed to use the Internet. The Internet is used for instructional purposes only. Students who come to the CMS Learning Commons to use the Internet must have a pass, signed by the teacher, with a specific topic to research. Proper use of the internet and sites are expected. Misuse will result in discipline according to the Code of Conduct for the Columbia County School System.

The universal nature of the Internet makes it necessary to use care when identifying students on individual school and system web sites. Unless a parent objects in writing to the principal of the school where the child is enrolled, the Columbia County School System and individual schools may periodically acknowledge student work, activities, and/or achievement on their web sites. Such information about your child will be limited to photographs, student's first name, school, grade level, and/or student work.

INFORMATION ON DISTRICT/SCHOOL WEBSITE

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LEARNING COMMONS

The Learning Commons is an information center. The main seating area is used for group work, independent study, and research. The Learning Commons functions to enrich the curriculum by offering a variety of materials for students and teachers. The School Store is also located in the Learning Commons. The Learning Commons operation guidelines, rules, and regulations include:

1. The Learning Commons is open one-half hour before and after school, and throughout the school day for book checkout, return, and other services.
2. Books are checked out for two weeks and may be renewed on the due date.
3. Reserved books, reference books, and magazines may be checked out over night.
4. A student ID or number is required for book checkout.
5. When books are lost, the full price of the book must be paid. If a book is damaged, an appropriate fee will be charged.

LOST AND FOUND

Any found articles at school are to be taken to the plastic bin which is located at the beginning of each hallway. It is strongly urged that parents distinctly label all personal possessions that a student may be bringing to school. *All unclaimed articles will be donated to a charity at the end of each nine weeks.*

Students who have lost or had property stolen must immediately report the loss to a teacher or administrator. The student should make a written report on the details of the loss and turn the report in to the main office.

Students should not bring valuable items such as cameras, leather coats, radios, expensive jewelry, or large sums of money to school. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

MEDICATION AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

All prescription drugs must be in the original container from the pharmacy. The student's name must be clearly marked with proper documentation on file in the office.

All over-the-counter medication (Tylenol, cough syrup, cough drops, cold medications, etc....) must be in the original container - no plastic bags, Tupperware, or discarded containers from previous medications. The student's name must be clearly marked.

All medications, prescription or over-the-counter, medicines must be kept in the nurse's clinic located in the front office. If the student needs to take the medication home at the end of the day, he/she may pick it up at the end of the day during dismissal.

The office should be immediately notified in writing by the parent/guardian of any special medical conditions. Appropriate medication must be placed in the office unless other arrangements need to be made. Special arrangements for medication must be approved by the administration. A note from the parent stating specifically when the student is to take the medication is required. A note stating "as needed" does not contain specific direction.

Students are not allowed to carry or store any medication, including over-the-counter medication at school. Students who possess, carry, pass or take medication without following medication policies are subject to disciplinary action according to the drug policy in the Columbia County School Code of Conduct.

Students are required to be fever free (less than 100.0 oral) for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone before returning to school. Fever should be gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal is a web-based program for parents and students to receive student grades and other information stored within the Columbia County Schools' student information system on their home computer. For more information or assistance contact the CMS guidance office.

STUDENT COMMUNICATION

Numerous communications are made to students on a daily basis through announcements, teacher websites, Google Classroom, Remind, bulletin boards, newsletters, and the distribution of literature.

VISITORS

All visitors must check in at the office prior to visiting a classroom. Parents or guardians are welcomed to visit or observe in classrooms, provided it does not interfere with instruction or student safety. Arrangements must be made through the front office and a visitor pass is required.

DRESS CODE

Please refer to the Columbia County Middle School Code of Conduct. Student who violate the dress code will be required to change to appropriate attire before they will be allowed in class. Students who are unable to obtain appropriate attire will be placed in ISS for the remainder of the school day. A second dress code violation will result in detention. Third and subsequent violations may result in ISS. Defiance of the dress code will be treated as willful refusal with appropriate suspensions.

