

MADISONVILLE JR. HIGH SCHOOL



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Asst. Principal: Katherine Whitlock

MISSION STATEMENT

Madisonville Junior High School is committed to providing a safe environment where students excel academically and socially. The school will accomplish this mission by creating a culture of high expectations, using data driven instruction, and fostering an unwavering foundation of respect.

School Mascot: Eagle

School Colors: Black and Gold

MOTTO	EXPECTATIONS
Every Child, Every Day Soaring Toward Excellence the EAGLE Way!	SAFE ORGANIZED ALWAYS KIND RESPECTFUL

Parent/Student Handbook Compact

My child and I have received and read the Madisonville Jr. High Student Handbook and the St. Tammany Parish Handbook on Attendance, Discipline and Student Records.

We understand the policies, rules, and regulations discussed in these publications.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

School policies stated are in accordance with the ***St. Tammany Parish Handbook on Attendance, Discipline and Student Record***

BELL SCHEDULE

OPENING BELL = 7:30

7TH GRADE		8TH GRADE	
FIRST BELL	7:26	FIRST BELL	7:26
LIM / Intervention	7:30 – 7:58	LIM / Intervention	7:30 – 7:58
1 ST PERIOD	7:58 - 8:48	1 ST PERIOD	7:58 - 8:48
2 ND PERIOD	8:51 - 9:41	2 ND PERIOD	8:51 - 9:41
3 RD PERIOD	9:44 - 10:34	3 RD PERIOD	9:44 - 10:34
7TH GRADE LUNCH	10:34 - 10:58	4 TH PERIOD	10:37 - 11:27
4 TH PERIOD	11:01 - 11:51	8TH GRADE LUNCH	11:27 - 11:51
5 TH PERIOD	11:54 - 12:44	5 TH PERIOD	11:54 - 12:44
6 TH PERIOD	12:47 - 1:37	6 TH PERIOD	12:47 - 1:37
7 TH PERIOD	1:40 - 2:30	7 TH PERIOD	1:40 - 2:30

**At the 10:34 bell, all students will report to 4th hour. 7th grade students will drop their bags off and directly report to lunch. 8th grade students will remain in 4th hour.*

DISMISSAL BELL = 2:30

HALF DAY DISMISSAL = 11:30

ABSENCES

Regular school attendance is an important indicator of student success! Students and parents need to refer to the *Parish Handbook* for all state and parish policies regarding absences.

LATE CHECK-IN POLICY

A student is considered tardy to school if he/she arrives after 7:30 AM but before 8:00 AM.

Morning Start Times:

Classes begin promptly at 7:30 AM. Students may begin arriving on campus at 7:00 AM. Students who are not in their classrooms by 7:30 AM will be marked tardy.

Consequences for Being Tardy:

When students are not in their classrooms by 7:30 AM, they must stop at the front office window and check in by signing the back of their emergency card. Each tardy will be logged into our computer system along with absences. Consequences will begin after the 4th tardy. See chart below for details.

5 th Tardy	Level One	1 hour after school detention
10 th Tardy	Level Two	Parental meeting with Administration, 4 hour Saturday detention, and referral to truancy
15 th + Tardy	Level Three	Parental meeting with Administration, In-School or Out-of-School Suspension, and additional referral to truancy and/or FINS

Questions or concerns should be directed to the Administration.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE

If a student needs to be checked out, please buzz the button to the left of the main entrance and state that you are there to check out your child. Please make sure you bring your ID, as this will be needed to check out your child. If you come to check out your child after 2:00, please park across the street by the gym, so as to not block the buses that are lining up for dismissal.

EMERGENCY CARDS

It is **critical** that the school be able to contact parents if necessary. **Each student must have a completed emergency card by the end of the first week of school.** This card will be filed in the front office. All emergency cards must include a LOCAL phone number for the parent (or contact person). Be sure to include additional contact numbers just in case you can't be reached. Please notify the front office of any changes in writing throughout the year. No student will be allowed to be checked out by an adult who is not designated on the child's emergency card.

