

Asheville Middle School

Family and Student

Handbook

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Vision

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Welcome to Asheville Middle School. We are looking forward to another great school year, continuing to grow and strengthen our Cougar community.

We will work together to strive for academic excellence and take advantage of all of the amazing things that make AMS a great place to Learn, Discover and Thrive.

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Asheville Middle School *Important Items to Know*

Classroom Procedures and General Conduct: Students are expected to behave at all times in a manner that will bring credit to themselves, their school, family and community. It is important for students to recognize that they are responsible for their behavior on the way to and from school, during school hours, on the bus and at all school events. AMS staff help to monitor student behavior and provide a safe and productive learning environment. We want students to develop habits of mind that reinforce R.O.A.R.

Discipline: In order for any organization to function properly, there must be certain expectations for performance. Asheville Middle School has expectations for behavior that will provide for an orderly school atmosphere. Our goal is to develop students who are self-disciplined and able to make good judgments about acceptable behavior. Our philosophy is that no student should be allowed to disrupt the learning of another student. AMS utilizes a discipline policy which is explained by each individual teacher to each class at the beginning of the school year. Rules and expectations for behavior are posted in classrooms.

R.O.A.R.: R-Responsibility, O-Organization, A-Achievement, R-Respect. Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) gives our students a framework to understand the expectations for behavior in the hallways, bathroom, cafeteria, classrooms, and grounds.

1:1 Chromebook Take Home: Students at AMS will be assigned a Chromebook for their use both at school and at home. It is important that students build good habits surrounding the use of their chromebooks (bring them to school, being fully charged, etc.). This is an exciting opportunity for our students to engage in 21st century learning.

First Aid and Illness: Only students who have been given written permission may go into the nurse's office. You will be allowed to lie down in the nurse's office with the permission from the nurse, an administrator, or office personnel. Medications, such as aspirin, are not given to students.

Lost & Found: It is helpful that all personal items such as clothing, books, sports equipment, etc. are clearly labeled in indelible ink. The school cannot be responsible for any of these items. If items are clearly marked, we will make every effort to return the item. If we are unable to return an item, it will be placed in the lost and found. Please check with your homeroom teacher if you have lost something.

Student Guest Policy: Unfortunately, no student guests are permitted on campus due to district liability insurance.

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