



North Davie Middle School will provide a challenging, motivating, and supportive learning environment to each student to ensure success.

PROWL

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NORTH DAVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT HANDBOOK

WELCOME

On behalf of the staff of North Davie Middle School, welcome to a new year. This student handbook is designed to provide information necessary for a successful experience as a North Davie student. You and your parents should review this handbook each year in order to understand the expectations, procedures, and opportunities which exist for you. We believe in offering a safe, supportive, and caring learning environment that provides all students an opportunity to reach their individual potential. Our school places strong emphasis on developing good character on the part of each individual. We believe that compassion and consideration of others, pride in our school, and service to others go a long way toward building good citizens. You will hear the term **PROWL** often at North Davie in reference to being **Present, Respectful, Organized, Well-rounded Leaders**. These are our Guidelines for Success! Within this concept is the key to positive relationships with others and a good middle school experience. We encourage you to get involved at school -- in your studies, in clubs and organizations, in sports, in the arts, whatever most appeals to you. Getting involved will provide you with many fond memories, new friends, and an education which will take you into the future prepared to be the best person you can be. Our goal is that when you leave North Davie Middle School, you can do so with pride in yourself and your accomplishments.

DAILY SCHEDULE

MORNING ARRIVAL AND AFTERNOON DEPARTURE

7:30 AM: Students may enter the building and eat breakfast or go to their 1st period class.

7:45 AM: 1st period begins. Students arriving at school after 7:45 must sign in at the office.

3:00 PM: Dismissal - Students must go to buses or car riders at this time. Students participating in supervised activities after school (sports, clubs), must report to those locations. Students waiting to attend athletic events should report to the cafeteria to wait to be dismissed to the event. The halls and classrooms are off limits during after school events. Students who leave campus or the area of the event (which includes going to the complex, the store, etc.) when they are supposed to be attending an after-school event or waiting for it to begin, will have their parents called and may lose the privilege of remaining after school for activities.

by 3:15pm: CAR RIDER PICK UP

Car riders, at this age, are considered responsible enough to find their rides in the afternoon without individual loading by staff. Students should never ride home with anyone without the permission of their parents. Please follow the established loading and unloading pattern and the directions of the School Resource Officer and staff. Be patient, drive safely, and move carefully to and from cars. All students should be picked up by **3:15 PM**.

TARDIES TO CLASS

Being prompt is important for everyone. Adequate time is provided for students to transition between classes. Tardies for each class will be dealt with as follows: first and second tardy per quarter - are warnings. If a student is tardy to school 3 or more times in a week they will lose the earned time reward for that week.

EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

Parent notification, in writing, is necessary if anyone besides the custodial parent or persons listed on the student information card attempts to pick up a student, including brothers and sisters. Students must be signed out in the office by an authorized person. Please pick up students before 2:30pm if they are checking-out to ensure you are clear of the parking lot before the car line starts to fill up.

A picture ID will be required when picking up a student.

VISITORS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

As part of our effort to maintain a safe school, visitors, volunteers, and guests must sign in at the office, and anyone needing to leave the office area must receive a visitor's badge. Volunteers and guests should remain in their designated area or notify the office if they plan to be in another part of the building.

MESSAGES

Office staff will be happy to deliver messages to students; however, students will not be called out of class to come to the phone during instruction. Any transportation changes need to be made prior to 2:30PM to ensure time to get the information to the students. Parents should NOT expect to be able to communicate with students via cell phones/text messages during the school day. Students may use school phones to call home if necessary.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

ESTABLISHED BY THE DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A written note with the student's full name and dates absent must accompany all absences. Lawful (excused) absences include:

- Personal illness or injury which makes the student physically unable to attend school.
- Isolation ordered by the State Board of Health.
- Death in the immediate family.
- Medical and dental appointments of the student which cannot be scheduled outside of the school time.

- Participation under subpoena as a witness in a court proceeding.
- Observance of an event required or suggested by the religion of the student or the student's parent(s) with prior approval by the principal.

Students must be at school for 50% of the school day to be counted present. In order to be counted present, a student must sign in before 11:10 or cannot sign out before 11:10. Class attendance and participation are critical elements of the educational process and may be taken into account in assessing academic achievement. The principal will notify parents and will take all other steps required for excessive absences.