HEALTH SERVICES AND REGULATIONS

When a child is hurt at school, the extent of the injury will be determined by the office and the parent is notified if deemed necessary.

The office cannot administer any medication without written authorization of a physician in the office. It is the parent's responsibility to notify and update the office of any special medical conditions a student may have.

- **No medication shall be administered by school personnel or self-administered by a student without a signed authorization form completed by both the parent and physician. All medication orders must be renewed at the beginning of each school year.**
- **No medication shall be administered or self-administered by a student unless it is provided to the school in a container labeled by a registered pharmacist with the time and dosage that corresponds to the physician's order.**
- Parents needing to administer medication to their student must first fill out a medication form with the office.
- A registered nurse employed by the St. Tammany Parish School Board will review and access the physician's order and the parent's request to determine if delegation of administration of the medication by a trained non-licensed health professional is acceptable.
- No medication will be received at school or sent home with a student.
- Medication will be destroyed if it is not picked up within two weeks following termination of the order or two weeks beyond the end of the current school year.

TELEPHONES/MESSAGES

Students may use the office phone for emergencies ONLY (i.e. illness or injury). Students must have a pass from a teacher to use the office phone. Phone calls home for forgotten assignments, instruments, money, or permission slips will not be allowed.

Please communicate with your child **before** school about after school activities and/or transportation arrangements. Except in the case of true emergencies, telephone messages will not be given to students.

VISITORS

Visitors, including parents, **must** check into the office with proper I.D. and receive a visitor's pass; this includes parents having lunch with their student. Students from other schools are not allowed on campus except for planned interschool activities. Please enter **only** through the front office entrance.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Students may not bring items to school that do not contribute to the educational environment. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, Nee-Dohs, toys, fake money, and any other items determined to be inappropriate for school use.

Energy drinks are prohibited on campus. Any student found in possession of an energy drink will have the item confiscated and disposed of immediately as these beverages may pose a health risk within the school environment.

LOCKERS

If a student chooses to have a locker, one will be issued. Students are responsible for keeping their lockers in order to keep them from jamming. Lockers are subject to inspection by the school at any time for justified reasons. Students are asked to supply their own locks for P.E. and be responsible for their privacy by not making their combinations public. It is important for students who utilize the P.E. lockers to lock up their personal items.

LOST AND FOUND

Found articles should be sent to the "lost and found" container in the foyer of the gym. Parents and students are strongly urged to **clearly label** everything a student brings to school; including clothing. The student is responsible for his/her own belongings. Books, book bags, and purses should NOT be left unattended in the halls or on the playground. Students should **NOT** bring large amounts of money, expensive jewelry, I-pads, trading cards, or any other collectibles to school. **The school will not be responsible for items lost at school.**

COMPUTER USE

The student and parent must sign the St Tammany Parish Instructional Technology User Agreement, which is kept on file in the student's permanent folder, in order for the student to use the S.T.P.S.B. instructional technology and Internet services.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES – Technology plays a critical role in student learning at MJH. Students must strictly adhere to usage policies determined by the classroom teachers and S.T.P.S.B. The school certainly does not expect any destruction of property, but wants the student and parent to know the seriousness of the matter. In the event that a student deliberately damages school technology, the parent/student will be held financially responsible and the student will have a disciplinary consequence.

INTERNET RESPONSIBILITIES - The use of the Internet is a privilege and must be used only for educational purposes guided by a teacher. Any other use will result in the denial of Internet privileges and a disciplinary consequence.

*Students will not be allowed to bring Chromebooks to lunch. The Chromebooks must be kept with their belongings in class.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Please review district policy on electronic devices. Cell phones/Apple watches must be turned off and put into a school bag/locker while on campus (this includes walking off of/to buses and during carline). If a student has their cell phone in their pocket/waistband, it will be confiscated by a staff member.

Cameras, digital or polaroid, are not allowed on campus, and will be treated as an electronic device.

