

Welcome Rising 6th Grade Parents!



Creekland Middle School

Typical Day at CMS

Arrival:

Drop off begins at 7:45am

Cafeteria/Gym until 8:10am

Breakfast Served at 7:45am

Bell to 1st period at 8:10am

School starts at 8:30am

Dismissal:

Bell Rings at 3:30pm

Classes:

6 period school day

4 Academic

2 Connections

Middle School Classes

4 Academic Classes

Lit/Comp

Math

Social Studies

Science



2 Connections Classes:

Rotate quarterly or
Band/Chorus yearlong

TEAMS

4 Teams

Your student's schedule will be available in CANVAS a few days prior to the 2026-2027 Walk-Through.

Please be aware that all schedules are subject to change within the first 10 days of school based on student enrollment.

4 Teachers Per Team-

Lit/Comp

Math

Science

Social Studies

***** Please be aware that the school does not honor requests for specific teams or teachers***

Connections Classes

The purpose of CMS Connection classes is to give students exposure to a variety of subjects, help to identify student interests, refine skills in a variety of hands-on experiences, and prepare students to select electives when they get to high school.

Art	Computer Science	STEM	Marketing	Drama
Family & Consumer Science (FACS)	Exploring Engineering and Technology	Science Enrichment (Ag Sci)	Physical Education (PE)	Band & Chorus

Middle School

What is Different from Elementary School?

Changes:

Larger Building
Class Changes
Academic Teams
More Teachers
Academic Clubs
& Sports
Responsibility

The Biggest Shift Isn't the Building...
It's the Independence

Less reminding -> **More self-management**
Less rescuing -> **More problem-solving**
Less teacher direction -> **More student ownership**

What this means for families...

- Monitor grades regularly
- Encourage your child to communicate with teachers first
- Support routines for organization and time management

CANVAS

Student Information System

- The Cherokee County School District utilizes **CANVAS**: an online learning management system for students, parents, and teachers.
- Parents should have **CANVAS Accounts** from the previous school year.
- Canvas offers teachers and students greater opportunities for teaching and learning. Parents can access more information about their child's courses, assignments, calendars, and academic progress.



canvas
BY INSTRUCTURE

TECHNOLOGY

1:1 Devices

**CCSD Middle
Schools**

Cell Phones

HB 1009

**Ban of cell phones,
smart watches, and
headphones at
school**

Standardized Testing

Midterms

End of first semester

Final Exams

End of the year

Georgia Milestones

**6th and 7th Grades –
ELA and Mathematics**

**8th Grade – ELA, Mathematics,
Social Studies, and Science**

Grizzly REP



RESPECT

ENGAGE

PREPARE

To foster a supportive school community and student success, CMS believes in the importance of:

- **Respect** – Treat others the right way – even when it’s hard.
- **Engage** – Show up, focus, and be part of the learning.
- **Prepare** – Be ready to learn every day.

Counseling Department

Counseling Services

Classroom Lessons
Individual & Small Group Counseling
Crisis Interventions
Consultation with Parents & Teachers
Coordination with Outside Agencies
Parent Collaboration
Referrals for Community Services

Community Collaboration

Transition Planning
Community Resources
Be Pro Be Proud
Career Day
6th Grade Orientation

Common Issues

Academic Planning
Personal/Social Support
Conflict Resolution
Anger Management
Anxiety
Career Readiness

Small Groups

Organization
Self-Awareness
Social Skills
Academic

Students can be connected with counselors through:
Student Email
Parent Email
Teacher Referral

Current CMS Clubs & Teams

Academic Bowl Team

Art Club

American Sign Language Club

Creekland Players Drama Club

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Friends Club (7TH & 8TH only)

E-Games Club

Garden Club

Tabletop Games Club

CMS Book Club/TOME Society

Social Studies Fair Club

Robotics Club

Student Council

News Crew/Grizzly

Productions

Global Tapestry

JROTC Club (8th grade only)

National Jr. Beta Club

SPORTS: Basketball & Cheerleading

CMS Media Center

Monday-Friday

8:10
to 3:20

Open for individual students, small groups, & classes.