Excerpts from DCS Board Policy 4400 (Attendance)

- A student **may miss no more than five days during a nine-week grading period**. Should a student miss more than five days in any class during a grading period, the student will be in danger of failing the class for the quarter. If the student is passing and has excessive absences, the grade **shall be recorded as a 59 percent**. Students in danger of failing solely due to absences should consult their teachers to make a plan for satisfactorily making up time and/or work.
- A student shall be considered tardy if he or she has not reported to homeroom/classroom by the school starting time. An early departure shall be considered any checkout from school prior to the designated dismissal time set. For the purpose of retention, 10 tardies and /or early departures equal one day absent.
- Make-up opportunities shall be designed specific to student needs and/or to compensate for time missed due to absences. Make-up opportunities may be offered before school, after school, or on teacher workdays.
- At the end of each grading period, those students who will lose credit for one or more classes because of absences may appeal the losses. These appeals must be submitted in writing according to the timeline established by the school attendance committee. These appeals should contain a request that the student be granted exception to the attendance policy for that quarter, a statement of any extraordinary circumstances which caused the absences and documentation received in the office during the periods of absences. Therefore, students should provide the office with appropriate documentation from doctors, the court system, or parents at the time of the absences.

A student must be in school to learn. Every priority is given to monitoring absences, notifying parents, and encouraging good attendance. Our intent is to maintain a positive relationship with parents and students as well as an inviting school environment, and we expect each student, with the support of his/her parents, to attend regularly and arrive on time. With this commitment on the part of the home and school, we can better accomplish our purpose for being here.

MAKE-UP WORK

Make-up work for students who are absent may be picked up in the office if a request is made to do so. When picking up student work, please allow 24 hours so that teachers will have the time to collect work and bring it to the office.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Attendance is key to student success, so trips and vacations should be scheduled during school breaks if possible. If a student is traveling on an educational experience that will require them to miss a school day, parents may request that the absences be considered excused. This request must be made of the principal well in advance of the travel, and work products will be required. Absences without prior approval will not be considered for the excusal process.

ACADEMICS

Everyone at North Davie has a job, and each of us is responsible for holding up our part of the educational experience. For teachers, it is important to teach well, maintain classroom safety, and provide a nurturing learning experience. For students, it is important to have a positive attitude, follow directions, try your best, and complete all assignments.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Our BOE Policy 4310 regarding cheating should be taken seriously. Be aware that all instances are dealt with severely. There are many circumstances which allow students to help each other with work at school and at home. Getting assistance to understand an assignment and working in a group in class are two legitimate examples. Seeking information from others or giving information to another student is our definition of cheating. This definition will be applied in all circumstances, even when the offender claims they "did not know they were cheating". If a teacher has determined that a student has cheated on a test or in-class/homework assignment, the student will receive a "0" on the assignment and up to one day of AID.

EOGs

All students will have to complete an End-of-Grade exam for math and English Language Arts (ELA). 8th grade students will also have to complete an EOG in Science. North Carolina law mandates that all students in public schools take EOGs, and there is no option for families to opt out of required EOG testing. The state also allows districts to determine how EOGs will be used when determining a student's final grade. Per Davie County Schools grading procedures, EOGs factor into a student's grades as follows:

- 6th Grade – EOGs count as 10% of the student's final grade
- 7th Grade – EOGs count as 15% of the student's final grade
- 8th Grade – EOGs count as 20% of the student's final grade.

GRADING SCALE

Courses and assignments will be graded on the following scale: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=Below 60

HONOR ROLL

Students who receive all A's, A's and B's, or all B's will make the honor roll each grading period. The Principal's Roll recognizes students who demonstrate significant effort and academic improvement. All classes at North Davie count toward the honor roll. A truly well-educated person is schooled in the arts, physical education, and in technical areas. Students need to value all areas equally in regards to making the honor roll.

POWERSCHOOL

All students have access to the PowerSchool portal. Absences, tardies, and grades are recorded in PowerSchool. Absences and tardies are reported daily, and grades are updated weekly. Parents are encouraged to set up an access account in PowerSchool. A photo ID is required to receive the account registration information.

PROGRESS REPORTS

All students will have progress reports sent home in the middle of each quarter. In February and at the beginning of the last grading period, parents of students who are at risk of being retained will be contacted. Progress Report distribution days are marked on the district calendar.

REPORT CARDS

Grades are reported at the end of each quarter (9 weeks) with report cards. At the end of the first grading period a student-led parent conference is held. Report cards must be signed by parents and returned to school.

