



# AVON MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH

## Oriole Preview Day Information 2023–2024 School Year



Our team is excited to have your child at AMSN for the 23–24 school year. We want to inform you of a few of our expectations to help with a smooth transition into a new school year. We focus on our positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) to teach and encourage good behavior. PBIS is dedicated to prevention, not punishment. The focus of PBIS is learning our values of being accountable, respectful, and engaged and rewarding students for their positive behavior. We expect students to abide by our school handbook and expectations that you will find on our website, handouts, and classroom documents. We will partner with you to support your child in learning our expectations.

### ON TIME TO SCHOOL & CLASS

Students must report to school and be in their assigned classroom by 9:20 AM ready to learn. Students will be assigned detentions for their 4th tardy and any subsequent tardy. Detentions are served on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM in the main office.

### CELL PHONE IN LOCKER POLICY

Cell phones are to be placed in lockers during the school day. At passing periods, students may access their cell phone quickly to check messages. Students should not be accessing social media during the school day. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Students will receive consequences for not complying with our cell phone in locker policy.

### BREAKFAST

Must be picked up in the cafeteria by 9:15 AM. Students will eat in their 1st period class. Students must be intentional about reporting directly to pick up their food. Breakfast cost is \$1.85.

### COMPUTERS

Students must bring their computer and charger to school every day. Computers should be fully charged and ready to use for learning activities. Students must follow the expectations outlined in the student handbook for proper technology use. Loaners will not be provided for laptops forgotten at home.

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1st Offense: Phone brought to office and parents contacted via Parent Square

2nd Offense: Phone brought to office and parents called

3rd Offense: Phone brought to the office, parent contacted, and after school detention

4th Offense: Parents contacted and progressive discipline will be initiated possibly detention, Saturday School, etc.

### LUNCH

Students may purchase a lunch at school or bring a lunch from home. Price of a student lunch is \$2.95 with additional items available for a la carte purchase. No delivery items will be accepted for students during school hours. (ex. Doordash)





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## Appropriate Dress

We expect students to dress and appear appropriate for the school setting and in good taste. Apparel not considered school dress is not to be worn.

1. Shoes or other proper footwear are to be worn at all times.
2. All tank tops should be three fingers in width. If a top does not meet this standard, a student may be asked to adjust their attire to meet dress code expectations.
3. If shorts or skirts (even with leggings) are worn to school, the length should be appropriate.
4. Headgear is allowed as long as it meets the following requirements: A) Ears are exposed B) Does not obstruct the ability to identify students on camera C) Does not promote or advertise any gang affiliation, sexually explicit innuendos, or drug use. Therefore, hoods, ball caps, and beanies are not permitted.
5. Pajamas and/or slippers are not to be worn at school.
6. Coats are not permitted to be worn during the school day. A coat is defined as a heavy, outdoor garment that extends beyond the hips. Jackets that are lighter and thinner than a coat will be permitted.
7. Pants are to be worn at the waist and undergarments should not be visible. If pants with holes are worn, holes must be appropriate length.
8. No skin is to be exposed between the waist of the pants or dress and the bottom of the upper garment (shirt, blouse, or sweater). Abbreviated or low cut tops and off the shoulder shirts will not be acceptable as proper school dress.
9. Wallet Chains are not permitted.
10. Dress that advertises or promotes the use of alcohol, tobacco products, or controlled substances, and clothing or symbols that denote membership in a gang, promote violence, that are lewd, profane, or have sex-related language or innuendoes are not permitted.
11. Appearance or attire that disrupts the educational environment is not permitted.

## ANTI-BULLYING SCHOOL

Bullying is not tolerated at AMSN and will be addressed appropriately. An act of bullying is defined as "overt", repeated acts or gestures, including verbal, non-verbal or written communications transmitted; physical acts committed; or any other behaviors committed by a student or group of students against another with intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the other student. These acts include those that may occur on school grounds before, during, or after school hours; at a school sponsored activity or event; traveling to or from school or a school activity; or when using school property such as a computer.

## ELECTRONICS AND HEADPHONES

Students videotaping, photographing or audio recording of staff or students without prior administrative authorization is strictly prohibited. Students are not allowed to use wireless or wired headphones with the exception of teacher-directed in-class activities. Wired headphones are allowed at lunch.

## DRUG TESTING

Drug and alcohol abuse in any school is a threat to the safety and health of student, faculty, staff, and the community as a whole. The value for a student's personal development must be given a high priority for the community that wants to have a total school program. The opportunity for participation in extracurricular activities is not an absolute right. Participation is a privilege offered to students and necessitates that students meet high standards. A condition for participation in extracurricular activities in middle school shall be an agreement by the student to submit to probable cause and/or random testing for the use of drugs and alcohol. The random drug testing program will be applied to all students who choose to participate in non-credit, extra-curricular activities, or during school hours while a student. All students may be subject to drug testing based on reasonable suspicion.

