



MARIETTA MIDDLE

A FAMILY GUIDE TO
MIDDLE SCHOOL

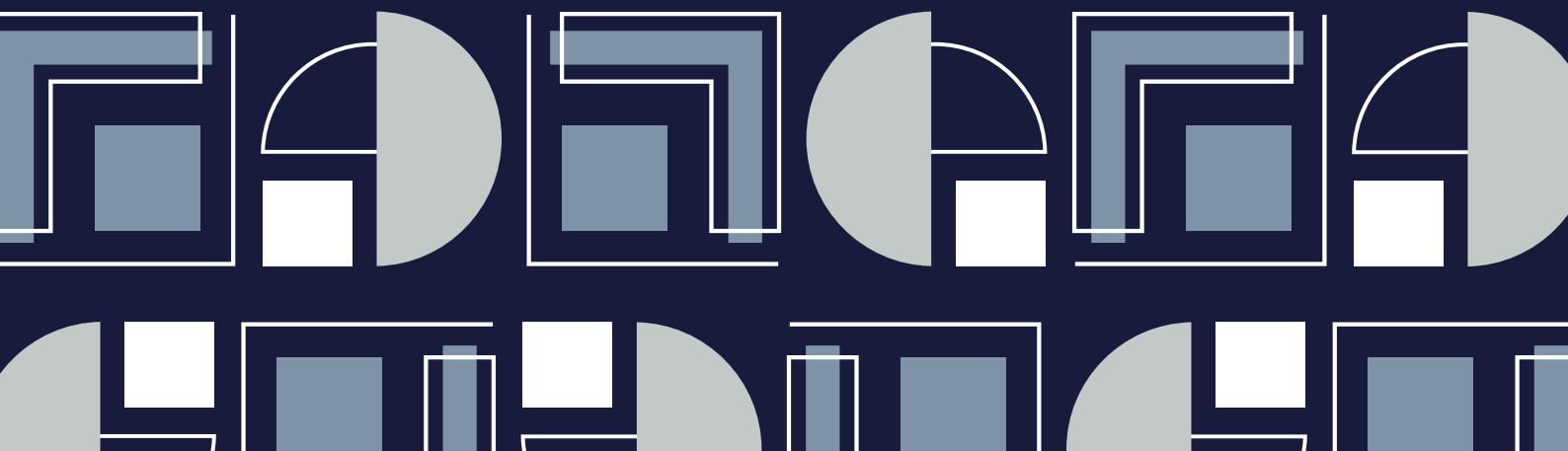




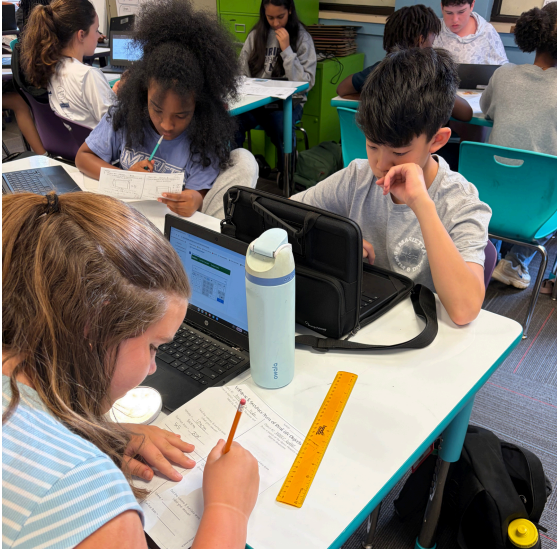
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MISSION, VISION, & VALUES,



MISSION

Engage- Discover- Excel

Our mission is to ensure every child at Marietta Middle School engages in learning, discovers new things, and excels academically and in life.



VISION

Our vision is to prepare all students for success in high school and beyond by fostering a caring, globally-minded culture that embraces diversity, emphasizes academic rigor, and ignites a passion for learning.



