



Dear Stallion Families,

It has been a busy summer for Sandy Springs Charter Middle School, and preparations for the 2024-2025 school year are in full swing! The first day of school is Monday, August 5, and the teachers and staff of SSCMS are working hard to make this year special.

We will be welcoming all SSCMS Stallions to Open House on Friday, August 2. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students should attend from 8:30-10 and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students should attend from 11:00-12:30. Please plan to attend the session that corresponds with your student's grade level. On Open House Day, you and your student will register for school (if needed), receive your schedule, sign up for programs, meet homeroom and other core teachers, and receive your locker and bus route information.

To make this day easier, SSCMS is once again offering an optional FAST PASS program. This program will allow you pre-register and pre-pay for required fees before Open House and receive a FAST PASS that will make your visit more efficient. Attached you will find a flyer about FAST PASS and a page of information that lists what is required for FAST PASS or, if you are not able to register early, what you will need to bring on Orientation Day. The last day for FAST PASS pickup is Friday, July 29.

**You must join PTO to obtain a Fast Pass. Simply submit your membership fee via PayPal to [sscmsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:sscmsfoundation@gmail.com) beginning **JULY 17** when the Fast Pass window opens, or you may pay by cash or check when you receive your FAST PASS.** You may review the membership levels on the SSCMS PTO Facebook page before making your selection. We thank you for your support!

We have also included a page of Frequently Asked Questions on the back of this letter for your convenience in navigating the Orientation process.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information, and please check your email or see our SSCMS PTO Facebook page for updates!

Sincerely,

SSCMS Administration and PTO Board

**TURN OVER FOR FAQ**

# SSCMS STUDENT ORIENTATION

## F.A.Q.

**What should I expect when I arrive at SSCMS Orientation?** Upon arrival at the school, you will be given a regular pass or fast pass check list & directed to the gym. After you make your way through the gym and have your check list stamped, you will obtain your student's schedule, meet his or her teachers, and get a locker. On the way out of the school, please stop in the cafeteria for spirit wear, sign up for lunch accounts, get transportation information, visit the used uniform sale, and meet various vendors.

**What forms of payment are accepted to obtain a FAST PASS?** You may pay for your Gym Uniform, Locker, and set up a pre-paid lunch account with a credit card online through Fulton County's payment system, Online School Payments. You may also come to **SANDY SPRINGS CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL between July 17-July 28** to pay for the above with cash or money order. Your PTO dues may be paid online via PayPal to [sscmsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:sscmsfoundation@gmail.com) or by check made to SSCMS PTO Foundation at the office or at orientation. Instructions to obtain a fast pass are on the enclosed Fast Pass Flyer. **YOU MUST PAY YOUR PTO MEMBERSHIP DUES TO OBTAIN A FAST PASS.**

**What forms of payment are accepted at orientation? SSCMS only accepts cash or money order or you may pay ahead of time through the online portal:** <https://osp.osmsinc.com/FultonGA/> and the items you will purchase through the school are: GYM UNIFORM, LOCKER, & LUNCH ACCOUNT. The PTO will accept cash, check, credit card or PayPal payment for: PTO DUES, SPIRIT WEAR & USED UNIFORM SALE.

**How does my student obtain a locker/combo?** Homeroom teachers will distribute lockers and combinations.

**Is a GYM uniform required?** All students must have a gym uniform. If you are a returning student or own a previously worn uniform, you do not need to purchase another one.

**When can my student wear spirit wear and when can I purchase it?** Spirit wear is part of the daily school uniform. It must be worn with khaki or navy pants, shorts or skirts. Spirit Wear shirts will be available for purchase in the cafeteria during Orientation. Additional orders will also be taken in the event your preferred size runs low or sells out.

**Can rising 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders wear last year's spirit wear?** Yes! New spirit wear will be for sale in the cafeteria.

**How can I find my student's bus number/route?** On orientation day, please stop by the transportation table located in the cafeteria. Staff will be on hand to assist with transportation information. Also, you will find arrival and dismissal information & check-in/check-out procedures as well as carpool information.