Progressive consequences for cell phone/Apple watch usage or related disruptions will be followed as outlined below:

- Administrative Detention (Lunch Detention)
- Administrative Detention (Afterschool Detention)--parent must retrieve phone
- Saturday Detention or In School Suspension--parent must retrieve phone
- Suspension and/or Expulsion--parent must retrieve phone

Related disruption and/or refusal to hand over an electronic communication device when directed by a school system employee may result in more severe disciplinary action such as suspension and/ or expulsion.

Please review the Chromebook policy that is signed at the beginning of each year. It is highly encouraged that insurance be purchased, so that non-warranty issues can be fixed quickly.

TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks at Madisonville Junior High School are the property of the State of Louisiana. Any loss or damage of textbooks, including novels and paper consumable workbooks used as textbooks, will result in a monetary fine. When textbooks are assigned at the beginning of each school year the condition of the book will be noted by the teacher in writing. If a textbook is lost or badly damaged the student must pay the original price for it before he/she will be issued a new textbook. Writing in a textbook constitutes damage to it. Minor damage to a book will be assessed a per page fee. Some textbooks are available for online reference through Moodle.

TRANSPORTATION

ARRIVAL POLICIES: Students are **not allowed on the school campus before 7:00 AM**. There is no supervision before this time. Students are not allowed in the halls without written permission from a teacher or a pass. Students who want breakfast should report immediately to the cafeteria. All students should be off campus by 3:00 PM daily, unless permission is granted to stay longer or serving after school detention.

DEPARTURE POLICIES: Cars may begin to line up at 2:15 PM to pick up students. This will allow early buses unobstructed access. Students must wait on the sidewalk in front of school. Cars will be permitted to pull up to pick up their children as directed by duty teachers. Car riders must be picked up by 3:00 PM as there are no duty teachers after this time.

BUS POLICIES

Most MJH students ride buses to school. Students must remember that the bus driver is responsible for their safety and well-being while they are on the bus. The driver must be respected and obeyed. Violation of school or bus rules while riding the bus as well as at a bus stop will result in disciplinary action by administration who can ban students from riding the bus or assign other disciplinary consequences according to parish policy.

Any student who must ride a bus other than his/her own must have a written request from the parent/guardian addressed to the school administration (this included getting off at a different stop on their bus). Parents, please know your child's bus driver's name, bus number, and phone number. The note must be brought to the office by lunch recess for the principal's signature of authorization to ride the bus. It is important to note though that some buses do not allow extra riders due to capacity requirements. Transportation routes may be accessed by calling 898-3373.

WALKERS

Students who walk to school should not arrive before 7:00 AM. In the afternoon, walkers will be dismissed after the buses leave campus. Any student walking to and from home is considered at school until he/she reaches home. Students crossing a busy street should cross where Madisonville police are posted for their safety. Students may not walk to area businesses and "hang out" until they can be picked up, due to safety concerns and lack of adult supervision. Walking to the park and Scooters on Fridays is highly discouraged as there have been many issues due to lack of supervision.

FIELD TRIPS

Parents should make every effort to ensure that their child/children participate in school approved field trips. Students who are not given written permission to attend scheduled field trips are to attend classes arranged for them and are not excused from attending school the day of the field trip.

If a student has paid for a field trip and is absent on the day of the trip, a refund will **not** be given. Refunds are not given due to the cost of tickets and transportation for field trips are calculated by the vendor prior to the trip. All students must ride the bus.

Adult chaperones over the age of 21 are required. Chaperones may **not** bring younger children with them on the trip. School lunch is provided for **all** students attending field trips and accounts will be charged accordingly.

Students may also be excluded based on disciplinary referrals. If a student is ineligible to go due to discipline reasons, a refund will **not** be given.

LIBRARY

The library is available for use by individual students and class groups. The librarian will set up schedules with the teachers. Students are responsible for any materials checked out of the library. Compensation is required for materials lost or damaged. The library is open each morning for students.

MUSIC INSTRUCTION

Band is offered to students. Each student must provide his/her own instrument and participate in all band activities. Students who forget their instruments will not be allowed to call home for them.