VALUES

1. Safety
2. Academic Excellence
3. Collaboration
4. Quality & Customer Service
5. Feedback & Growth
6. Support
7. Accountability



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Absences	Mary Finney	mmsattendance@marietta-city.org
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Student Academic Progress or Conference	Teacher	(see teacher's email address on the website)
Class Schedule	Anthony Booker	abooker@marietta-city.org
7th Grade Discipline	Dr. Jennifer Cotton	jcotton@marietta-city.org
8th grade Discipline	Brandon McIntosh	bmcintosh@marietta-city.org
Health/ Medical Concerns or Questions	School Nurse	lovellwhite@marietta-city.org
Emotional Issues Affecting a Student (including family changes, stress, or depression)	School Counselor	(see the counselor's email on the previous page)
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BELL SCHEDULE

BELL SCHEDULE	
Launch	7:15 - 7:40 am
Arrival	7:45 - 8:30 am
1st	8:35 - 9:20 am
2nd	9:25 - 10:10 am
3rd	10:15 - 11:00 am
4th	11:05 - 11:50 am
5th	11:55 - 12:40 pm
6th	12:45 - 1:30 pm
7th	1:35 - 2:30 pm
8th	

ENGAGE | DISCOVER | EXCEL



- Students can enter the building at 7:15 AM
- Students are tardy after 7:45 AM
- No student checkout or transportation changes after 1:00 PM
- Email absence and late excuse notes to mmsattendance@marietta-city.org





UNIFORMS

SHIRT OPTIONS:

- Shirts of any color but they must feature the Marietta logo or related Marietta team wording.
- Students may wear plain black/grey/navy/white visible t-shirts.
- MMS spirit wear shirts – Check the PTSA website for other purchasing information and options.



OUTERWEAR/JACKETS/OTHER:

- Outerwear must be in solid black, grey, navy, or white or feature the Marietta logo or related Marietta team wording.
- Non-MMS/ Marietta logo outterwear is allowed only in solid navy, solid grey, solid black, or solid white.
- Graphic hoodies/sweatshirts are not allowed.
- Hoods are not allowed on the head while in the building.
- Students must wear a Marietta shirt or plain black/grey/navy/white t-shirts under their outerwear.
- Non-MMS coats may be worn to and from school but must remain unzipped to display uniform.



PANTS, SHORTS, & SKIRTS:

- Joggers/sweatpants/jeans/leggings/slacks in khaki/tan, grey, navy, white, or black are acceptable without rips, holes, or fringes. *Pajama pants are not allowed.*
- Skirts/skorts must be mid-thigh or longer in khaki, grey, navy, white, or black.
- Shorts in khaki/tan, grey, navy, white, or black are acceptable without rips, holes, or fringes. *Spandex biker shorts are not allowed.*

SHOES:

- Shoes should be closed-toe and appropriate for a school environment.
- Flip flops, sandals without a back strap, heels above two inches, and slides are not permitted.
- Athletic shoes are recommended.

NON-COMPLIANCE IS CONSIDERED A DRESS CODE OFFENSE.

CONSEQUENCES

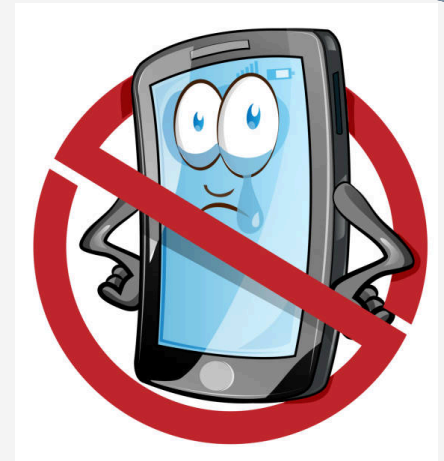
- **First Offense:** The parent or guardian is called to bring appropriate clothing and shoes for the student.
- **Second Offense:** The parent/guardian is called to bring appropriate clothing/shoes for the student. A notification letter will be sent.
- **Third Offense:** The parent or guardian is called to bring appropriate clothing or shoes for the student. Lunch Detention is assigned and entered in Aspen as a minor referral conduct violation—an ISS warning communication is sent to parents or guardians.
- **Fourth Offense:** The parent/Guardian is called to bring appropriate clothing and shoes for the student. The student was placed in ISS with a major referral.
 - Based on administrative discretion, when a parent or guardian cannot bring student-appropriate clothing, the student may be sent to an alternative location for the remainder of the school day.
- Due to the complexities associated with dress codes, the administration has the right to address all dress code violations on a case-by-case basis and label other types of dress as inappropriate, even if not explicitly mentioned in this policy.
- *If a parent cannot bring appropriate clothing, the student will remain in ISS.*