**Where can I set up a pre-paid lunch account?** To set up a pre-paid lunch account go to Online School Payments <https://osp.osmsinc.com/FultonGA/> and follow instructions or someone can assist you on orientation day. **There is no cost for breakfast or lunch this year for any student enrolled at SSCMS as a part of the Community Eligibility Provision under the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program. If you would like to place money on your child's account for the purchase of additional portions or snacks, please set up a pre-paid lunch account.**

**What if my child takes medication at school?** Please see Ms. Wagner in the clinic to assist with your child's needs. Appropriate forms must be completed in order to dispense medication in school.

**How can I learn more about sports teams?** In addition to the county, both SSCMS PTO Foundation and the Spartan Athletic Booster Club offers many opportunities for boys and girls sports. Please stop by the Sports table in the Rotunda on orientation day for more information about sports teams and other activities.

**When do I pay 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dues?** All class dues will be handled by home room teachers after school begins.

**When can I purchase my yearbook?** Yearbook purchase will be made available on line during the school year.

**When will my student receive their SSCMS issued device?** Devices and device bags will be distributed in August.



# 2024-25 Fast Pass

The school year begins soon, and your family is strongly encouraged to attend the SSCMS Open House:

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30-10:00**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades - Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00-12:30**

***Please plan to attend for your child's specific grade level session.***

## **FAST PASSES SHOULD BE OBTAINED AT SANDY SPRINGS CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

On Open House Day, you and your student will register for school, sign up for programs, meet homeroom and other core teachers, and receive your schedule, locker and bus route information.

To make this day easier, SSCMS will offer a new and improved, optional *Open House FAST PASS* program. This allows you to **pre-register and prepay** for required fees before Open House Day and receive a *FAST PASS* that will streamline the process.

Steps to obtain a *FAST PASS*:

1. If you do not have one already, please register for an Online School Payments account at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/fultonga/> and follow the simple instructions for a user ID and password, then add your student's name and number to create a new profile. You will then be able to search by school, find SSCMS, and add the items you need.
2. Pay select fees listed: PE uniform (\$25, all students should have at least one set) & locker fee (\$10)
3. Set up a prepaid Cafeteria account, if desired.
4. Pay with credit or debit card
5. Print receipt
6. **\*\*YOU MUST PAY PTO MEMBERSHIP DUES TO RECEIVE A FAST PASS\*\***

**\*\*\*Please go to [www.sandyspringspto.org](http://www.sandyspringspto.org) to pay your membership dues.\*\*\***

- o Print your receipt/take a screenshot of your processed online payment and present it when you come to the office or to orientation. You may also bring cash or check and pay at the front office
7. Collect documents necessary for registration, including immunizations, residency, and copies of utility bills. (A complete list of what you will need for Orientation Day or *FAST PASS* is attached).
8. Come to **SANDY SPRINGS CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** front office between **JULY 17-29** with your Online School Payments receipt AND your required documentation. *FAST PASS* hours are **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Note – if you email your documents to Mr. Smith at [smithm37@fultonschools.org](mailto:smithm37@fultonschools.org) you still must come to the SSCMS front office to pick up your *FAST PASS*.

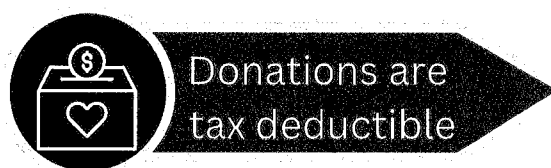
**Please keep your pass and present it on Open House Day.**

*If you are unable to come to school during our pre-registration period, PTO and SSCMS staff will be happy to help you on the day of Open House! Just bring your Online School Payments receipt and required documentation with you. If you are unable to set up an Online School Payments account at home but would like to pay for fees via a credit card, staff will assist you in setting up an account. Please allow extra time for this process.*

SANDY SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

# PTO SPORTS FALL TRYOUTS

Many of our SSMS sports are entirely funded via donations to the PTO and the sports dues collected by the PTO. donations have been down in recent years and students in need of assistance have increased. We need your help to continue to offer sports with low dues. Consider donating directly to sports with our QR code or by becoming a business sponsor. [sscsmtosports@gmail.com](mailto:sscsmtosports@gmail.com).