ZERO POLICY

Unfortunately, there are far too many students who choose to disregard work assignments. Each team will determine how work is made up when it is not turned in on time. Students with Zeros on work will lose Reward Time that week and will use that time to complete the work. A student who accumulates three zeros in a class will automatically receive an infraction slip which may include additional loss of a privileges.

PROWL TIME

Prowl Time is an academic experience based on student need. Activities range from acceleration to intense academic interventions targeting areas of weakness. Character education will also be a focus during PROWL Time with lessons and activities designed to build moral integrity and social/emotional health.

ADMINISTRATIVE

COUNSELING

We have a counselor who is here to help students. If you need her assistance, fill out a form in the counseling center and you will be contacted. Students visiting the counseling center are required to have permission from their teacher to be absent or late for any class.

CUSTODY ISSUES

We may not deny a parent access to his or her child unless we have court documentation prohibiting that parent from being with his or her child. A parent who has been given custody may not deny the other parent access to his or her child unless the court has made this decision. Please call if this situation affects you to make sure we have appropriate documentation.

PE LOCKERS

School lockers are the property of the school, and remain under the school's control and are subject to inspection by school officials at any time. Lockers may not be shared with other students or traded between students. Only school locks may be used on lockers and students are required to use the locks consistently throughout the year. Students must rent a lock for their hallway locker from the school for a fee of \$3.00. These locks will be issued at the beginning of the school year. P.E. students will be issued a lock for gym lockers.

LOST OR DAMAGED MATERIALS

Students who lose or damage school-owned materials or property will be charged a damage or replacement fee.

LOST AND FOUND

All personal belongings found on school grounds should be turned in to the gym. Having possession of items which do not belong to an individual will be considered stealing. Any student missing personal items should check the office or PE department at intervals to see if their items have been turned in. Students should check before and after school, not during classes. Unclaimed articles will be donated to charity after a legitimate amount of time. Please place your name in all personal items.

FUNDRAISING

To help bear the expense of instructional materials and resources, the PTO, the Athletic Booster Club, and other school clubs and organizations provide additional support for the school. Throughout the year many opportunities and needs for financial support are communicated to the home.

STUDENT MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

School employees are authorized to administer drugs or medication when all of the following conditions have been met:

- a. The student's parent or legal custodian has made a written request that school personnel administer the drug or medication to the student and has given explicit written instructions describing the manner in which the drug or medication is to be administered;
- b. A physician has prescribed the drug or medication for use by the student (for over-the-counter medications as well as medications available only by a physician's prescription);
- c. A physician has certified that administration of the drug or medication to the student during the school day is necessary (for over-the-counter medications as well as medications available only by a physician's prescription); and
- d. The employee administers the drug or medication pursuant to the written physician order provided by the student's parent or legal custodian.

Students should NOT administer over the counter medications brought from home to themselves or to anyone else.

STUDENT FEES

Each student must pay a student fee (\$20), Encore/PE Fee (\$5) and a technology fee (\$25). The student fee may be waived for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. However, the technology fee may not be waived under any circumstance. Fees that are unpaid will follow the student through to high school graduation and could affect graduation status.

CALCULATORS

Students are encouraged to purchase their own calculator for school. Students in 6th and 7th grade will need TI-34 calculators. Students in 8th grade will need TI-84 graphing calculators. Calculators necessary for student success may be accessed via the student's Chromebook, but many students prefer to use an actual calculator instead.

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

STUDENT ACCOUNT

Each student is assigned a number by the cafeteria's computerized accounting system. This system also allows each student to have an account. This account allows you to prepay for your student's breakfast, lunch, and a la carte items. Breakfast and lunch are free for all students again during the 2021-2022 school year; however, students often want to buy extra items from the cafeteria.

SENDING MONEY TO THE CAFETERIA

Your student can put money on his/her account during breakfast or lunch time. If you send a check, please make sure your student's name and lunch number are on it, and that it is written in blue or black ink. Payments may also be made online via the K-12 payment center linked to the NDMS webpage (<https://www.k12paymentcenter.com/>) All money will go on your child's account.