Chorus is offered to students. Students are required to participate in all performances.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Information regarding sign-ups, meetings, and tryouts will be announced through the office and on the school website.

SPORTS

Announcements for team tryouts and sign-up times are made from the office and in P.E. classes. In order to be eligible to try out and participate in sports, a student must have a current physical on file at the school. All physicals must be turned in to the coach and/or Athletic Director. In addition, the student must pass five subjects and have maintained a 1.5 or better from the previous 9 weeks period. A student who has turned 15 before Sept. 1st is not eligible to participate in sports. Madisonville Junior High 7th and 8th grade teams include: football, cross country, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball, track, and soccer. A student may be excluded from participation in sports due to excessive discipline infractions. Please refer athletic questions to Clint Willie, Athletic Director.

PERMANENT RECORDS

The permanent records of all students are kept in the main office. Records are confidential. If a student transfers during the school year or between sessions, the new school where the student enrolls must request a transcript of the student's records before any records can be forwarded. This transcript is furnished without charge by the school.

GRADING SCALE

Grades 7 and 8: For all subjects, numerical grades shall be recorded in the class record book and averaged for the 9-weeks grades. The 9 weeks numerical grade and corresponding letter grade shall be recorded on the report card. The numerical grades for each 9 weeks shall be averaged for the yearly grade.

Student Progress Center: Parents should access student grades regularly throughout the school year using the Student Progress Center located at <https://jpams.stpsb.org/progress/>.

Grade	Percentage
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

INTERIMS/REPORT CARDS

Interim reports for all subjects will be available to view on JPams at the midpoint of each nine weeks. Viewing dates for Interims will be posted on the monthly school calendars via our website.

Report cards are no longer sent home with students following the end of each 9 weeks grading period. You can access the final grades using Jpams Progress Center. Report cards will be mailed home upon the completion of the 4th 9 weeks grading period at the end of the school year.

HONOR ROLL

Each nine weeks, students who earn a 3.0 or higher grade point average are invited to a nine week recognition sponsored by our PTA. Students who earn 3.0 or higher G.P.A. for the first three nine weeks are treated to a picnic at the end of the year (behavior expectations are tied to this as well). **To be considered for Honor Roll, a student may have NO Ds or Fs for the nine weeks.**

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Parents are encouraged to make appointments for conferences as needed with teachers and/or administration by telephoning the school office at 845-3355 or through their email. Teachers will not be called out of class for a conference. The administration asks that parents contact teachers **first** to discuss academic/discipline concerns.

Email addresses, teacher's google classroom, and updated school information is available through the school website, and automated telephone reminders of upcoming events. You can sign up for emergency alerts sent directly to your cell phone at STPSB.org.

ASSEMBLIES/SPEAKERS

School assemblies and classroom speakers occur during the school year to promote the curriculum to encourage student health and safety, and to foster a productive learning environment. Such occasions are noted by teachers in weekly overviews, in school newsletters, and/or the school website. Parents who wish for their children not to participate in any of these activities should notify the classroom teacher or school principal.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

For academic and personal advice, the MJH School Counselor can be reached at 845-3255 or through the office. Mrs. Lee is available to help students and families with school, home, or peer problems. She may also be reached through her email: Jessica.lee@stpsb.org. A Mental Health Provider is also assigned to the school to provide additional support to students and families. Mrs. Greer, our MHP, can be reached at 985-202-0203 or through the front office.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Student scheduling is carefully planned and managed by school administrators and a scheduling committee. Any schedule concerns must go through the principal's office and should only be due to an extenuating circumstance.

TRANSFER OF STUDENTS

Students who are leaving Madisonville Junior High School to attend another school during the school year must go through the proper clearance procedure in the main office. All fines and fees, including lunchroom charges, must be paid and all textbooks must be checked in before a student can be properly cleared.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND/OR EDUCATION AND REPORTING

As mandated by the St. Tammany Parish School Board, students in Grades K-8 will receive instruction on the topic of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention, Education and Reporting.

