

DEER PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL



STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

2026/2027

"ALL IN, ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!"

Dear Students,

Welcome to a brand-new school year at Deer Park Middle School! Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning for another exciting chapter, we are so glad you're here. Our school is a place where learning, growth, and connection happen every day — and we can't wait to see all that you'll accomplish.

This year, our school-wide theme is: "All In, All Day, Everyday." These words are more than just a slogan — they represent the mindset we bring to everything we do. Being "All In" means giving your best effort, staying engaged, and being an active part of our school community. "All Day" reminds us that every moment matters — from your first class to your last, in the classroom, in the cafeteria, and in the hallways. And "Everyday" means showing up consistently, with kindness, focus, and a willingness to grow.

At Deer Park, we believe in you — your potential, your voice, and your ability to make a difference. This year, we encourage you to take pride in your work, support your classmates, and challenge yourself to grow in every area. Our teachers and staff are here to support you every step of the way.

Please take time to review this student handbook. It's full of helpful information about our expectations, resources, and what it means to be a part of the Deer Park community.

Let's make this an amazing year — one where we go All In, All Day, Everyday!

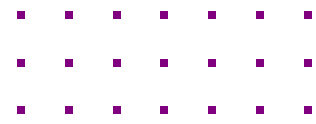
Mr. Brendan Glaze, M.Ed
Principal
Deer Park Middle School

"Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No excuses."

Solomon Ortiz



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Arrival/Dismissal

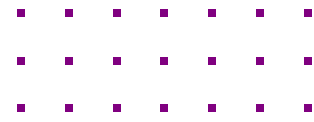
- Upon arrival on campus, students who want breakfast should report **immediately** to the cafeteria (do not go to the hallway first!).
- Students should eat breakfast, use the restroom, go to their lockers, then report to their homerooms.
- Car riders/walkers will be dismissed first at the end of the day. Walkers will leave through the front door, and car riders will be dismissed through the cafeteria.
- Bus riders will be dismissed through the cafeteria.
- *Changes to dismissal procedures must be requested **IN WRITING** via a note and turned into a student's homeroom teacher. Please arrange all transportation changes with your scholar before they arrive on campus.*

*****Students may not be on campus before 8:00 AM or after 3:45 PM unless attending a supervised activity.*****

Bus Expectations

- Students must adhere to the following bus expectations to and from school daily:
 - To ensure a safe ride for everyone, students are expected to remain seated, keep aisles clear, use respectful language and behavior, and follow the bus driver's directions the first time they are given. Bullying, fighting, profanity, horseplay, and any behavior that distracts the driver are prohibited. Students who do not meet these expectations may receive consequences, including a warning, In-School Suspension (ISS), Out-of-School Suspension (OSS), or suspension of bus privileges, depending on the severity or frequency of the behavior.

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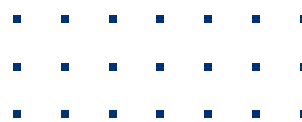
Cell Phones

- *Per SC State Law, **all cell phones and other electronic devices are prohibited.** If a student brings a cell phone or other electronic device to school, it must be locked in their locker for the duration of the day.*

Dress Code

- Students must adhere to the following dress code guidelines:
 - **Shoes:** sneakers, crocs, or any closed toe shoes are allowed. Slides and flip flops are not permitted on campus.
 - **Shirts/Tops:** All shirts must cover the **entire** midriff and back. Crop tops, halter tops, and shirts that expose the belly are not permitted. Sleeveless shirts must have straps that are at least two inches wide.

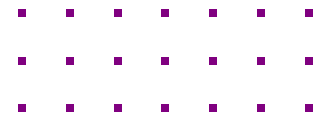
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- **Pants/Bottoms:** Pants, skirts, and shorts must be worn at the waist and should cover the midsection.
- **Dresses:** Dresses must follow the same guidelines as tops and bottoms. No strapless dresses are allowed without a cover-up.
- **Accessories:** Students **ARE** allowed to wear baseball caps, knit caps, and scarves on their heads. **However**, bonnets, du-rags, bandanas, ski masks, and hoodies are **NOT** allowed. Faces must be visible at all times. Face mask are allowed for medical needs only as a determination by the school nurse.
- Clothing should not be excessively tight or loose in a manner that reveals undergarments. (bikers shorts, body suits are not allowed)
- Transparent/see-through clothing is not acceptable unless work with appropriate undergarments that meet the dress code guidelines.
- Clothing, with inappropriate or offensive language, images, or graphics are not permitted.
- No clothing, jewelry, or accessories will be permitted that display profanity, weapons, violence, suggestive phrases, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or other inappropriate phrases or symbols as determined by administration.
- Students may not wear towels, blankets, or bandanas as accessories or clothing while on campus.

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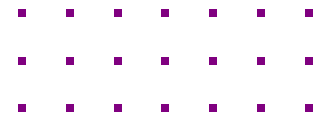
- Students who violate the dress code will be removed from class. At that time they may 1) wait in ISS while a parent/guardian brings them a change of clothing; 2) change into appropriate clothing provided by the school (if available); 3) remain in ISS for the remainder of the day, as determined by administration. Students who violate the dress code will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in CCSD's Progressive Discipline Plan.

Administration reserves the right to alter the dress code at any time as needed.