GUESTS AT LUNCH

Due to the issue of safety, only parents and grandparents should eat lunch with students. Any other adult wishing to eat with a student must have written permission from that student's parent. Students (K-12) from other schools are not allowed to eat in the North Davie cafeteria as a guest of a North Davie student.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Your time at North Davie will be a successful experience if you interact well with others. If you treat others as you would like to be treated, there is little potential for conflicts. It will be the policy of North Davie to deal very seriously with incidents of threats to others and the possession of drugs or dangerous weapons on campus. At North Davie we will focus on the rewards of good behavior. The rights and privileges extended to all students will be the source of consequences if inappropriate behavior occurs. The following information regarding our behavior management system provides you with a guide for what to expect if concerns arise. ([reference DCS Student Code](#))

TEAM REFERRALS

When a teacher judges the misbehavior of a student to be significantly inappropriate or if a student accumulates enough infractions (slips) to meet the established number designated by their grade level, the teacher will issue a team referral and an assigned consequence. Every instance of misbehavior which receives a consequence may not result in a referral. Minor infractions include but are not limited to talking at inappropriate times, not being prepared, zeroes, and off task behaviors. Frequent and severe incidences of misbehavior justify receiving a referral. Parent contact will be made when a referral is given. An email or leaving a message on an answering machine is considered a parent contact.

OFFICE REFERRALS

Office referrals are written when a student moves to level 1 or when a student commits a major infraction. These infractions can include but are not limited to: cheating, forgery, fighting, stealing, bullying, inappropriate language, vandalism, willful disobedience, and damage to school or personal property. Office referrals may prevent participation in academic and/or reward field trips.

LEVELS

All students will begin the year at LEVEL 3 which includes all the privileges that go with being a NDMS student. These privileges will be combined with special incentives offered by the individual teams and the school. If students demonstrate a pattern of misbehavior, they will be moved to a lower level (the lower the level, the fewer privileges given to a student). Students need to understand that their actions

have consequences. Positive behavior has positive consequences while negative actions have negative consequences. Any privilege at school can be denied as a consequence for misbehavior. A change in level is not always necessary. Each level offers a formal change in status at school. Students are reviewed by their team weekly after dropping a level. Teams may choose to raise the student one level if the positive behavior has been exhibited, or remain on the same level if any inappropriate behavior is observed. Levels are ongoing from the beginning of the year until the end.

Level 3: All students begin the year on level 3. Criteria: Students who have no referrals, or who have demonstrated at least 5 school days of appropriate behavior at level 2.

Privileges: Attendance at all school functions and activities, reward time on Fridays, reward field trips and activities by grade level.

Level 2: Criteria: Students who have received a referral due to an accumulation of infraction slips, OR students who have demonstrated at least 5 school days of consistent appropriate behavior at level 1.

Privileges: Extracurricular activities and field trips.

Consequences: Loss of reward time on Friday, loss of reward trips/activities, silent lunch (3 days). Coaches, club sponsors notified.

Level 1: Criteria: Students who receive a referral due to an accumulation of infraction slips while on level 2 OR due to receiving an office referral that is processed with AID or OSS.

Privileges: After school practices/meetings only.

Consequences: A student on level 1 will be assigned AID and have no school privileges for 5 school days from the time the incident is processed. Loss of privileges while on level 1 would include dances, sporting events, after school activities, field trips, etc. Students will have silent lunch while on level 1, a minimum of 5 school days. Athletes that move to Level 1 for the 2nd time in a season will be removed from that team. Students may not participate in sports practice, games or club meetings the day AID is served. Athletes will miss a minimum of 1 game while on Level 1. Club sponsors will be notified, and students may be removed from the club.

Changes in level: Students will move up one level after demonstrating appropriate behavior. Teams meet weekly to review student behavior. The first time a student with no more than one previous office referral goes directly to level 1, he/she will return to his/her original level after a week of productive school behavior. A student who is assigned AID or OSS will automatically be assigned to level 1. Consequences that are associated with AID and OSS are effective from the point the discipline referral is written by an administrator. Other consequences can be assigned per administration as deemed appropriate. **Be advised that depending on timelines and the nature of the field trip, some trips may be non-refundable.**

CONSEQUENCES

Consequences may be given for major infractions requiring an office referral. These consequences may include, but are not limited to:

AID: Alternative Instructional Day. Students spend the school day in a separate classroom from their peers. Work from classes will be completed and community service may also be required.

Out of School Suspension: Students may be suspended from school for 1-10 days in a short-term suspension. At the administrators discretion, students on suspension may attend classes at Central Davie Academy for the course of the suspension.

Community Service: Students can be assigned community service throughout the school community to include helping empty trash, general cleaning in the cafeteria and other basic operating services at school.