**\*ALL SPORTS TRYOUTS REQUIRE A CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE IN RANK ONE\*  
{ DATES BELOW ARE FOR PTO FALL SPORTS ONLY }**

## **BOYS SOCCER**

- TRYOUTS START ON MONDAY 8/12/2024
- MAAC SOCCER IS OPEN TO ALL BOYS 6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE.
- PARTICIPATION DUES \$150

## **GIRLS SOFTBALL**

- TRYOUTS START ON TUESDAY 8/13/2024.
- MAAC SOFTBALL IS OPEN TO ALL GIRL'S 6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE.
- PARTICIPATION DUES \$375 + FUNDRAISER PARTICIPATION

## **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

- TRYOUTS START ON WEDNESDAY 8/14/2024.
- MAAC VOLLEYBALL IS OPEN TO ALL GIRL'S 6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE.
- PARTICIPATION DUES \$150

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

- TRYOUTS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 8/19/2024.
- CO-ED AND OPEN TO ALL GRADES.
- PARTICIPATION DUES \$150

## **TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE TRYOUTS**

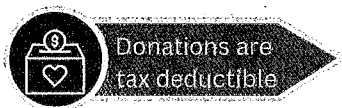
PLEASE LOG ON TO RANK ONE AND UPLOAD A COPY OF THE STUDENT'S PHYSICAL. PLEASE KEEP A PAPER AND OR DIGITAL COPY OF THE COMPLETED PHYSICAL FOR YOUR RECORDS. ALL SPORTS REQUIRE A PHYSICAL ON FILE TO TRYOUT.

**\*\*\*\*\* TRYOUT & START DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\*\*\*\*  
CONSULT THE SSCMS NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES**

SANDY SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

# ALL SPORTS QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Sports may be a little different than you remember from your school days. Instead of the school system (FCS) providing for the cost of athletics, many are covered by donations to the PTO and a few sports are fully funded by FCS. The PTO's sports goal is to ensure that all students, regardless of ability to pay, have access to sports by finding donations to cover the costs. Every dollar donated helps!



### IMPORTANT NOTES

- All sports require a parent/guardian provided physical prior to tryouts & RankOne account completion.
- Parents/Guardians provide transportation for all PTO sports games & practice.
- FCS may provide away game buses for some sports - not all sports - practice transportation is not provided and is the responsibility of parent/guardians.
- Sports participation dues and forms/paperworks is required before the 1st practice.
- Lost, stolen or damaged equipment/uniforms (outside of normal sport wear) will require payment by parent/guardian
- Not all athletic equipment is provided in your dues. For example: cleats, tape , shin guards, mouth pieces, etc must be provided by parents/guardians.

Below is a list of the FCS sponsored sports and PTO sports funded via donations.

SPORT	BOYS	GIRLS	SEASON	OPEN TO GRADES	PROVIDED BY
Cross Country	x	x	Fall	6-8	PTO
Softball		x	Fall	6-8	PTO
Soccer	x (Fall)	x (Spring)	Fall & Spring	6-8	PTO & FCS
Tennis	x	x	Fall	7-8	FCS
Volleyball	x (7-8 only)	x (6-8)	Fall	6-8	PTO & FCS
Football	x		Fall	6-8	PTO
Cheer		x	Fall & Winter	6-8	PTO
Basketball	x	x	Winter	7-8	FCS
Tumbling	x	x	Winter	6-8	FCS
Baseball	x		Spring	6-8	PTO
Track	x	x	Spring	7-8	FCS

**Free Breakfast & Lunch for  
All Sandy Springs Middle School Students in School Year 2024-2025**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Great news for you and your children enrolled at Sandy Springs Middle School! All students enrolled at Sandy Springs Middle School can get a healthy school breakfast and school lunch at Sandy Springs Middle School for FREE in the 2024-2025 school year.