SCHOOL BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

A copy of the Columbia County Board of Education Code of Conduct for Middle School Students is reviewed with students at the beginning of the year. The document is available on the CCBOE website and parents are asked to review the Code with students. It spells out student rights and responsibilities while under the jurisdiction of the school. It also gives procedures to be followed in disciplinary cases.

Please complete your annual update in Parent Portal and acknowledge that you have reviewed the Code of Conduct as described.

Students are expected to behave as reasonable and responsible individuals. Courtesy toward others is essential, as is safety. Various corrective actions can be taken when a student misbehaves. The severity of action will depend on how serious the misbehavior was and on the student's past behavior. The teacher will handle classroom discipline in most cases. Actions they may take include but are not limited to reprimands, separation from other classmates, parent contacts, detention, Saturday and finally, referral to a school administrator.

Students who are suspended from school are not allowed to be on school property or at any school related activity for the duration of the suspensions.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

The following consequences will be applied by the administration according to the severity of the misconduct, the number of previous offenses and the Code of Conduct for Columbia County Schools.

Detention / Saturday School

1. Students must bring school materials to work on during detention.
2. No sleeping, lounging, or laying head on desk.
3. No talking or other interaction between students is allowed.
4. No cell phone or other electronic devices may be used.
5. Students must be on time.
6. Failure to follow detention/Saturday School rules will result in no credit and/or disciplinary action.
7. Students who miss detention/Saturday school without making prior arrangements to reschedule will be assigned to ISS.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

In-School Suspension is an alternative to suspension. The administration may assign the student to ISS. This removes the student from the regular classroom. The student will work on assignments similar to his/her regular classroom. One full day of ISS, provided the student completes all assignments, would be equivalent to one day of suspension. Students are to bring all textbooks to ISS on each assigned day. Students assigned to ISS must report directly to the main office immediately upon arrival to the school campus. They are not allowed to go anywhere on campus. Violation of this procedure may result in additional days of ISS or suspension from school

ISS CLASSROOM RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All Columbia County and CMS school rules apply.
2. Students placed in ISS are not permitted to participate in any extra-curricular activities for the duration of time the student is in ISS. This includes participating in or watching any practices, competitions, or any other after-school event on any Columbia County School System campus.
3. Students will raise their hand when they have finished an assignment. The teacher will collect that assignment and give the student another assignment. Students are not to turn around in their seats or speak out unless spoken to by the teacher.

4. Assignments made by the classroom teachers or by the ISS teacher are the only assignments to be worked on in ISS.
5. Student will work at all times while in ISS.
6. All desks will be clean and all materials will be picked up off the floor at the end of the school day.
7. There will be one (1) restroom break in the morning and one (1) restroom break after lunch. There will be no talking or other forms of communication going to or from the restroom or lunch.
8. Any partial or full-day absences from ISS must be made-up.
9. Rule infractions will result in additional days of ISS and/or Out of School suspension.
10. Students who are suspended Out-Of-School for misbehavior in ISS must complete assigned ISS days when they return to school before they are allowed to return to regular classes.
11. If additional days of ISS are assigned by the ISS teacher, the additional days will not be counted toward the cumulative number of days per year.

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION

The student is removed from all aspects of the school program for one to ten days per offense. The days spent out of school will count against the student's attendance record. Students who have been suspended out of school may not participate in any extracurricular activities. This includes tryouts, practices, or competitions. Suspended students are not to be on any Columbia County school property during their suspension. Suspended students will be afforded the opportunity to complete major assignments or tests if the suspension was the original consequence. Parents who choose out-of-school suspension in place of another consequence or who are assigned out-of-school suspension for failure to complete another consequence are not allowed to make-up assignments or tests which come due during their suspension.

BUS BEHAVIOR AND EXPECTATIONS

The proper behavior among students while being transported on a bus is fundamental to safety. The lack of appropriate behavior on the bus has an effect on every student's safety. The most dangerous aspect of unruly behavior is the distraction it causes to the bus driver, whose main focus is concentrating on traffic conditions, not on discipline. Any behavior that causes the driver to shift their attention from traffic to discipline will not be tolerated. Safe student transportation for all students is our goal.

