# WELCOME TO NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Home of the Ridge Runners*



## SCHOOL HOURS

**9:00 AM - 3:45 PM**

Breakfast Entry: **8:45 AM**

## SCHOOL LOCATION

1619 N. Jackson St.

217-444-3400

## ATTENDANCE OFFICE

*If your student is:*

- Absent
- Tardy
- Needs an Early Dismissal

Contact:
**Ms. Jimson**
217-444-3404

## STUDENT PICK-UP

Please bring a **photo ID.**

You must be listed on the student's approved pick-up list.

## OUTSIDE FOOD & DRINKS

**No** outside food or drinks may be delivered or brought to students during the school day.

**QUESTIONS?**
Main Office Mrs. Davis
217-444-3400

## GO RIDGE RUNNERS!

# NORTH RIDGE
## MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Welcomes BACK
# Ms. Brooks



### VISION:

To Engage, Educate, Empower, Every Student, Every Day!

### MISSION:

Engage students by encouraging lifelong learning. Educate them for success in college and careers, and empower them with acceptance and support to be true to who they are.

## Welcome Back to NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL!

# MEET OUR NORTH RIDGE TEAM



**MS. BROOKS**
BUILDING PRINCIPAL



**MR. HENDERSON**
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



**MR. SMITH**
8TH GRADE DEAN



**MR. FERBER**
8TH GUIDANCE COUNSELOR



**MS. HAMPTON**
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



**MS. WILLIAMS**
7TH GRADE DEAN



**MS. HELFRICH**
7TH GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

# MEET THE OFFICE TEAM

*Dedicated to Supporting Students, Families, Staff, and Visitors*

## WELCOME TO NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Our office team is committed to providing exceptional service and support to our school community. Whether you need assistance with attendance, school information, student support, or general questions, we are here to help.

### Mrs. Smith

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL**



Mrs. Smith supports the principal and helps ensure the daily operations of North Ridge Middle School run smoothly.

### Mrs. Davis

**MAIN OFFICE**



Mrs. Davis serves as a welcoming resource for students, families, staff, and visitors, providing assistance and information throughout the school day.

**CONTACT THE MAIN OFFICE**

Phone: 217-444-3400

# NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MEET OUR FRONT OFFICE TEAM

*The Friendly Faces Who Help Our Students, Families, and Staff Every Day*



### MS. JIMSON

*Attendance Secretary*

217-444-3404

*Happy New School Year!*

As the Attendance Secretary, I help students stay connected to school by supporting attendance and assisting families with attendance-related questions. I look forward to working with you and helping make this year a great one!



### MRS. CURRY-VARNER

*7th Grade Guidance Secretary*

217-444-3419

I'm excited to kick off another amazing school year and look forward to supporting our students, families, and staff along the way!

- Scheduling appointments
- Requesting records
- Connecting with counselors
- Answering questions

*We're looking forward to a successful year together!*



### MS. AUGUSTSON

*8th Grade Guidance Secretary*

217-444-3412

*Hello and Welcome Back!*

I'm excited for a great school year ahead! As the Guidance Secretary, I'm here to help with appointments, records requests, and connecting students and families with a counselor. Wishing all our students and families a fun, successful, and amazing school year!

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

*Supporting Students • Families • Staff*

- Attendance Assistance
- Guidance Services
- Student Support
- Front Office Assistance

# NORTH RIDGE
## MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Meet NORTH RIDGE'S NURSE



## Nurse Ingold, RN

**PHONE:**
**217-444-3408**

**FAX:**
**217-444-3484**

## HEALTH INFORMATION

**If your child has any special health needs or problems, this should be communicated to me. This information is kept confidential, and it can be very important to a successful experience in school.**

**Examples of such needs include:**

1. **Food allergy**
2. **Bee sting allergy**
3. **Allergy to any other substance**
4. **Difficulty with vision, hearing, or speech**
5. **Need for medication during the school day**
6. **Need for special aids such as crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs, either on a temporary or permanent basis.**

Nurse life

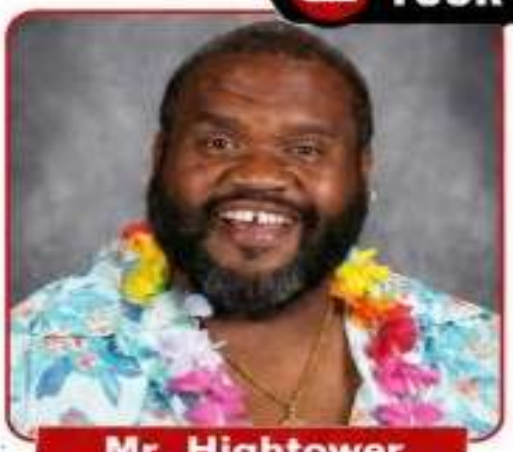
# NORTH RIDGE
## MIDDLE SCHOOL
# HOME LIAISON TEAM

*Connecting Families, Students, and Schools for Success*

## ★ MEET YOUR SCHOOL-HOME LIAISONS ★

Here to support YOU, your child, and your family every step of the way.

