

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

PIERCE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

AMANDA GAY
Principal



TERRY TATUM
Assistant Principal

MAUREEN BROWN
Athletic Director

BRANDON CARLSON
Assistant Principal

Please take a few minutes to read these Board Approved items with your child and initial beside each to demonstrate your acknowledgement.

Attendance Policy

Parent Initial _____

Georgia law requires that parents or guardians have children under 16 years of age in attendance at school each day school is in session. **Students should not miss more than ten (10) days of school each year. Pierce County Middle School policy is that students in grades 6-8 who are absent from the same class more than 10 times during a school year may risk being retained when attendance is considered with other factors outlined in school policy.** Regular and punctual attendance is necessary for success in school. Repeated tardies, checkouts, and absences may cause a student to become discouraged and bring about failure in school. Being tardy or checking out early will result in an absence for the class(es) missed. Early checkouts cause multiple interruptions in the classroom and also lead to traffic problems. **No check outs after 2:45 unless an emergency occurs or prior appointment with documentation.**

Tardy Procedures

Parent Initial _____

1. When a student accumulates four (4) tardies, the administrative team will assign lunch detention.
2. When a student accumulates five (5) tardies, the administrative team will create a discipline referral in Infinite Campus. The student will be assigned one (1) day of ISS.
3. For each tardy accumulated after the 5th tardy, the student will be assigned one day of ISS each time.
4. This process will start over each nine weeks grading period.

Cell Phone/Smart Watch Procedures

Parent Initial _____

Students have **NO** need for cell phones or smart watches during the school day. If a student brings a cell phone or smart watch, it must be powered off and put away in the student's book bag during school hours (7:40 am-3:15 pm). No cell phone or smart watch is to be kept on a student's body or in his/her clothing. Pierce County Middle School will assume **NO** liability for lost, misplaced, or stolen cell phones or smart watches. The following tier is in place for students who violate this and have a cell phone or smart watch visible at any time during the school day:

- 1st Offense - Cell phone/smart watch sent to the front office and parent must pick up the item.
- 2nd Offense - Cell phone/smart watch sent to the front office. Student will pay \$5 and parent picks up cell phone/smart watch after three (3) days.
- 3rd Offense - Cell phone sent to the front office. Student will pay \$5 and parent picks up cell phone/smart watch after five (5) days.

→ **Recurring Offenses – Repeat Step 3**