CMS School Bus Discipline Policy

1. **Because misconduct by even one student creates an unsafe condition for all students, the rules will be strictly enforced.**

- 2. Riding on the bus is a privilege that may be suspended or revoked when a student does not behave in an appropriate manner.**

TORNADO/FIRE/SAFETY DRILLS

Tornado, fire, and other safety drills will be conducted in an orderly manner. Such drills will be held periodically during the school year. An evacuation chart is posted in each room. Proper behavior during drills is vital for student safety. Misbehavior or failure to follow directions during a drill will result in disciplinary action. Students who maliciously pull the fire alarm will be suspended.

LOITERING ON CAMPUS

No student or other persons are allowed to loiter on school grounds. Students who are absent for the day or suspended are not to be on the campus without permission from the school office. Students on campus without permission may be charged with trespassing.

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING

The guidance counselors are available to help students develop their educational, social, career, and personal strengths and become responsible and productive citizens. Intervention may be provided through:

- Classroom Guidance- large group instruction focusing on the general needs, interests, concerns, and behaviors of all students.
- Small Group counseling- two or more students working with a counselor discussing a specific area of concern to develop positive relationships, solve problems, and work toward goals. Parental permission is required.
- Individual Counseling- personal and private interaction between a counselor and a student in which they work together on a personal or academic concern. Parents will be notified if the concern affects the safety of the student or others.
- A student can make a self-referral for counseling by completing a Student Referral Form or indicating to a staff member the desire for individual counseling.

A parent has the right to elect, by signing a waiver form, to have his/her child not participate in guidance counseling activities.

Counselors abide by the ethical code of confidentiality of their profession, with regard to counseling involving personal issues. Confidentiality will be broken if:

- There is reason to suspect child abuse or neglect.
- There is a reason to believe the student is intending to harm him or herself.
- There is reason to believe a student is planning to harm another student and he/she cannot be deterred from this action.
- A pass is required by a teacher to speak with a counselor upon availability.

Military Family Life Counselor

- Masters or Doctorate-level licensed counselors specializing in child and youth behavioral issues.
- Available at no cost to assist children and youth, parents, family members and staff of child and youth programs.
- Available to provide short-term, non-medical counseling support.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We encourage students to participate in after-school activities. Please remember, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to pick students up at the designated time. Students unable to obtain transportation to or from an activity at the appropriate time must not attend. Failure to obtain transportation may result in loss of privilege to attend after-school activities. Students who are serving any form of suspension are not eligible to participate or attend extracurricular activities for the duration of the suspension.

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

A student must pass 5 of 6 subjects during the preceding semester in order to be eligible to participate in any interscholastic competitive activity. Activities under this policy include but are not limited to all sports, cheerleading, literary meets and academic bowls. Students participating in sports must have a yearly physical examination and provide the school with proof of insurance. All documentation must be on file in the school office prior to practice or any type of participation. Coaches or activity sponsors will provide you with any needed forms and with information regarding all rules and regulations.

AFTER SCHOOL DANCES

All school and county rules apply during all afterschool activities, including dances.

Only Columbia Middle School students may attend. Once inside, students may not leave early unless escorted by a guardian. It is recommended that if you plan to pick up your child other than at the conclusion of the dance, you arrange a predetermined time for them to meet you in the lobby. It can take several minutes to locate your child in the dance environment.

Students are not permitted to run or engage in horseplay as this is a safety concern.

Concessions are available for purchase, but food and drink items may not be taken onto the dance floor.

Rides home must be arranged before you come to the dance. All students must be picked up promptly at the end of the dance. Students who are not picked up in a timely manner will be turned over to the police to supervise until a parent or guardian picks them up. Repeated violations of not picking a student up on time may result in the student not being allowed to attend dances.

Dancing guidelines: Hands above waist of dance partner- no tight contact

No dancing that results in hard physical contact (bumping, slamming, etc.)

No distasteful or inappropriate dance moves allowed. Students who continually violate dance rules will be removed from the dance. Additional discipline may follow and the student may not be allowed to attend other dances.