CELL PHONE & TECHNOLOGY USE

At MMS, we are proud to provide our students with a multitude of technological resources. Our classrooms are fully equipped with wireless laptops, printers, and interactive display boards, all of which are integral to our lessons. Students are expected to utilize these resources with the utmost responsibility and respect. Any misuse may result in loss of privileges.

****Personal iPads, tablets, Chromebooks, and gaming devices are not permitted at school.***



Cell phones and Smart Watches:

YONDR POUCH



- Cell phones must be turned off and put away when students enter the building.
- Cell phones and smart watches must be placed in the Yondr Pouches before security screening or upon late arrival.
- Cell phones and smart watches must remain in Yondr Pouches all day.
- Cell phones and smart watches will be unlocked from Yondr Pouches in 8th Period or at check out.

The following steps will be taken when a student violates the cell phone policy:

- 1st Offense: Item Confiscation and Parent Contact
- 2nd Offense: Item Confiscation, Parent Contact, and Progressive Discipline which can result in 1 Day of In-School Suspension
- Further Offenses: Item Confiscation, Parent Contact, and Progressive Discipline which can result in additional ISS or OSS days



CONSEQUENCES



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

ARRIVAL:

- Students who are bus riders must enter the building through the Auditorium entrance.
- Students who are car riders may enter through the bottom floor of the 400 building.
- Students will place their cell phones and smart watches in Yondr pouches prior to security screening

DISMISSAL

- Dismissal will occur during a 3-minute block at the end of the day.
- Students' cellphones and smart watches will be unlocked from Yondr pouches prior to dismissal.
- The student body will be split into two groups:
 - Students transitioning from the 400 building.
 - Students transitioning from the main building.
- Bus riders walk to Winn or Polk St to board their buses.
- Car riders and walkers must use the Skywalk to walk toward the Big Blue Gym parking lot.

WALKER PROCEDURES:

- All walkers must have a walker pass.
- Families should send a note or email to the front office at MMSTransportation to indicate that their student will be a walker.
- The front office staff will call the student from class to provide them with the walker pass.

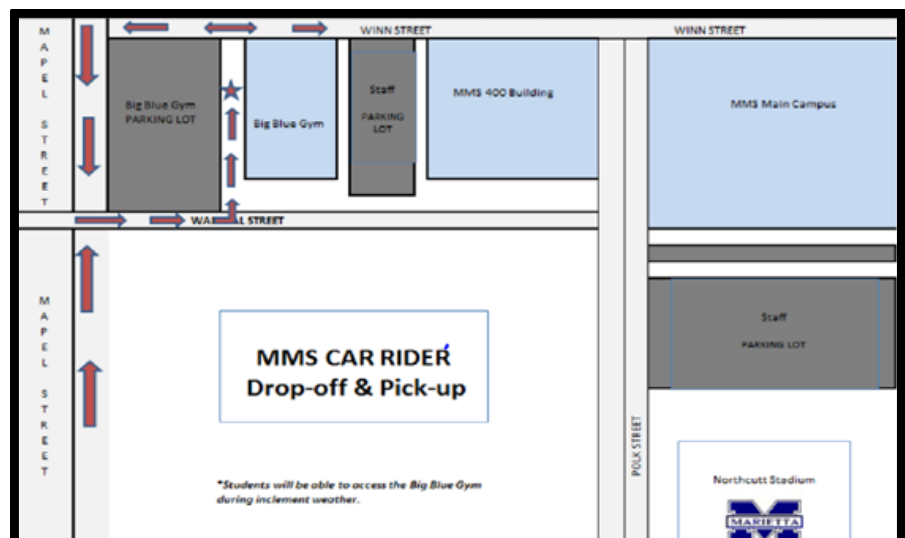
BUS INFORMATION

Information about buses including stop locations and times can be found using this QR Code.



