

Midland School



Parent Handbook

Welcome

Dear Midland Community,

Welcome to Midland School! Our dedicated staff includes teachers, administrators, support personnel, and parents. We are all committed to nurturing the academic growth and character development of our students.

The elementary school years play a crucial role in shaping a lifelong learning experience for our students. At Midland School, we prioritize constructive and authentic instruction that aligns with the NYS Learning Standards.

We are fortunate to receive tremendous support from our Parent Teacher Organization. Additionally, the surrounding community provides valuable resources that contribute to our students' academic, cultural, and social/emotional development.

We look forward to seeing you at Midland School, where you can join us in celebrating the joy and wonder of learning and discovery experienced by our students every day.

Regards,

Jim Boylan, Principal

Bianca McHale, Assistant Principal

About Midland School

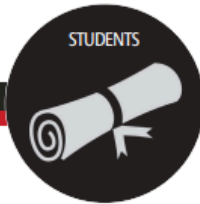
Midland School is an exceptional elementary school with a strong focus on leadership, student engagement, rigorous curriculum, high-quality teaching, parent involvement, and community support. Our child-centered philosophy and diverse teaching methods cater to each student's unique needs. Our caring and involved students participate in various activities, excelling both academically and personally. We prioritize family involvement, use electronic communication, and collaborate with parents to enhance learning through special programs. Together, we create an ideal academic and social environment for our students' success.

Rye City School District Commitment



The Board of Education of the Rye City School District understands that a world class education requires hard work and dedication from everyone in the community. We take our responsibility of overseeing the education of our children in an equitable, inclusive environment very seriously. We are genuinely grateful to the faculty, staff, administration, families, and community for all of the hard work and support provided every day to educate our children.

Therefore, the Board of Education has developed **The Rye Commitment** – assurances to students, faculty, staff, administration, and the community that we will support the important work of our schools.



STUDENTS

TO STUDENTS:

We will provide the necessary support for you to receive an education that helps you become socially responsible, caring citizens who can think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate, and creatively solve problems in a diverse global environment.



FACULTY | STAFF
ADMINISTRATION

TO FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION:

We will support you and our collective pursuit of excellence through ongoing professional learning that is high quality, relevant, meaningful, and allows us to evolve and expand our practices.



COMMUNITY

TO THE COMMUNITY:

We will reflect upon our work, always strive for improvement, and ask the community to engage in meaningful discussions about our programs and all that we do to create and support an equitable, inclusive school system.

COMMITTED TO RYE SCHOOLS

Adapted September 2020



Curriculum Overview

The Rye City School District uses Atlas, a curriculum mapping tool, to organize our units of study. These maps highlight what we want students to know and be able to do in each subject each school year. Our maps list the main topics, essential questions, content, skills, and resources for each subject at each grade level. Some curriculum maps are presently being revised to reflect changes in the program. All maps are subject to change based on programmatic needs. We hope that you will find the maps valuable as tools for understanding what our students are learning. Click [here](#) to access the elementary curriculum maps.

Arrival / Dismissal

Children can be dropped off beginning at 8:15 each day. The Midland driveway will be open to cars for morning arrival from 8:15 to 9:00 and again at 2:45 for dismissal. Vehicles are not allowed to park in the Midland driveway or block designated fire lanes.

Cars dropping off inside the Midland circle must travel north on Midland Avenue and make the right-hand turn into the circle. Please do not make a left-hand turn into the circle as this creates a significant safety hazard and obstructs cars from traveling north on Midland Avenue.

Cars exiting the Midland circle must turn right and travel north on Midland Avenue. Please do not make a left-hand turn onto Midland Avenue as this creates a

Please follow the instructions from the crossing guards on Midland Avenue and the traffic monitors in the Midland School circle.

Midland School utilizes the following arrival / dismissal schedule:

- 8:15 AM - Adult supervision available on the north and south playgrounds
- Kindergarten and first grade students utilize the south playground for arrival
- 2nd through 5th grade students utilize the north playground for arrival
- 8:40 AM - Arrival bell rings and students enter through the playground doors
- Students arriving after 8:40 AM will need to enter through the main lobby doors
- 3:00 PM - Dismissal bell rings, Kindergarten and 1st graders will be escorted to the south playground for dismissal, 2nd - 5th graders will be escorted to the north playground for dismissal.

Midland School and RCSD Calendar of Events

- [Midland School Calendar](#)
- [RCSD Calendar](#)

Attendance

Daily Attendance in all classes is essential to academic success and represents each student's most basic responsibility as a member of the Rye City School District. The District will identify patterns of absence, tardiness, and early departures from school and intervene, when necessary, to encourage student attendance and discourage unexcused absences.

At the Elementary after a student has 10 absences from class, the principal, or his or her designee, will request in writing a meeting (in person, phone/video conference) with the student's parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians shall notify the school, when possible, that the student will be tardy. The student shall sign in at the security desk upon arrival. The teacher shall admit the student and record lateness in his or her records. A student who is chronically tardy shall be referred to the counselor, principal or assistant principal, as appropriate to the school. If your child arrives at school after 11:50 AM, he/she will be marked absent for the day. If your child leaves school before 11:50 AM and does not return, he/she will be marked absent for that day.