All materials to be used in the instruction may be previewed by contacting the school counselor.

PROMOTION POLICY

In order to be promoted at the end of 7th / 8th grade, a student shall pass the following core subjects:

English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies

DANCES

Several dances are held for our students. Students may be denied the privilege to attend dances upon the discretion of the principal.

No visitors from outside this school are allowed at the dances. This includes the 8th grade dance.

The dances are held on Friday nights. 7th grade is from 6:00-7:30, and 8th grade is from 6:30-8:00 (subject to change. Please follow flyers that are specific for each dance). This helps to alleviate excessive traffic congestion on dance nights. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure students go directly into the gym and do not leave campus before or after the dance. Parents are to be PROMPT in picking up their children. **Students not picked up promptly may be denied attendance at future dances. No students are allowed to walk or ride their bikes to and/or from any evening school activities.** The school will provide a specific dress code policy for each dance. You may check the school website for a link. If students receive more than one assignment of ISS or one Out of School Suspension in a nine weeks, will not be eligible to attend the dance that nine weeks.

DRESS CODE

Parents and students are to refer to the Parish Handbook for all dress code policies. The principal maintains the right to determine extremes in styles of dress and grooming and what is appropriate and suitable for school. Students who have problems conforming to the dress code will either have appropriate clothes brought from home or change into appropriate clothing found here at school and may receive disciplinary action.

Walking Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be either school-approved plaid or khaki. All must meet the criteria---**CANNOT BE shorter than 5 inches above the knee.**

Pants/Capris: Tan khaki colored cotton twill **must be secured at the waist with no undergarments revealed.** Sweatpants are not permitted no matter the color. All black or all white leggings can be worn under skirts and skorts.

Shirts: White or black polo style shirts with the school approved logo or no logo at all. No skin may show between the pants/skirt and shirt in any position. Black uniform t-shirts are available for purchase through the school office. These T-shirts are the only ones allowed (no plain white or black t-shirts are allowed).

Sweatshirt/sweater/outerwear: Outerwear may be any color. If there are designs or illustrations, they must follow STPSB dress code. An approved uniform top must be worn underneath the sweatshirt. MJH sweatshirts may be purchased from the PTA.

Shoes: Students may wear backless sandals and crocs to school, but must be prepared to change to tennis shoes for participating in PE.

Hats: All caps, hats, and bandanas are banned from school campus.

Grooming: Nose piercings (small stud in nostril) will be allowed. All other nose piercings will not be permitted. This policy will be left up to administrative discretion. Drawing/writing on one's exposed skin or clothing is prohibited.

DRUG DETECTION

The administration may search a student as well as his/her locker according to parish guidelines when there is probable cause to believe that the student has in her/her possession any illegal substance. In addition, drug dogs may periodically brought to school by area police and/or the sheriff's department to conduct random classroom/locker searches. Any evidence seized as a result of such a search may be used in court prosecution. Students having been found in possession of illegal substances and or prescription medications will be recommended for expulsion from school. Consult the St. Tammany Parish System Handbook for more information including possible consequences.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The faculty and staff of Madisonville Junior High believe that educational success requires the active involvement, participation, and support of parents, community members, students, and school staff. Therefore, open communication and opportunities for active involvement are encouraged in several ways through various forms of communication, opportunities for involvement, and decision making opportunities.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Our plan is based upon four simple rules using the Acronym of S.O.A.R. Students need to be safe, organized, always kind, and respectful. When students display these characteristics, they will have a successful day.

E A G L E S

Safe

Organized

Always kind

Respectful

Rules will be reviewed in both classroom and at school-wide review meetings. Lunch detentions may be assigned by classroom teachers, duty teachers, and administration for violation of minor classroom, school, and parish rules. More serious or habitual violations will be handled through the administration in accordance with the parish discipline policy. More specific parish guidelines are listed for your review and reference in the **Handbook on Attendance, Discipline, and Student Records**.

In addition, students may be rewarded for their positive behavior and effort through Eagle Bucks, Golden Referral recognition, and classroom rewards.