Athlete Expectations: Athletes are role models and ambassadors in our community. If an athlete requires AID or OSS they will miss a minimum of 1 contest or game. If there is more than one contest during the assigned consequence they could miss more.

OTHER SCHOOL RULES

The following is not a complete list of school rules. It is a summary of the most common or significant issues that students and parents need to keep in mind.

1. Cell phones should NOT be used during the school day. Phones should be OFF and put away unless a teacher directs students that they may be used for an activity.
2. Students may not sell things at school other than items sanctioned as school-related fundraisers. Girl Scout cookies, little league sales, church fundraisers, etc. cannot come to school.
3. Displays of public affection, including holding hands and hugs between the same or opposite gender, are not considered appropriate behavior during the school day.
4. Sexual harassment is considered a serious offense. Any unwelcome verbal or physical contact offers the potential for referral to the court system.
5. Forgery (signing someone else's name) is considered a severe act of dishonesty. It carries an automatic consequence of AID.
6. Bullying and harassment of other students are serious offenses. The severity and frequency of the incident will determine the consequence.
7. Disregarding a staff person's directive will result in AID or a more severe consequence.
8. Trading cards or collectibles should not be brought to school.
9. Chewing gum is allowed based on teacher discretion.

DRESS CODE

The expectations for dress at school are set at a higher standard than virtually any other place students attend in order to promote the understanding that our school is a place for learning. The freedom to express oneself has limitations that begin at the school door. In an effort to maintain safety, an orderly and non-disruptive learning environment, and focus on modesty, the following expectations will be in place for North Davie students in regard to the apparel choices they can make. If in question, "appropriate" is decided by an

administrator. If a student's attire is determined to not be appropriate, the student will be directed to change into their PE uniform. If the student does not have their PE uniform at school, they will be loaned a PE uniform from the office. This will allow minimal loss of instructional time.

Clothing for all students must meet the following guidelines: [\(reference DCS Student Code\)](#)

- All clothing, skirts, shorts, and dresses are of an appropriate length when they fall at mid-thigh longer. Shorts should have an inseam of at least 3 inches. The student can move comfortably without needing to compensate for their movements for their attire.
- Pants, shorts, skirts must be secured at the waist.
- There may be no holes in clothing that are above mid-thigh that expose bare skin. Leggings may be worn under jeans to cover bare skin. No holes in inappropriate places will be allowed in any clothing.
- At no time may undergarments be visible.
- No tank tops or spaghetti straps. Sleeveless shirts should have a 3-finger width or greater.
- Leggings, jeggings, biker shorts, and yoga pants may be worn when they are not see-through/sheer and worn with a shirt that covers the midriff without having to compensate and re-adjust.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and no shoes with wheels are allowed.
- Clothing must overlap at the waist at all times. No bare midriffs are allowed. This can be checked by extending your arms about your head with no midriff showing.
- No hats, bandanas, sunglasses, or head coverings are allowed to be worn in any building unless for religious reasons.
- Earpods/Earbuds, headphones, etc are only to be worn during class for instructional purposes with permission from the teacher
- Any apparel that can be considered sexually, culturally, or institutionally offensive will be allowed. Clothing may not be offensive and have any reference to tobacco products, alcohol products, narcotics, or weapons, or causes a disruption to learning.
- Bulky outerwear such as overcoats, raincoats, or trench coats may not be worn during the school day
- Blankets are not permitted at any time.
- Davie County Schools P.E. uniforms and tennis shoes are required for physical education activities and areas.
- Administrators have the right to address any dress code issues which go beyond the dress code articulated above but believe the dress code issue significantly violates the intent of School Board Policy 4316. This dress code applies to all North Davie students attending or participating in any school sponsored activities or events.
- All students with dress code violations will be required to correct the violation (change clothes and/or wear PE uniform). Principals will make reasonable accommodations for students involved in special activities or projects approved by the school, where such dress would not be conforming to this dress code. Individual schools may determine additional restrictions beyond those outlined in this code.