Sandy Springs Middle School is getting free meals for all students as part of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program through a choice for schools called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

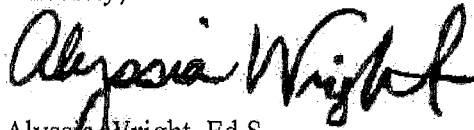
**What does this mean for you?**

- You do not have to fill out any meal application forms for your children attending Sandy Springs Middle School.
- You do not have to pay any money for your child's school breakfast or school lunch.
- If you want your child to buy extra portions or snacks from the school café, you must send money or place money on your child's meal account.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fulton County School Nutrition Program at 470-254-8960.

Visit [www.fcsnutrition.com](http://www.fcsnutrition.com) for information on school menus and nutrition!

Sincerely,



Alyssa Wright, Ed.S.  
Executive Director  
School Nutrition Program  
Fulton County Schools

**2024-2025 Sandy Springs Middle Meal Prices**

Student Breakfast: \$0

Student Lunch: \$0

Adult Breakfast: \$2.75

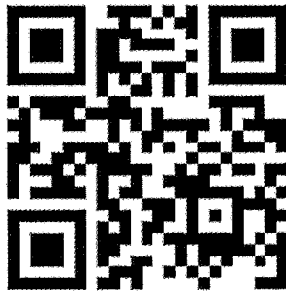
Adult Lunch: \$4.75

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## Sandy Springs Charter Middle School 2024-2025 PTO MEMBERSHIP

NEW this year! Join the PTO ONLINE!



[Sandyspringspto.org](http://Sandyspringspto.org)

**GOLD MEMBERSHIP (\$250):** Receive a FREE Spirit Wear HOODIE for your student, THREE (3) FREE DRESS PASSES, a SSCMS logo surprise gift, car magnet, while funding a teacher mini-grant!

**SILVER MEMBERSHIP (\$150):** Receive a FREE Spirit Wear T-SHIRT for your student, TWO (2) FREE DRESS PASSES, and a car magnet, while funding arts, athletics, and academics!

**BRONZE MEMBERSHIP (\$75):** Receive ONE (1) FREE DRESS PASS, and a car magnet, while funding teacher appreciation events!

**BASIC MEMBERSHIP (\$25):** Receive a FREE SSCMS car magnet while funding books and other classroom materials!

**Sandy Springs Charter Middle School PTO Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.**

**8750 Pride Place, Sandy Springs GA 30350**

**Thank you for supporting your PTO Foundation, your student, and SSCMS!**

*Email us at [sscmspto@gmail.com](mailto:sscmspto@gmail.com) with any questions!*



# WELCOME TO SANDY SPRINGS CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Documents for Registration

- **Fast Pass: Documents can be brought to the school or emailed to Mr. Morris Smith [smithm37@fultonschools.org](mailto:smithm37@fultonschools.org) by July 29, 2024.**
- **Open House: Documents should be presented at Open House on August 2, 2024.**

**If your student is NEW to Fulton County Schools, please submit:**

- ◆ Residence Verification: Two residency verification documents, including:
  1. One current Water or Electric bill **AND**
  2. One current residence document from the list below:
    - Copy of home mortgage bill
    - Current bank statement
    - Copy of home sale contract
    - Current HOA Bill
    - Section Eight/HUD Housing Document
    - Current Apartment/House Lease
    - Homeowner's/Renter's insurance registration card
- ◆ **Ear/Eye/Dental Screening (Form 3300, new to State of Georgia only)**
- ◆ **Immunization Certificate (Form 3231)**
- ◆ Birth Certificate or other document (see Fulton County Schools)
- ◆ Social Security Number (forms to waive this requirement are available at the school)
- ◆ Academic Records: Most recent report card, withdrawal form from previous school and/or transcripts.

**If your student was a 5<sup>th</sup> grader in Fulton County Schools:**

- ◆ Residence Verification: Two residency verification documents, including:
  1. One current Water or Electric bill **AND**
  2. One current residence document from the list below:
    - Copy of home mortgage Bill
    - Current bank statement
    - Copy of home sale contract
    - Current HOA Bill
    - Section Eight/HUD Housing Document
    - Current Apartment/House Lease
    - Homeowner's/Renter's insurance registration card
- ◆ Immunization Certificate (Form 3231)
- ◆ Pay for PE uniform, Locker, and cafeteria account
- ◆ Pay for PTO membership





## WELCOME TO SANDY SPRINGS CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Documents for Registration

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- Open House: Documents should be presented at Open House on August 2, 2024.

