

Welcome to the Wolf Pack!

Information Night for Families and Future 6th Graders

Risdon Middle School

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- Administrative Team and Safety Officer - Quick Introductions
- What is Information Night?





RISDON
— MIDDLE SCHOOL —

Our Vision:

***Fostering curious, capable,
courageous, compassionate
learners.***

Communication of Events and Info:



Daily bulletin – read each day over PA and posted on our school website



Weekly info email to families – be sure your email address is up-to-date



Teacher newsletters, websites



Skyward – grades, attendance, lunch account, etc.



Peachjar – general community info flyers

Student Behavior:

Discipline guidelines and other important information can be found in our student handbook (linked from our school website)

“The Renton School District practices **progressive discipline** in response to most student misconduct...”

“The administration reserves the right to issue corrective actions (consequences) **depending on the severity** of individual incidents.”

Student Discipline:

Consequences move up from minor behaviors to major behaviors:

- Defiance of school rules, disrespecting or disrupting the learning environment, health/safety violations, cell phone violations, verbal or physical fighting, harassment/intimidation/bullying, bringing unsafe or illegal substances or items to school

Consequences will also increase as the severity of behavior increases

- Warning/verbal conference, other intervention, detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, long-term suspension.




Social Media and School

- Generally speaking, schools practice NOT getting involved in social media incidents, **unless** there is a nexus (connection) with school.
- Students should avoid engaging in online/electronic bullying or harassment.
- Investigating, mediating, and resolving issues that originated online can lead to very real consequences.


Social Media Concerns:

- Concerning types of behaviors or life-style representations online and on social networking sites may include:
 - peer conflicts
 - gang activity
 - criminal activity
 - drug and alcohol-related activity
 - bullying/harassment
 - sexual harassment or activity
 - illegal/illicit videos (fights, assaults, sexual acts)
 - pornography



Concerns about social media, cont'd:

- Students sometimes share personal information that you may not want “out there” about your student, yourself, or your family.
- Main concern: Students now have easy access and often the sites they can access are completely unsupervised.



Concerns about social media, cont'd:

- Students' images may also be used and posted on other sites *without* their own knowledge or your consent.
- Beware of multiple accounts... student shows you one, uses another.
- Once photos are shared, they can be posted anywhere.

How Parents Can Help:

Explain

Explain your expectations to your student – over and over again (reteach, re-direct, talk about earning trust).

Remind

Remind your student that any disruption connected to or at school involving online activities may result in school consequences.

Supervise

Supervise your student while they are online.

Monitor

Monitor all forms of electronic communication, spot-check the phone – texts, IMs, social media, messaging apps, etc.

How Parents Can Help, cont'd:

Speak to the parents of your student's friends – ensure that your expectations/values for your student are supported in those other households.

Implement firm, consistent, natural consequences in instances where your student violates your expectations for appropriate use of technology (i.e., you're paying the phone bill, so it's okay to stop paying for it, or take the phone away for some portion of time!
😊)

Partnerships:



Our goal in sharing this info is to keep you informed



We are partners in the education of your student



We take a positive approach, focused on creating a safe and caring learning environment



We start by teaching expectations and offering multiple opportunities for students to correct any inappropriate behaviors



We want to work with you to make middle school a positive, enriching experience for your student



We are here for you and your student, so please contact us if you have any questions



Welcome to the Wolf Pack!

Have a great rest of your
evening!