CELL PHONES

Students may possess electronic devices during the school day for instructional use at teacher direction. Cell phones, iPods, tablets, etc. should be **turned off** when not in use for instruction. Permission must be obtained from a teacher or other school personnel to use the device for any purpose other than as directed by teachers. Students should not use these devices during the school day to contact parents or to communicate with other students, to access social media, or to engage in any activity that otherwise violates school rules. If they are used during the school day, they will be confiscated unless the supervising teacher has given permission for academic classroom use. If confiscated, the device will be held in the office and returned to an adult after the school day ends. Students will receive a verbal warning for the first offense. Habitual usage throughout the year will result in an office referral that can lead to further disciplinary action. **Any student who needs to contact a parent should do so with a school phone.** Parents should not rely on a cell phone to communicate with their child during the day. **Pictures and videos of other students should not be taken at any time during the school day or while on the bus.**

BULLYING / HARASSMENT

All students have the right to an educational atmosphere that is free from verbal and/or physical abuse. Bullying is defined as physical or verbal mistreatment of a person where an imbalance of physical or psychological power is created with the bully being stronger (or perceived to be stronger) than the victim and which causes a disruption to the learning environment. This would include social media use outside of school that affects the learning environment. Aggressive behavior or bullying is any behavior that may subject a student to insults, taunts, or challenges whether verbal or physical in nature (either isolated or repeated behavior), which are likely to intimidate and/or provoke a violent or disorderly response from the student being treated in this matter. This also includes the encouragement or prodding of other students to engage in these types of aggressive behaviors. These behaviors include, but are not limited to:

Physical: hitting, kicking, grabbing, spitting

Verbal: name calling, racist remarks, put-downs, extortion

Indirect: spreading rumors, wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice, exclusion from peer group, taking and hiding or destroying another's papers or other possessions

Written: threatening email, notes, and/or graffiti

Coercion: forcing other students into acts against their wishes

REPORTING BULLYING/HARASSMENT AND OTHER ISSUES

Students have a responsibility for reporting to an adult at school when they have been subjected to bullying or harassment. All such reports will be investigated and dealt with appropriately, but we cannot help a student if we are not aware that there is a problem. Students should also report to an adult if they have suspicion or knowledge of other major misbehavior. In every instance the effort is made to

protect the confidentiality of a student who reports a problem at school. There are many ways to investigate a report without identifying the person who made it. Students can report serious issues to any staff member or to the school hotline (1-866-719-5890) anonymously. It is not necessary to always do so to an administrator.

TECHNOLOGY/1:1 INITIATIVE

Davie County Schools is proud to be a 1:1 district at the middle school level. Chromebooks will be issued to all students. Students are responsible for bringing their Chromebooks daily with a full charge and carrying their charger with them in case the battery is exhausted during the school day. Students and families will also be responsible for any damage to the Chromebook, including lost chargers, broken screens, and more. When traveling, students should close their Chromebook completely to avoid stress on the screen or accidental damage in transit.

Chromebooks and other technology provided by DCS should be used for school purposes only. Students should not use school email to spam or otherwise harass other students. Students should not use their Chromebook to access materials or websites that are not intended for educational purposes. Abuse of technology will result in consequences.

SCHOOL BUS PROCEDURES

Riding a school bus to or from school is a privilege that may be taken away if appropriate behavior is not observed. Please remember bus transportation is a part of the school day, so all general rules for behavior apply while you are taking advantage of this bus service. Ride safely and consider the rights and safety of others.

BUS CHANGES

If a student is to ride a different bus than usual, or riding the same bus but using a different stop, a note signed by a parent/guardian must be brought to the office by **10:30am**. *If approved*, a permission slip will be given to the student to give to the appropriate bus driver.

BUS RULES

1. All school rules apply.
2. Remain in the assigned seat at all times.
3. Keep all objects inside the bus.
4. Obey the requests of the driver.
5. Eating or drinking are not allowed on the bus.
6. No fighting.
7. Vandalizing or tampering with the bus is prohibited.
8. Opening the emergency door while the bus is enroute is prohibited.
9. Possession or use of illegal substances including tobacco is not permitted.
10. Disrespect toward the bus driver is not tolerated.

SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINE

All our efforts in transporting students to and from school are devoted to making sure it is done in a safe and timely manner. Good behavior on the bus is a priority for this to happen. It is also important to realize **riding the bus is a privilege**, and if someone refuses to behave, that privilege will be taken away. The safety of others is too important to tolerate misbehavior on the bus. In the event a student fails to follow the rules and regulations, the following procedures will be strictly enforced. Parent contact will be made in every instance.

1st Offense: In school disciplinary action up to bus suspension for 3 days.

2nd Offense: In school disciplinary action up to bus suspension for 5 days.