Hallways

- Students are expected to adhere to the following expectations when walking in the hallways:
 - **Always** walk on the right hand side.
 - Keep hands and feet to yourselves.
 - Noise should be kept to a minimum.
 - When with your class, walk in a single-file line.
 - Utilize SmartPass when you need to leave class to use the restroom, go to the nurse, media center, etc.
- **Unless there is an emergency, no SmartPasses will be approved during the first 10 minutes and last 10 minutes of class.**

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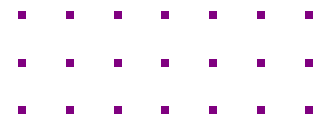
Lockers

- All students will be assigned their own locker.
- Students will learn how to open their lockers during the first two weeks of school. (Administration also has a key to open lockers).
- Students are expected to keep their personal belongings in their lockers. (cell phones and electronic devices).
- Only Chromebooks and Binders provided by the school are allowed in classrooms.
- Students will utilize lockers at the beginning of the day, end of the day, and at scheduled times throughout the day.

Media Center

- Students are encouraged to check out books and utilize the many resources found in our Media Center.
- Students will have the opportunity to visit the Media Center both with their classes and individually. The Media Center will be open to students most days during recess.

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Lost and Found/Personal Property

- Students are responsible for their own personal property.
- All personal items should be clearly labeled with the student's name.
- DPMS is not responsible for any personal property that is misplaced or stolen from any location on campus.
- Personal property that is found on campus will be taken to the Lost and Found in the front office. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each semester.

Medication

- Students are not allowed to carry medication. All medication must be given to Nurse Taylor, and a medication form must be filled out by the parent.

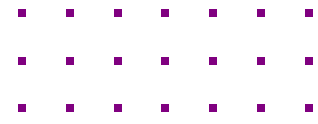
Make-Up Work

- If a student is absent from school, it is their responsibility to request their missing work.
- Students will have five (5) days to complete any make-up work.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Parents/guardians can access all student grades through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- If you need your Parent Portal username/password, please contact the front office or email our school counselor, Nicole Evans, at natisha_evans@charleston.k12.sc.us.

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Progress Reports/Report Cards

- Progress Reports will be emailed to parents/guardians at the midpoint of each grading period.
- Report cards will be mailed home at the end of each quarter.

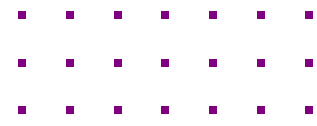
Student Deliveries/Gifts

- Students are not permitted to receive deliveries such as balloons, gifts, flowers, or food. Any deliveries made to the front office will not be accepted.
- Students are not permitted to carry balloons, stuffed animals, birthday treats, etc. from class to class, as they cause a distraction.

Student Messages/Transportation Changes

- If a parent/guardian has a message for a student, they should call the front office.
- All messages will be delivered to students during non-instructional time. The front office will not interrupt classes to deliver messages unless it is an emergency.
- Transportation changes must be done in writing (email/PowerSchool/Written Note). The front office must receive all transportation changes by 11:00 AM so that they can be verified.
- If a student needs to call their parent, they will use the phone in the front office. Students are not allowed to access their cell phones during the instructional day.

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Testing

- Students will participate in testing required by the State of SC and CCSD.
- Parents will be notified prior to testing taking place.
- SC READY testing occurs during the last 20 days of the school year.

Transportation (Bus)

- Bus transportation to and from school is a **privilege**. Students who ride the bus must obey the driver and follow all school and bus rules.
- The bus stop and the bus are considered an extension of the school.

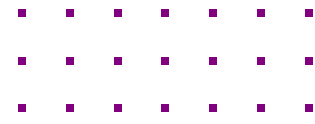
Transportation (Car Riders)

- Car Riders should arrive on campus between 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM.
- Any car rider who arrives on campus after 8:30 AM must be signed in at the front office by a parent/guardian.
- Afternoon car riders will be dismissed at 3:25 PM. Cars will be dismissed from 3:25 PM - 3:35 PM. After 3:35 PM, car riders must be picked up at the front of the office.

Visitors

- Visitors to the school must sign in at the front office.
- All visitors to the school must provide identification and have a badge before they will be allowed to enter.
- Parents who want to observe their child's class should give 24 hours notice. While visiting a class, parents are not to talk to students and must leave their cell phones in the front office.

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Binders

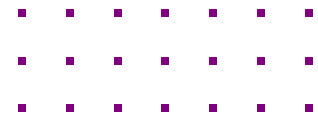
- All students will be provided a zipper binder by the school.
- Students are expected to keep all of their work in their binders.
- Binders will be carried from class to class, and backpacks will remain in lockers.
- Students should keep their binders organized. Teachers will periodically check binders and help with organization in class.

Bullying/Intimidation/Harassment

- All reports of bullying/intimidation/harassment are taken seriously and investigated by administration.
- Students should report any possible incidents to a trusted adult: teacher, administrator, guidance counselor, etc.
- Students can also report incidents to our front office, and they will notify administration.
- If a student reports an incident to their parent, we ask that the parent call the school and report it.

Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying - CCSD Policy JICFFA

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Chromebooks

- All students will be assigned a Chromebook and charger during the first week of school.
- Students are responsible for any damages/loss of Chromebooks and chargers.
- Chromebooks will be turned in at the end of each day - **they will not go home with students.**
- Any student who needs to take home a Chromebook to complete make-up work must get permission from administration (the teacher will email admin for permission).

Grades

- All grades will be updated in PowerSchool on a weekly basis.
- Parents are encouraged to check their student's PowerSchool each week and remain in contact with their student's teachers.
- The CCSD Grade Scale is as follows:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F