



**TAMAQUA AREA
MIDDLE SCHOOL
2024-2025
AUGUST 22, 2024**

School Day

- Doors open at 7:10 AM
- Security check. Random Search
- Only bring school appropriate items in clear bags.
- Lockers from 7:30 AM until 7:35 AM
- Students must be IN 1st Period by the conclusion of the bell.



School Day

- Tardy students must report to the office for a late pass.
- Drop/Pick up at the main entrance.
- Water bottles are permitted. Anything other than water bottles must be finished prior to 1st Period.



Breakfast

- Breakfast is available daily for everyone from 7:10AM-7:30AM.



Bell Schedule

- 9 period day
 - 5 – 42 minute Class Periods
 - 1 – 42 minute Specials Period
 - 1 – 42 minute Lunch
 - 1 – 42 minute Study Hall Period
 - 1 – 42 minute FLEX (Support, Band, Chorus, ESports, Intramurals, or homework)



Tardy to School & Class

- Each student is allowed three tardies for the year. Detention will result for each additional tardy.
- Excessive tardy mornings may result in citations.
- Hall Pass travels with you.



Homework & Participation

- Academic Responsibility.
- Failing to do either may result in parent contact and possible disciplinary action.
- Academic Detentions 2:30-3PM



Organization

- Use your calendar to schedule due dates.
- Charge your chromebooks at home each night.



Cellphones, Earbuds, & Smartwatches

- Board Policy - Students may use between classes and during lunch periods.
- Classrooms – Off and in the classroom phone caddy. Failure to follow the district policy will result in detention, confiscation, and/or having a parent pick up the device.
- Headphones/Earbuds - May be used for in class assignments with teacher approval.



Study Hall/Flex

- Quiet and productive.
- Maximize your time in the building so you may enjoy your evenings.
- No cellphone or earbud use.



Progress Reports

- Parent communication will be sent at academic progress report time.
- FOCUS Student Portal – Allows students and parents to monitor grades daily.



Emergency Pass/Lavatory Procedure

- The lavatory is to be used between classes.
- Do your business, wash, and return to class.
- Keep moving, no groups.



Dismissal

- Normal dismissal is 2:25PM
- Buses depart from the back of the school beginning at approximately 2:30 PM
- Students must exit the building by 2:30 PM unless they have permission from a teacher.
- Pick-ups – The back road is closed from 2:15 until the buses depart.



- 1 UNL - Letter
- 3 UNL - SAIC Meeting
- 4+ UNL = Citations
- 20+ Tardies = Citation

Attendance



Dress Code

- Policy is online www.tamaqua.k12.pa.us
- NO Sweatshirts.
- Skirt Length, Shoes, Logos.
- Backpacks must be clear, not mesh.
- Students must change for physical education.
- Clothing is available in the Nurse's Office.



Lockers

- It is your responsibility to keep them clean.
- Do not leave clothing, food, or drinks in your locker.
- Do not share your locker combinations.



Textbooks/Chromebooks

- You are financially responsible for any damage.
- Chromebooks \$300 without insurance.
- Textbooks \$50-\$100.



Bus and Cafeteria Behavior

- Any inappropriate behavior in the cafeteria or on the bus can lead to a loss of privileges.
- No Pictures!
- Loss for Bus Transportation.
- Café Removal.



Discipline

- Review the Student/Parent Handbook
www.tamaqua.k12.pa.us



Internet & Cyberbullying

- Any inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will result in discipline and police referral.
- Social Media Apps
- Court Rulings



Consequences for Misbehavior

- Verbal Reprimand
- Parent Communication
- Classroom Detention, Detention, Saturday Detention, Lunch Detention, and OSS.
- The student will be given 24 hr notice before he/she is expected to serve detention. Parents are responsible for transportation.
- **(T&R) Detentions 2:30 – 3:30PM**
- **Saturday Detentions 8:00 – 11:00 AM**



Consequences for Misbehavior

- A discipline referral will be completed with a copy saved in FOCUS. Teachers making the referral will contact parents to share what was observed.
- Follow the classroom rules established by your teacher.
- A student serving an out-of-school suspension will not be permitted on school property.



Guidance/Counseling

- Mrs. Brickler – Guidance Counselor
- 6th Grade – 9th Period Career Prep
- Mrs. Klimowitch - Social Worker

SAP = Student Assistance Program - Depression,
Family, School, Home Issues.

Team Members: Brickler, Czapla,
Keller, Opolsky, Shannon, Hahn,
J.Murphy, Drum, and Hermany.



Communication

- We encourage you to ask questions if having difficulty in class.
- Students are encouraged to request assistance from the teachers during class, during FLEX or afterschool.



Extracurricular Activities

- Band, Chorus, Math Counts, Yearbook, Lego Club, National Junior Honor Society, and Student Council.
- Interscholastic sport teams are sponsored in basketball, wrestling, cross country, football, cheerleading, and track & field.



EMERGENCY DRILLS

- For the safety of all, remain quiet and listen to your teacher.
- Weather, Evacuation, Fire, and Shelter in Place.



Fundraisers - RR/Coffee Sale

- 2009-2024 - \$87,000
- Field Trips, Café TVs, Activity Days, Technology, 3D Printers, etc.
- Reward for Participation
\$50 – Gift Cards



Safe 2 Say Something

- <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>
- 1-844-SAF2SAY
- See it. Report it.

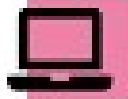


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  **MOBILE APP**

 **1-844-SAF2SAY**

 **SAFE2SAYPA.ORG**



2024-2025 EXPECTATIONS

- **ENJOY COMING TO SCHOOL!**
- **MAXIMIZE YOUR ACADEMIC POTENTIAL!**
- **JUST BE NICE!**