STUDENT IDs

Students will be issued a Madisonville Junior High ID card that must be worn daily. ID's are bar coded and will be used by the cafeteria, library, and for general identification purposes. These IDs will also be used to enter through exterior doors of school. Every student must have an ID upon entering campus. If a student forgets their ID, a temporary ID may be purchased for the day. They should visit the ID table to purchase a temporary ID immediately upon arriving on campus. Any student without an ID will receive an automatic lunch detention (unless they pay their \$1, 2 Eagles Bucks, or have their punchcard).

If a student loses their ID, they will be made a new one and be charged \$5 on their account for the first two new IDs. On the third purchase of the new ID, the price will be \$10 per ID. The old ID will be deactivated. Defacing the ID in any way, loaning or borrowing another student's ID is prohibited and will be subject to discipline as per STPSB discipline policy.

A punch card to pay for temporary IDs can be purchased on My Payments Plus. Once purchased, students can bring a receipt to the front office and receive a punch card to use if they forget their ID.

AREA BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

ARRIVAL RULES

- Go directly to cafeteria if you plan to eat breakfast.
- 7th Grade students report to the courtyard if not eating breakfast until the bell rings (If inclement weather, students will be sent to the Science hallway)
- 8th Grade students report to area outside of gym by oak tree (if inclement weather, 8th grade students will sit in the gym. If weather does not permit students crossing the street to the gym, the 8th grade students will sit in the 300/400 hallways.
- As **all** students exit the buses or cars, they must wait for a duty teacher to stop traffic to allow them across the street.
- Use the restroom before the bell rings.
- When dismissed for class, immediately report to your first hour. Stay to the right of the hallway during transition, and line up along wall to wait for teacher before entering class.

CAFETERIA RULES

- Enter in orderly, quiet lines and stay on sidewalk.
- Wash your hands, turn off water, and place paper towel in trash can.
- Remain seated at table; no roaming.
- Talk quietly at lunch tables.
- Clean up your eating area.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

RECESS RULES

- Practice good sportsmanship.
- Stay in your designated playground area.
- Students should keep the campus clean and free from trash and graffiti.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

DISMISSAL

- Walkers must leave the school grounds after carline clears and may not enter the gym.
- Early bus riders may report directly to their buses.
- No loitering in front of the gym or on school grounds is allowed.
- Car riders must go directly to the carline to wait for car dismissal.
- Bike riders are to get their bikes and WALK them off of school grounds.

RESTROOMS

- Before school and at lunch, gym restrooms will be available.
- Locker area is prohibited before school & at lunch recess.
- Students may not use restrooms immediately following morning bell or right after lunch recess unless an emergency.
- Emergency bathroom use during class time is permitted only with teacher permission.
- Remember to flush, wash your hands, and dispose of paper towels in trash cans.

BYSTANDER REVOLUTION

The St. Tammany Parish School Board considers bullying to be an extremely serious offense. The faculty and staff of Madisonville Jr. High will educate students and stakeholders through a program called the Bystander Revolution. This program focuses on proper social skills and prevention of disrespectful behavior.

In accordance with St. Tammany Parish School Board Policy, students found to be committing acts of bullying including, but not limited to, physical bullying, emotional bullying, or sexual bullying, as defined in the district handbook for students and parents, will be given consequences based upon the severity and frequency of the act(s). The students will be assigned to morning detention, after-school detention, Saturday detention, ISS, or suspension, as deemed appropriate by the disciplinarian.

Students who are victims of bullying have a responsibility to report instances to school officials. Victims are encouraged to document their experience(s) in writing. Other individuals, such as family members or bystanders, are encouraged to contact school administrators when they become aware of the bullying behavior.

With any questions please refer back to the STPSB District Handbook Page 24 for more information regarding Bullying.

DETENTIONS

MJH uses both lunch and after school detentions for all grades as a part of teaching expectations and restoring behaviors. In addition, students may serve after school detention for behavior infractions. Detention counts will start over at the beginning of each 9 weeks.