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    - Copy of home sale contract
    - Current HOA Bill
    - Section Eight/HUD Housing Document
    - Current Apartment/House Lease
    - Homeowner's/Renter's insurance registration card
- ◆ Ear/Eye/Dental Screening (Form 3300, new to State of Georgia only)
- ◆ **UPDATED Immunization Certificate (Form 3231) – Mandatory for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students-** subject to withdrawal by October 31<sup>st</sup> if not turned in.
- ◆ Birth Certificate or other document (see Fulton County Schools)
- ◆ Social Security Number (forms to waive this requirement are available at the school)
- ◆ Academic Records: Most recent report card, withdrawal form from previous school and/or transcripts.

#### If your student was a 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Fulton County Schools last year:

- ◆ UPDATED Immunization Certificate (Form 3231) – Mandatory for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students- subject to withdrawal by October 31<sup>st</sup> if not turned in.
  - ◆ Pay for PE uniform, Locker, and cafeteria account.
  - ◆ Pay for PTO membership
- If your student had an address change, please also submit:**
- Residence Verification: Two residency verification documents, including:
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  2. One current residence document from the list below:
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## **DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES**

### **2024-2025 Back-to-School Immunization Requirements Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, New Entrants/Students Grades 8-12<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** All 7<sup>th</sup>-grade students who were born on or after January 1, 2002, and all new entrants to grades 8-12 who are entering a Georgia school for the first time or entering after having been absent from a Georgia school for more than twelve months (one school year) will be required to have:

- 1 Dose of Tdap (*Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis*) Vaccine  
and**
- 1 Dose of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine**

**PLEASE NOTE:** These changes only affect rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders (*born on or after January 1, 2002*), and students who are considered "*new entrants*" for grades 8-12.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** All students entering or transferring into the 11<sup>th</sup> grade will need proof of a meningococcal booster (MCV4) unless their first dose was received on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that affects the brain and the spinal cord. Meningitis can cause shock, coma, and death within hours of the first symptoms. To help protect your children and others from meningitis, Georgia law requires students to be vaccinated against this disease unless the child has an exemption.

Additionally, the Georgia Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 is a requirement for all students to register for school. The Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 can be obtained from a community provider/physician and/or local health departments who should have access to GRITS (The Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services). **Proof of both vaccinations MUST be documented on the Certificate of Immunization Form 3231.**

The Georgia Department of Public Health has developed an *Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization Form 2208* for use by students enrolling in a public school who wish to submit a **religious exemption**. You can find the form at <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines> under Religious Exemption.

**Please check to make sure your student has all required vaccinations even if the certificate is marked complete.** If the Certificate is marked complete and the child **does not** have the required vaccines, **he/she must return to their primary care provider or public health center to receive the required vaccines and be issued a new/updated certificate.**

For more information, visit the Georgia Department of Public Health - <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines> or call 404-657-3158; or the Fulton County Board of Health - <https://fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fulton-county/fulton-county-departments/board-of-health/public-health/immunizations> or call 404-612-4000.



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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Documents for Registration