## YOUR LIAISON TEAM



**Mr. Hightower**

217-444-3474

Hightowerc@danville118.org



**Ms. Davis**

217-444-3482

DavisE1@danville118.org

## WHO WE ARE

Your School-Home Liaison Team serves as a bridge between home and school. We are here to listen, support, guide, and connect families with resources that help students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

## HOW WE CAN HELP

- **Clear Communication** Helping families stay informed and connected to school.
- **Student Support** Connecting students with tutoring, mentoring, and enrichment opportunities.
- **Family Resources** Providing information on food assistance, housing resources, healthcare, and counseling services.
- **Family Involvement** Encouraging participation in school activities, workshops, and events.
- **Advocacy** Working with school staff to ensure student and family needs are addressed.
- **Smooth Transitions** Supporting families from enrollment through graduation.
- **Celebrating Cultures** Honoring and embracing the diversity of our school community.

## OUR MISSION

To strengthen partnerships between families, schools, and the community while ensuring every student has the support needed to succeed.

## CONTACT US TODAY!

**Mr. Hightower**
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NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

# MEET OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

*Supporting Students, Families, and School Success*

## ★ YOUR SOCIAL WORK TEAM ★



### Mrs. Hightower

**School Social Worker**

CareyA@danville118.org

217-444-3495

Mrs. Hightower supports students and families by providing social-emotional support, connecting families with resources, promoting attendance, and helping students achieve success in school.



### Mr. Beal

**School Social Worker**

BealC@danville118.org

217-444-3470

Mr. Beal partners with students, families, and staff to address barriers to learning, build positive relationships, and support student well-being and academic achievement.

### WHO WE ARE

North Ridge School Social Workers serve as a bridge between home, school, and community. We advocate for students, support families, and help create positive learning environments where every student can thrive.

### HOW WE CAN HELP

- Student Support
- Social & Emotional Wellness
- Attendance Assistance
- Family Engagement
- Crisis Intervention
- Community Resources
- Conflict Resolution
- Advocacy & Referrals
- Academic Success Support

### OUR MISSION

To strengthen partnerships between students, families, school staff, and the community while ensuring every student has the support needed to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.

Ridge Runners

NORTH RIDGE
RIDGE RUNNERS

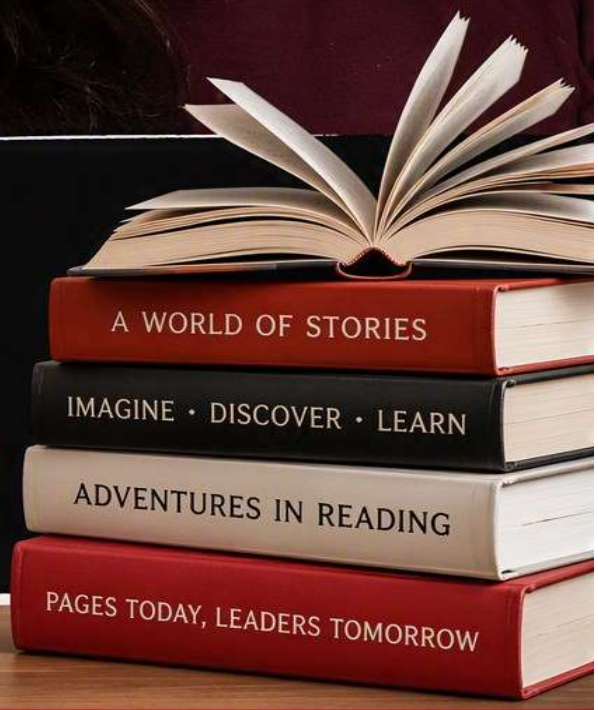
# MEET *the* LIBRARIAN



I'm here to help you find your next great read, spark your curiosity, and support your learning journey!

"The more that you *read*, the more things you will know. The more that you *learn*, the more places you'll *go*."