CAR RIDER PROCEDURES:

- All car riders must be dropped off in the Big Blue Gym parking lot.
- Car riders will enter school through the bottom floor of the 400 building.
- Students may only use the Skywalk to cross Polk St.
- The school building opens at 7:15 a.m., and car riders may not be dropped off prior to that time.
- Car riders must be present in their 1st period class by 7:45 a.m., or they will be marked tardy for school.





DISMISSAL CHANGES & ABSENCES

DISMISSAL CHANGES

Advanced Dismissal Changes: Prior knowledge of a dismissal change should be sent to school with the student in writing and delivered directly to the front office. Dismissal changes that are emailed directly to the teacher should be forwarded to MMS Transportation at mmstransportation@marietta-city.org. No dismissal or transportation changes will be accepted after 1:00 pm.

- Same Day Dismissal Change: If a situation arises during the school day where you must make a dismissal change, you may do so before 1:00 PM in one of the following ways:
- Email dismissal change to mmstransportation@marietta-city.org.
- A written notice may be left at the front office.

ABSENCES

A student receives an excused absence for a legitimate, documented reason. The lawful reasons for an excused absence are personal illness, illness or death in the family, religious holiday, court appointment, and quarantine or conditions rendering school attendance hazardous to health and safety.

On the first day back in school after an absence, the parent should send a written note to the front office giving the reason for the absence.

Please forward any emails or messages excusing absences to the front office at mmsattendance@marietta-city.org or send to the front in your attendance envelope/ folder.



*****No student checkout or transportation changes after 1:00 PM



CLINIC, MEDICATIONS, & LUNCH

NURSE & MEDICATIONS:



- Medication authorization forms must be completed and signed by the student's parent or legal guardian for all medication given at school (prescription and over the counter).
- Over-the-counter medications can only be given for one (1) week without a doctor's authorization.
- All medication must be in the original container with the student's name on the container.
- Inhalers will be kept with the student unless there is a specific time it must be used at school, and then a parent note must authorize this. This is for short term only, and exact dates must be provided.
- Any students dismissed due to illness will be dismissed through the clinic.

LUNCH

- Families approved for Reduced Meal Pricing will not be required to pay the \$.30 for breakfast and the \$.40 for lunch due to Georgia Department of Education funding that will be used to cover those costs during the 2026-2027 school year.
- We encourage all families to submit an application using the QR code below.



Scan to visit the
School Nutrition
Website



MEAL PRICES SY 26-27

STUDENT MEAL PRICING:

- **PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**
Breakfast: \$2.50 Lunch: \$3.50
- **6TH GRADE AND MMS**
Breakfast: \$2.50 Lunch: \$3.75
- **MARIETTA HIGH**
Breakfast: \$2.50 Lunch: \$3.75
- **REDUCED PRICES FOR ALL SCHOOLS**
Breakfast: \$0.30 Lunch: \$0.40

Families will not be required to pay the \$.30 for breakfast and the \$.40 for lunch due to Georgia Department of Education funding that will be used to cover those costs during the 2027 school year.

- **ALL ADULTS AND VISITORS**
Breakfast: \$2.50 Lunch: \$5.00
- **SPECIAL OCCASION MEALS** \$6.00

Visitors may be allowed during meal service at schools. Visitor dates and capacity may vary by school.



GRADING POLICY

GRADE SCALE

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade
A	100 - 90
B	89 - 80
C	79 - 73
D	72 - 70
F	69 and below

- Teachers follow grading guidelines established by the school, and the guidelines will be communicated through the syllabus for each course.
- Assignments that are submitted after the due date are considered late, and 10% may be deducted from late assignments.
- Assignments that are not submitted will receive an M for missing.
- Missing assignments will receive a grade of 50% for non-Carnige and Honors classes.
- Honors and Carnige classes will receive a zero for missing assignments.
- Students will have the opportunity to submit missing assignments within the dates below.