Students will be assigned morning detentions to be held Tuesday-Friday in a designated classroom. The detention will be during the student's lunch period. Students will go to the front of the line to get their lunch and go to the lunch detention room.

After school detentions are scheduled one day each week from 2:30-3:30 PM (Day will be determined when school starts).

4th Lunch Detention	After School Detention & Administrative Notification
6th Lunch Detention	In-School Support - 1 day
9th Lunch Detention	In-School Support - 2 days or Saturday Support
12th Lunch Detention	Out of School Support

IN-SCHOOL SUPPORT

In-school support is a second chance support used as an intervention prior to an out-of-school suspension. All schoolwork normally assigned, graded, or completed in class will be administered in the ISS classroom. Students are expected to complete the assigned work during the appropriate time for each class period. Assignments will be graded as if they were in the classroom setting.

SUSPENSION/EXCLUSION/EXPULSION

Serious offenses by students, including fighting, threatening self or others, or harassing another student, carrying a weapon, alcohol, tobacco product, drugs, or other habitual offenders will be referred to the administration and discipline will follow parish guidelines set forth in the **St. Tammany Parish School System Handbook on Attendance, Discipline, and Student Records**. A letter will be sent home with the number of suspension days and number of days for make-up work to be completed.

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN & YOUTH IN HOMELESS SITUATIONS

The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law passed in 1987 to help people experiencing homelessness. The Act requires states and school districts to make sure students in homeless situations can attend and succeed in school. The McKinney-Vento Act applies to all children and youth who do not have a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth who are living in the following situations:

- Doubled-up housing with other families or friends because they lost their home or their family is having temporary financial problems
- Living in a motel/hotel because of economic hardship or loss of housing
- Living in an emergency or transitional shelter, domestic violence shelter, or in a runaway/homeless youth shelter
- Living in a vehicle of any kind; trailer park or campground without running water and/or electricity; abandoned building; substandard housing; bus/train station
- Awaiting foster care placement
- Abandoned in a hospital

Children and youth in homeless situations have the right to the following:

- Attend and succeed in school no matter where they live or how long they have lived there
- Enroll in school despite the lack of a permanent address or lack of school and immunization records, birth certificate and/or other documents
- Receive services comparable to those offered to non-homeless children and youth
- Get transportation to school
- Access educationally related support services
- Make sure that disagreements between students and schools are resolved quickly

COMMUNICATIONS

Telephone Number	985-845-3355
Fax Number	985-845-9018
Websites	http://madisonvillejunior.stpsb.org/index.html http://stpsb.org
Twitter	https://twitter.com/stppschoools
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/stppschoools

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SCHOOL CALENDER

2026-2027

8/6-8/7/2026	Safe Start Days (please look at school website for your student's report date)
8/10/2026	All Students Report
9/2/2026	Open House (8 th grade) 5:30-6:30 PM (7 th grade) 7:00-8:00 PM
9/7/2026	<u>Labor Day Holiday</u>
10/2/2026	<u>Parish Fair Holiday</u>
10/5/2026	<u>Fall Break Holiday</u>
10/9/2026	End of 1 st Grading Period (Students ½ day of school)
11/23-11/27/2026	<u>Thanksgiving Holiday</u>
12/18/2026	End of 2 nd Grading Period (Students ½ day of school)
12/21/2026-1/4/2027	<u>Winter/Christmas Holiday</u>
1/5/2027	School Reopens
1/18/2027	<u>MLK Holiday</u>
2/8/2027-2/12/2027	<u>Mardi Gras Holidays</u>
3/12/2027	End of 3 rd Grading Period (Student ½ day of school)
3/26/2027-4/2/2027	<u>Spring/Easter Break</u>
4/5/2027	Professional Development for teachers (no students)
4/6/2027	Students return from Easter Break
4/19/2027-4/30/2026	LEAP Testing Window
May 21	End of 4 th Grading Period (Students ½ day of school)

**A more detailed schedule can be found on our school website.*