Student access for small group projects, Maker space activities, reading challenges, monthly events, and author visits.

Materials for reference, academic and personal reading, & student support for technology and academic content.

Student input for book acquisition and library events is encouraged!

Cafeteria Services

Breakfast: \$1.75 for students.

Every day from 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Lunch: \$3.50 for students.

Time: 25-minute period every day

Seating: Students sit with their class at assigned tables.

Choices: 2 Serving lines that offer three hot entrees, fresh vegetables and fruits, peanut butter and jelly bags, yogurt bags, salads, wraps and sandwiches.

Purchasing Options: Extras and a la carte items can be purchased using lunch account or cash. A la carte items include: ice cream, chips, water, Envy drinks and more.



CCSD Student Parent Handbook

CMS strictly adheres to CCSD Board guidelines for student conduct, as described in the CCSD Student Parent Handbook and Discipline Code.

Discipline is firm, fair, and progressive. It is consistently applied to all students.

Behavior Card

TEACHER Level:

- Students have a Behavior Card for each Grading Period (9 weeks)
- Please review the behavior Card – Information will come out at the beginning of the year about out to join through Canvas

ADMIN Level:

- Excessive point deductions will result in an Administrative Discipline Referral.
- Admin Detention
- ISS

Points are deducted for classroom level behavior infractions*:

- 1 tardy, unprepared, off-task
- 2 language/name calling, minor disruption, misuse of tech
- 3 horseplay, inappropriate tone/action toward staff
- 5 willful refusal to comply (non-academic)

**This does not include full list of classroom level infractions*

Behavior Card

Students who maintain 91+ during the quarter qualify to participate in our quarterly behavior incentive

Teachers can also reward students who go above and beyond with an act of kindness with a Positive Behavior Referral

Grizzlies
REPRESENT



Respectful – Engaged – Prepared

100 Point System

100	Starting Points
95	Silent Lunch
90	Parent Conference with Student
85	Administrator Conference*
80	After School Detention
75	Off-Team Detention
70	In-School Suspension*

***Office referral also given.**

Behavior points are found in your CMS Behavior Course in Canvas.

Administrative Referral

Students will receive Administrative consequences in accordance with the 2026-2027 CCSD Discipline Code and Student Parent Handbook.

Monitoring of Absences, Tardies, and student checkouts

Please be aware that your child's absences, tardies, and checkouts are monitored by the school and District.

In accordance with District protocols, you will receive standardized letters notifying you of your child's excessive absences.

Please be aware that excessive absences may be reported to the CCSD Social Worker. Field trip privileges can be revoked for students who have 7 or more unexcused absences.

Excused Absences

Parent Square

Reasons for an excused absence:

- Personal illness
- Serious illness or death in the family
- Recognized religious holidays observed by one's faith

After 7 absences, excused or unexcused, a doctor's note is required for every absence.

Communication and Contacts

- Teachers' Canvas Pages
- Conferences
- E-mail (teachers' e-mail addresses are on the CMS website)
- Phone (770-704-4460)
- Facebook : CreeklandMS
- Grade access: Canvas
- Creekland website:
<http://cherokeek12.net/creeklandms/>

Contacts for Parents

Parents with concerns are encouraged to seek assistance from school personnel. It is requested that the following sequence be used:

1. Classroom teacher
2. Counselor
3. Assistant Principal
4. Principal

Parent Involvement

Parents can
get involved &
show their
GRIZZLY spirit
in several
ways!

Join PTSA

Join School Council

**Participate as a
chaperone on
school field trips.**

Be on the look out for more
information:

6th Grade Bear Walk
2026 – 2027 Walk-Through
2026-2027 Curriculum Night



First Day of 6th Grade

When:

**Monday, August 3,
2026**

Where:

**Creekland Middle
School**

**What
happens:**

**Staff members will
welcome all students and
be ready to assist**



Questions?