PROMOTION/RETENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

- Students must pass Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA for the year. Passing is a 70% or above.
- If a student fails to pass one or more of these courses, the student may be considered for retention.
- Promotion/Retention Considerations:
 - Student MAP and Milestones scores
 - Previous interventions, including retentions
 - Age and level of social and emotional maturity
 - Regular school attendance

Report Period	Late Work Submission Date
Q1 Progress	8/21/2026
Q1 Report Card	9/30/2026
Q2 Progress	10/30/2026
Q2 Report Card	12/8/2026
Q3 Progress	1/29/2027
Q3 Report Card	3/2/2027
Q4 Progress	4/13/2027
Q4 Report Card	5/11/2027



PBIS AND DISCIPLINE

Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) promotes school safety and a positive learning environment. PBIS is implemented school-wide and designed to encourage positive behaviors in a consistent manner for all students.

	P	R	I	D	E
	PERSISTENCE	RESPECT	INTEGRITY	DETERMINATION	EMPATHY
HALLWAY/ STAIRWELL	- During class have a pass - Walk face forward - Walk with purpose to your classes	- Keep hands and feet to self - Be courteous - Appropriate conversation level	- Follow directions - Stay quiet - classes are in progress - Follow the dress code	- Go directly to your destination - Keep to the right - Phones off and away	- Set a good example - Keep hallways clear and clean - Be accountable for your actions
RESTROOM	- Throw trash in receptacle - Enter and exit quietly	- Wait your turn - Use equipment and supplies properly - Use kind words and actions	- Report problems to an adult - Wash hands	- Walk at all times - Keep water in sink	- Go, flush, wash - Use time wisely - Respect privacy
CLASSROOM	- Raise your hand to speak - Stay on task - Stay engaged in the lesson	- Pay attention to your teacher - Use kind words and actions - Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself	- Follow instructions - Use classroom materials appropriately	- Be ready to learn - Remember your bus number - Phones off and away	- Complete your work - Organize belongings - Participate
ARRIVAL/ DISMISSAL	- Take turns - Watch for traffic when entering/exiting - Listen for your stop	- Keep noise down - Use kind words and actions - Keep hands and feet to yourself	- Stay in designated area - Report problems to an adult - Keep track of your belongings	- Stay seated face forward - Remember your bus number - Walk to and from building - Keep your backpack closed	- Listen to bus driver - No waiting or drinking
CAFETERIA	- Use an indoor voice - Raise your hand for help	- Respect the personal space of others - Use kind words and actions	- Follow directions from adults - Eat only your food	- Walk at all times - Sit with feet under the table	- Leave a clean table, chair, and floor - Put trash in receptacle
MEDIA CENTER	- Stay on task - Put things away in their proper place	Respect others trying to read and learn	- Follow directions from adults - Take care of books and equipment	- Walk at all times - Return materials on time	- Be quiet - Use time wisely
ASSEMBLY	- Sit appropriately - Be polite	- Keep hands and feet to yourself - Eyes and ears on speaker	- Follow directions from adults - Stay in designated area	- Stay with your class or group - Enter and exit quietly	- Participate - Use appropriate equipment

STUDENTS WHO MEET BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

- Receive positive praise from staff members.
- Will be eligible to attend special events during the year, such as pep rallies, dances, and other school-sponsored events.
- Will be eligible to attend MMS & MHS sporting events.
- Will be eligible for the 8th Grade Dance. This is a semi-formal dance that occurs in late April for 8th Grade students. 8th Grade students must be passing their classes and have no major referrals to participate.
- Will be eligible for the 8th Grade Walk. This walk occurs on the last day of school to symbolize the transition from middle school to high school.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT MEET BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS MAY RECEIVE:

- **Conferences:** Conferences will be scheduled with parents, counselors, teachers and/or administrators to discuss issues and develop a plan to resolve the problem behaviors.
- **Mediation and Conflict Resolution:** These are discussions to resolve a dispute between two or more students.
- **Counseling:** Group or individual interventions run by counselors.
- **Mentoring:** A staff member is assigned to mentor a student, and they meet frequently to discuss a student's day and behavior.
- **Behavior Contract:** Student behavior expectations are outlined in writing, and students and parents are notified of the expectations.
- **Silent Lunch:** The student will be asked to sit in an area of the cafeteria and not speak while at lunch.
- **Time-out:** The student sits in another classroom rather than their assigned classroom for a period.
- **ISS:** (In-school Suspension) The student attends school, but he/she reports to the ISS Room. Work is assigned to the student and credit is given for all work completed. Students cannot participate in extra-curricular activities for those days they are assigned to in-school suspension. Failure to comply with ISS rules may result in OSS (Out of School Suspension).
- **OSS:** (Out-of-school Suspension) The student is suspended out-of school and is not permitted to attend school or any school sponsored functions. Students suspended ten days or less will have the opportunity to make up tests and other assignments for credit upon return from suspension. However, it will be the responsibility of the student to initiate make-up work. Parents are required by law to meet with administrators when a student returns to school after suspension.
- **Student Expulsion:** A student shall be subject to expulsion of a determined length by a decision of a disciplinary tribunal.

PARENT MEETINGS

When students are suspended for multiple days, parents will be required to meet with administration before the student can return to school.



ATHLETICS



WINTER SPORTS

- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Cheer



FALL SPORTS

- Volleyball
- Football
- Softball
- Cheer
- Cross Country



SPRING SPORTS

- Soccer
- JV Baseball
- JV Lacrosse
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Swimming

ELIGIBILITY

- Coaches may create academic criteria for athletes to participate on their team.
- All students must have a current physical on file to participate in sports.
- Please visit marietta-atheltics.com or use the QR code to get more information about eligibility.





WEBSITES AND CHROMEBOOKS

ASPEN

ASPEN is the digital platform for recording grades, attendance, and assessment scores. The website can be accessed using the following link:
<https://ga-marietta.myfollett.com>

TIPS

1. Check ASPEN frequently.
2. Charge chromebook nightly.
3. Check Schoology for important upcoming projects and tests.

****Personal Ipads, tablets, chromebooks, and gaming devices are not permitted at school.***

CHROMEBOOKS:

- All students will be assigned a Marietta City Schools-issued Chromebook.
- Chromebooks will be distributed during the first two weeks of school.
- Students must bring their Chromebook and charger to school each day.
- GoGuardian monitors all activity on Marietta City Schools-issued devices, and while a student is logged into their Marietta City Schools account. GoGuardian sends alerts to administrators and counselors for activity that is not appropriate for school, whether a student is on campus or at home.

SCHOOLGY

Schoology is the digital platform where teachers will communicate important information about assignments, tests, quizzes, and links for each of their classes.