– Dr. Seuss




**BOOKS**
Discover new favorites.

**SUPPORT**
I'm here to help you succeed.

**EXPLORE**
Expand your mind. Shape your future.

*Read. Learn. Grow. Ridge Runner.*

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING
NEW STAFF TO NORTH RIDGE THIS YEAR

2026-2027

# NORTHRIDGE

**BUILDING PRINCIPAL**

## Ms. Brooks
Building Principal

7 DEAN

## Ms. Williams
7th Grade Dean

**Home Liaison**

## Ms. Davis  Ms. Millis

## Mr. Johnson
ELA

**PE/HEALTH**

## Mr. Noble
PE/Health

**HEAD CUSTODIAN**

## Mr. Morris
Head Custodian

**SOCIAL WORKER INTERN**

## Ms. Brown
Social Worker Intern

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# NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## EVERYTHING YOU NEED—ONE SCAN AWAY!

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS:**

Point your camera here!

**You'll Find:**

- Contact Information
- Student Handbook
- Newsletters
- Health Requirements
- School Hours
- Class Period Times
- North Ridge Counseling
- School Supply Lists
- PBIS Information
- **NJHS** (National Junior Honor Society)
- Dress Code
- Activities & Clubs
- Athletics & Sports
- Much more!

**NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Building Excellence Together

# NORTH RIDGE IMPORTANT NUMBERS

## TRANSPORTATION & GENERAL OFFICE

| CONTACT | PHONE / EMAIL |
|---|---|
| First Student Bus Garage | 217-920-1347 / 217-920-1348 |
| Main Office | 217-444-3400 |
| Receptionist (Mrs. Davis) | 217-444-3403 |

## STUDENT SERVICES & SUPPORT

| CONTACT | PHONE / EMAIL |
|---|---|
| Attendance (Ms. Jimson) | 217-444-3404 |
| Nurse (Nurse Ingoid) | 217-444-3408 |
| Home Liaison (Ms. Hightower) | 217-444-3474 |
| Home Liaison (Ms. Davis) | 217-444-3482 |

## 7TH GRADE TEAM

| CONTACT | PHONE / EMAIL |
|---|---|
| Guidance Counselor (C. Helferich) | HelferichC@danville118.org |
| Guidance Secretary (Mrs. Curry-Varner) | 217-444-3419 |
| 7th Grade Dean (Ms. Williams) | WilliamsM1@danville118.org |

## 8TH GRADE TEAM

| CONTACT | PHONE / EMAIL |
|---|---|
| Guidance Counselor (T. Ferber) | FerberT@Danville118.org |
| Guidance Secretary (Ms. Augustson) | 217-444-3412 |
| 8th Grade Dean (Mr. Smith) | Smithj@Danville118.org |

# CONGRATULATIONS!

# NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 2026 GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

Please join us in celebrating these talented student-athletes who have earned their place on the North Ridge Middle School Girls Softball Team!

Your hard work, dedication, determination, and passion for the game have paid off. Being selected to represent North Ridge is an exciting accomplishment, and we are proud of each and every one of you.

## TEAM ROSTER

- Aspen Bradfield
- Brylee Butler
- Brooklyn Germann
- Gracyn Gondzur
- Ayvuh Hix
- Delainee Owens
- Laela Richards
- Jurnii Boston
- Addisyn Chandler
- Taylor Rose Hall
- Scarlett Hosch
- Violet Killion
- Kenzley Leek
- Breyonna Morgan
- Jerzi Sanford
- Sophia Verando
- Adaleeah Trussel
- Marley Davis

## *Best Wishes for a Great Season!*

As you step onto the field this season, remember that success comes from teamwork, sportsmanship, effort, and believing in one another. Wear your North Ridge colors with pride and continue to demonstrate the character and determination that earned you a spot on this team.

**TEAMWORK • DEDICATION • PRIDE • EXCELLENCE**

*"Champions are made through hard work, perseverance, and heart."*

## WE ARE NORTH RIDGE!

**Congratulations to the 2026 North Ridge Middle School Girls Softball Team!**

We are proud of your accomplishment and can't wait to cheer you on this season!

#NorthRidgeProud #SoftballStrong #FutureChampions #GoNorthRidge

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## TO THE

# NORTH RIDGE BASEBALL TEAM

## ★ 2026 ★

Your hard work, dedication, and passion for the game have paid off! You've earned your place on the North Ridge Baseball Team, and we couldn't be prouder! Get ready to represent North Ridge with pride.