3rd Offense: In school disciplinary action up to bus suspension for 10 days.

If a student continues to misbehave, he/she may be suspended from riding the bus for the remainder of the school year. Bus referrals are treated the same as any discipline referral received at school. A copy will be given to the student's team, and a drop in level will occur when appropriate.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At North Davie we believe you can be a better student and a more productive citizen by participating in after school activities. While the focus at school is still on learning, activities offer a different approach to getting along with others, contributing to the group, and challenging your own abilities to improve. Students who are actively and positively involved in sports, clubs, or other organized activities are much less likely to have problems with substance abuse or inappropriate behavior. See what opportunities you can put your energy into and get involved. Students must be present at school in order to participate in clubs, activities, attend sports as a spectator or participant, or attend dances that day.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Fellowship of Christian Students – This club is open to any student interested in regular meetings and activities centered on Christian fellowship.

Battle of the Books – Students enter regional competition after reading books and practicing their recall of important facts.

Beta Club – Students with the highest academic average at each grade level are eligible for this service/academic club.

Hunter Safety Team – Students who have completed a hunter safety course can try out for the Hunter Safety Team which competes in the spring.

Jr. Civitan Club – This is a community service-oriented club that meets after school and is open to 6-8 graders.

Jr. Historian Club –This club is open to 6th–8th graders interested in discovering and sharing the history and heritage of NC.

Science Olympiad- Science problem solving based club that competes at local events. Divergent and original thinking are the goals in solving both long term and spontaneous problems. If a club competes or participates elsewhere, and the experience requires financial support, the members of the club should assume responsibility for the cost.

Student Ambassadors – Students who work to decrease bullying in the school and promote student involvement.

Robotics- Students work in teams to program LegoMindstorms robots to accomplish tasks. The team competes against other schools in the county several times per year.

Art/Anime Club-Students interested in the Anime genre meet monthly to share their interests.

Sources of Strength- Students are selected by teachers to be part of a team that helps prevent suicide and self-harm by promoting a positive and supportive school climate and connecting students with adults who can help them.

DANCES

Dances, held regularly, are middle school experiences where students can have good, safe fun. They are always well supervised by staff members and parent volunteers. Admission is \$5.00, and they last from 3:00-5:00 or 5:00-7:00. Concessions are available at each dance. Students on level 1 are not allowed to attend dances. 6th graders are picked up in front of the building. 7th and 8th graders are picked up in the bus parking lot. **Only** North Davie students may attend dances. Students not picked up promptly may not attend the next dance. Students must be in attendance during the school day (counted present) to attend dances.

SPORTS

Middle school students have a wide variety of sports they can participate in during the school year. Depending on the number, some sports have to make cuts to determine the team roster. Students must be in attendance during the school day to participate in and to attend school sports. If a student is unable to participate in PE due to a medical reason, they are unable to participate in sports.

Fall Sports – Boys: Football (7th and 8th graders only) and Soccer **Girls:** Volleyball, Tennis and Cheerleading

Winter Sports – Boys: Basketball and Wrestling **Girls:** Basketball and Cheerleading

Spring Sports – Boys: Track, Baseball, Tennis, and Co-ed Golf **Girls:** Soccer, Track and Co-ed Golf

Athletic Eligibility: According to the handbook, [Middle/Junior High School Athletics in the North Carolina Public Schools](#), students in grades 6-9 must pass one less course than the number of core courses each semester and meet promotion standards established by the LEA. A student who failed any two courses during the second semester will be ineligible during the first semester of the next school year. A student who is failing more than one class (any class, not only core classes) at the end of the first quarter will be ineligible for the remainder of the first semester. A student who is failing more than one class (any class, not only core classes) at the end of the third quarter will be ineligible for the remainder of the second semester. The student must also be in attendance 85% of the previous semester (can miss up to 13 days).

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

DRILLS

We will routinely conduct drills on how to handle emergencies. Fire drills are held monthly, a tornado drill is held in March, and other emergency drills will be held periodically.

SCHOOL EVACUATION

In the rare event that we must evacuate the campus, students will follow the direction of staff. Parents will be notified as soon as possible as to the locations for pick-up. Parents, please follow the plan that is shared and be patient as we reunite you with your child.

Davie County Schools policies related to selected topics are available in the DCS Student Handbook and the [DCS Student Code of Conduct](#). ALL DCS policies are available on the DCS Board of Education webpage.