<https://marietta.schoology.com/home>





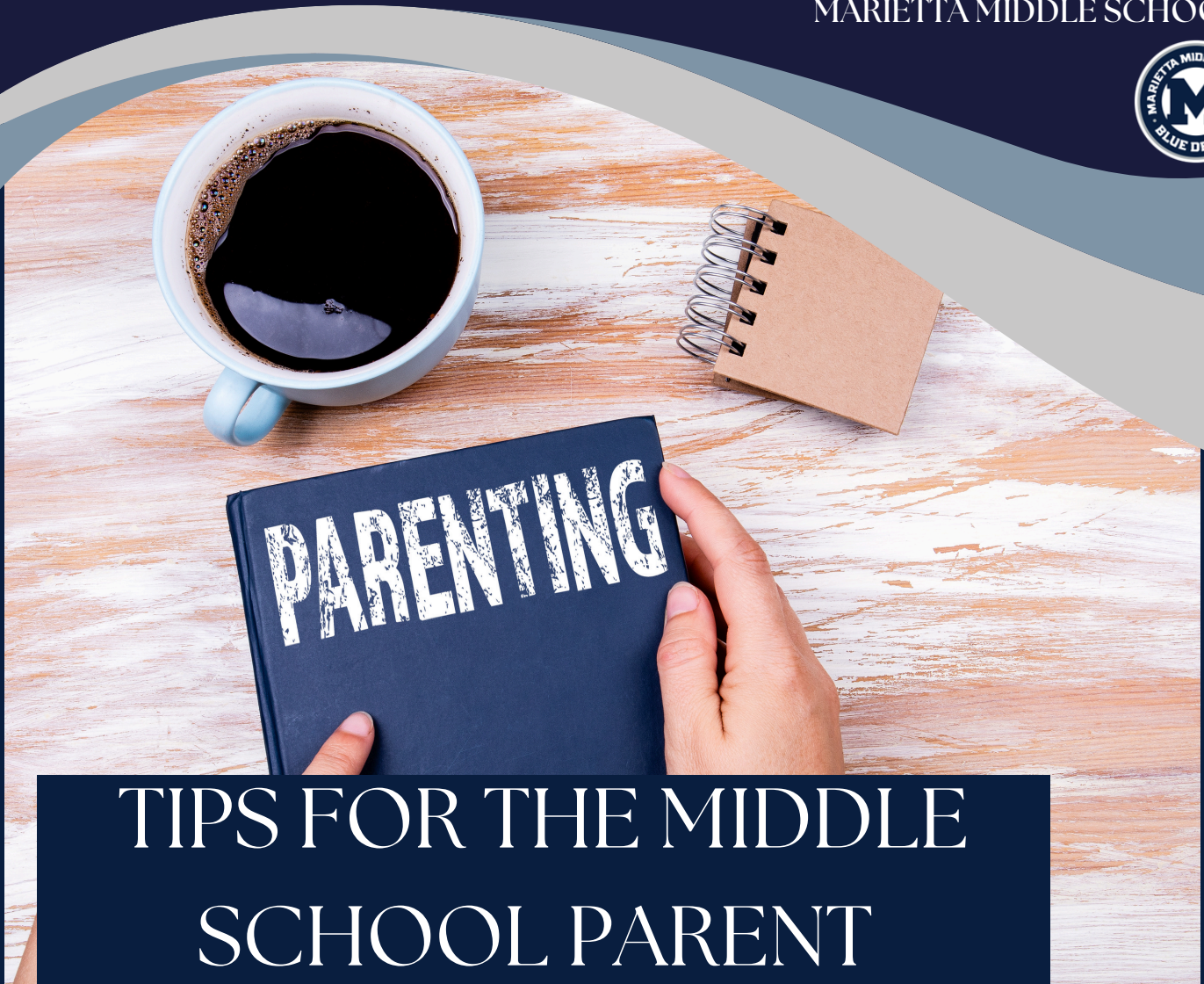
ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

GEORGIA MILESTONES ASSESSMENT

Subject	7 th Grade End of Year Expected Performance	8 th Grade End of Year Expected Performance
ELA	Proficient or Distinguished	Proficient or Distinguished
Math	Proficient or Distinguished	Proficient or Distinguished
Science	Not Tested	Proficient or Distinguished
Social Studies	Not Tested	Proficient or Distinguished

MAP GROWTH ASSESSMENT

Subject	7 th Grade Spring Expected Performance	8 th Grade Spring Expected Performance
Reading	215 RIT	218 RIT
Math	224 RIT	229 RIT
Science	210 RIT	213 RIT



TIPS FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

Middle school students are still developing their executive functioning skills. Students still need parental guidance to help them successfully navigate middle school.

Organize:

- Backpacks - Remove trash and organize papers
- Folders - remove old work and add loose paper
- Homework Space - make sure it is quiet and well-lit

Prepare:

- Charge Chromebooks nightly
- Study for tests and quizzes

Monitor:

- ASPEN - Set weekly reminder
- Schoology
- Peer Interactions
- Social Media
- Gaming
- Bed Times



THANK YOU



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