To report your child absent please use one of following methods:

- [Midland Absence Email](#)
- [Midland Absence Form](#)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

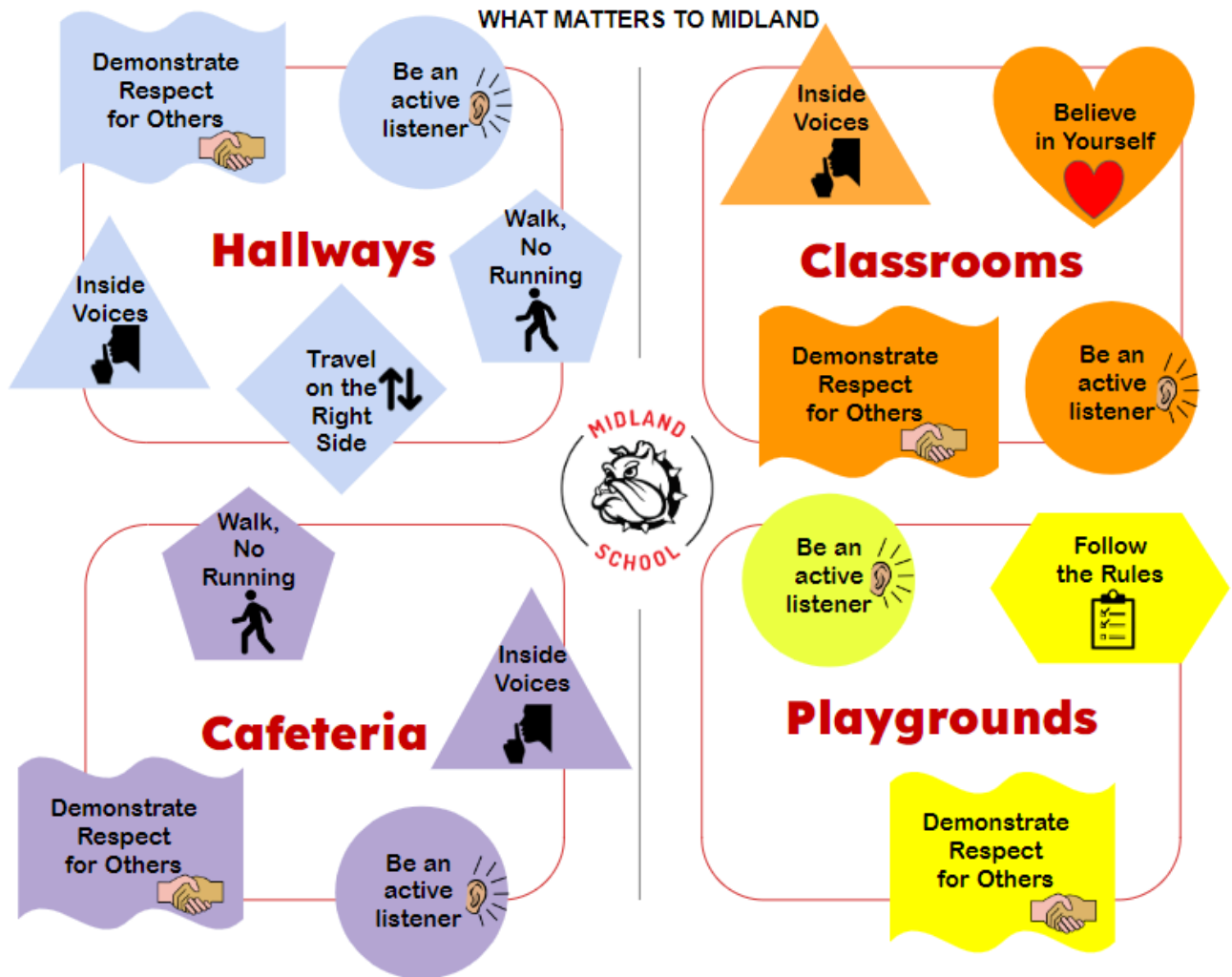
The Rye City School District schedules parent teachers conferences for the Fall and Spring of each school year. The Fall conferences are held in November and the Spring conferences are held in April. Parent teacher conferences are an opportunity to discuss how your child has grown behaviorally, socially, and academically.

Report Card Window

The Rye City School District reports students' academic progress twice a year, once in January and again in June to the RCSD parent portal. Directions on how to access the parent portal can be found [here](#).

Behavioral Expectations

Midland School prides itself on being a learning community that cares deeply for the safety and security of its students. Please click [here](#) to access the Midland School Student Behavior Guidelines. Feel free to share this information with your child so they are familiar with our philosophy and approach to progressive discipline. Click [here](#) to access the RCSD BOE Student Code of Conduct Policy #5300.



RCSD Food Services

The Food Service team is committed to excellence. The goal of our program is to provide high-quality, nutritious, healthy, and well-balanced meals to all students. Click [here](#) to access lunch accounts, and monthly menus.

Midland School PTO

Midland School is fortunate to have the strong support of the parent community. Parents volunteer their time, expertise, and numerous resources to enrich the learning experiences at Midland School each day. Through grants, funding for assemblies, field trips, and larger project based initiatives, the Midland School PTO is a true partner with every member of the Midland School staff.

Before and After School Clubs

In partnership with the Midland PTO, Rye After School Clubs, Kids' S.P.A.C.E, and the Rye YMCA there are multiple resources for your child to access before and after school clubs. Use the following resources to determine which organization may provide the best opportunities for your family:

- Midland PTO: <https://midlandpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>
- Kids' S.P.A.C.E: <http://www.kidsspaceofrye.org/>
- Rye YMCA: <https://ryeymca.org/>

Contact Information for Midland School

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