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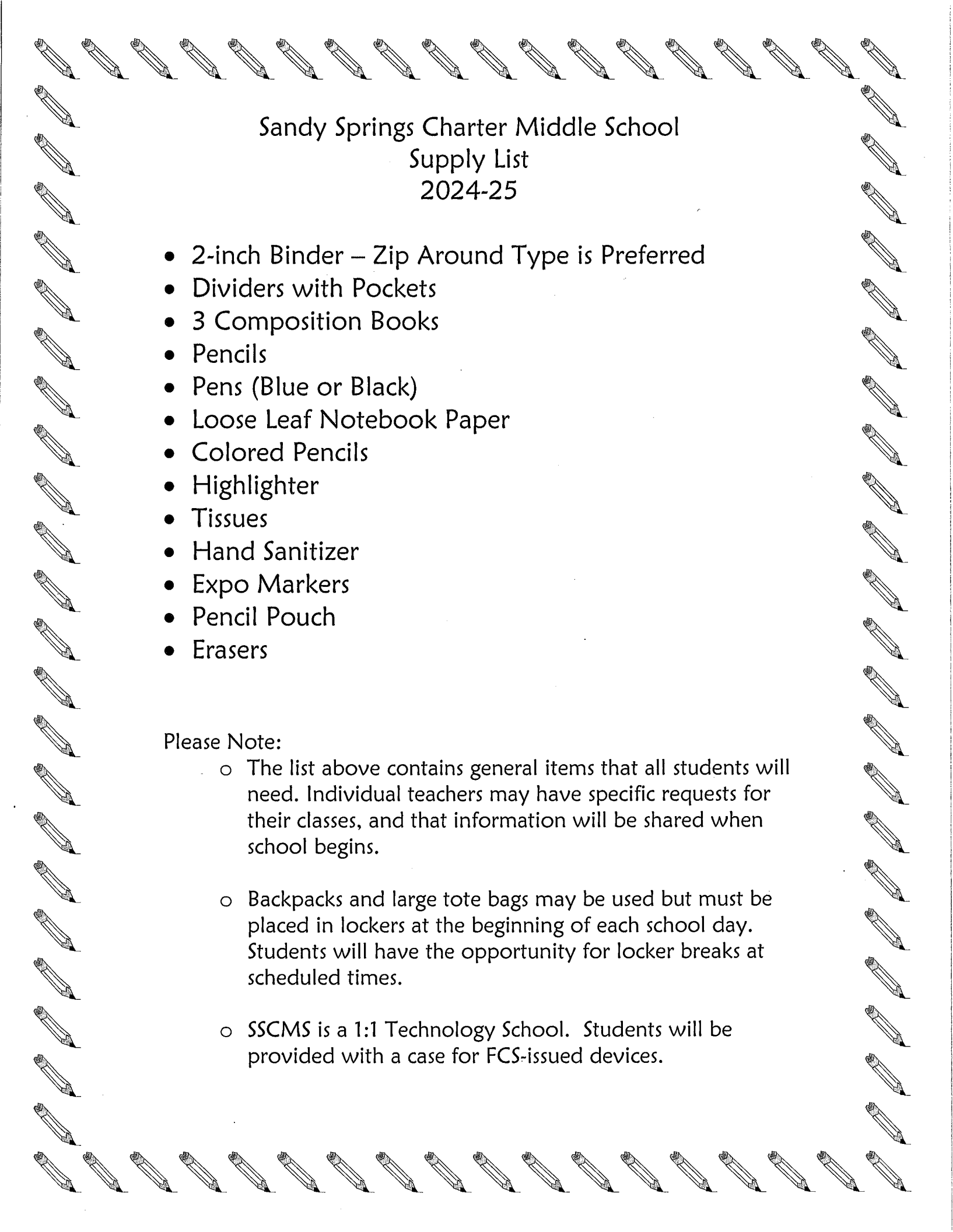
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**If your student was a 7th grader in Fulton County Schools last year, and you did not previously pay online via our FAST PASS program:**

- ◆ Pay for PE uniform, Locker, and cafeteria account
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Sandy Springs Charter Middle School  
Supply List  
2024-25

- 2-inch Binder – Zip Around Type is Preferred
- Dividers with Pockets
- 3 Composition Books
- Pencils
- Pens (Blue or Black)
- Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Highlighter
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Expo Markers
- Pencil Pouch
- Erasers

Please Note:

- The list above contains general items that all students will need. Individual teachers may have specific requests for their classes, and that information will be shared when school begins.
- Backpacks and large tote bags may be used but must be placed in lockers at the beginning of each school day. Students will have the opportunity for locker breaks at scheduled times.
- SSCMS is a 1:1 Technology School. Students will be provided with a case for FCS-issued devices.