**PLAY HARD. PLAY TOGETHER. PLAY NORTH RIDGE.**

## 2026 TEAM ROSTER

1. Owen Palmer-Huber
2. Aidan Twidwell
3. Javon Sanford
4. Rowan Bailey
5. Jaxon Ritter
6. Lincoln Twidwell
7. Dominic Libbra
8. Samuel Konieczki
9. Jayden Reese
10. Ayden Nelson
11. Ashtyn Delsol
12. Carter Goetzelman
13. Kyen Parker
14. Trent'n Jones
15. Gabriel Loden
16. Antwon Knight
17. Sophie Paxton
18. Tyronne Wiley Jr.

TEAMWORK
DISCIPLINE

HEART
PRIDE

★ ★ ★ TOGETHER, WE WIN! ★ ★ ★

# WE ARE NORTH RIDGE!

*Congratulations to the 2026 North Ridge Baseball Team! We are proud of your accomplishment and can't wait to watch you have a great season!*

# IMPORTANT DATES

*Mark Your Calendar!*

## AUGUST 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2:45 DISMISSAL | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 2:45 DISMISSAL | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

## SEPTEMBER 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 LABOR DAY CLOSED | 8 | 9 2:45 DISMISSAL | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 2:45 DISMISSAL | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

TOGETHER, WE LEARN. TOGETHER, WE GROW. TOGETHER, WE SUCCEED!

*Go Ridge Runners!*

‹ AUGUST 2026 ›

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 27<br>**Softball Tryouts**<br>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM<br>Winterview Youth League A Field | 28<br>**Softball Tryouts**<br>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM<br>Winterview Youth League A Field | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 | 3<br>**Baseball Tryouts**<br>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM<br>American Legion | 4<br>**Baseball Tryouts**<br>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM<br>American Legion | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10<br>**Staff Institute - No school for students**<br>All Day | 11<br>**Back to School Bash**<br>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | 12<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Winterview Park | 13<br>**1st Student Attendance Day- One Hour Early Dismissal**<br>All Day<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Winterview Park | 14<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Edison Champaign | 15<br>**Softball Game**<br>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM<br>Winterview Park |
| 16 | 17<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:30 PM - 6:30 PM<br>M<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:30 PM - 6:30 PM<br>Milford | 18<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Franklin Champaign<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:30 PM - 6:30 PM<br>Paris Crestwood | 19 | 20<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 5:15 PM<br>American Legion<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:30 PM - 6:30 PM<br>Winterview Park | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>American Legion<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Winterview Park | 25<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:30 PM - 6:30 PM<br>Hoopeston | 26<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Westville<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>American Legion | 27<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>American Legion | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>American Legion | 1<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Winterview Park | 2<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Winterview Park<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Salt Fork | 3<br>**Softball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Paris Mayo<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Georgetown | 4<br>**Baseball Game**<br>4:15 PM - 6:15 PM<br>Next Generation Champaign | 5 |

I. A. **AMENDED Early Dismissal and Closure Schedule for Grades K-12 – Amended June 15, 2026**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday, July 16, 2026 | NORTHEAST | One Hour Early Dismissal – 1st Northeast Student Day - NE PD |
| Monday, August 10, 2026 | All schools | STAFF INSTITUTE (ALL) – No students |
| Tuesday, August 11 & Wednesday, August 12 | TRADITIONAL | STAFF INSTITUTE Traditional – No students; NE regular attendance day |
| Thursday, August 13, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – 1st Traditional Student Day-PD NE &Traditional |
| Wednesday, August 26, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Monday, September 7, 2026 | All schools | **CLOSED – LABOR DAY** |
| Wednesday, September 9, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Thursday, October 1, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – NE PT Conferences; Traditional PD |
| Friday, October 2, 2026 | NORTHEAST | NE Parent Teacher Conferences; no school for Northeast students; Normal student attendance day for Traditional Calendar |
| Monday, October 5 – Friday, October 9 | NORTHEAST | Northeast FALL BREAK – Northeast Closed |
| Wednesday, October 7, 2026 | TRADITIONAL | One Hour Early Dismissal – Traditional Only; NE on Fall Break |
| Monday, October 12 – Friday, October 16 | All schools | FALL BREAK - No School for Students & Staff |
| Monday, October 19 – Friday, October 23 | NORTHEAST | FALL BREAK – Northeast Only – Northeast Closed |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Traditional PT Conf; Northeast PD |
| Thursday, October 29, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Traditional PT Conf; Northeast PD |
| Friday, October 30, 2026 | TRADITIONAL | No School for Traditional Students & Staff (following PT Conf) – Northeast is regular attendance day |
| Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Wed, November 25, Thurs 26 & Friday 27 | All schools | **CLOSED – THANKSGIVING BREAK** |
| Friday, December 18, 2026 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – before Winter Break |
| Monday December 21–Friday Jan 1, 2027 | All schools | **CLOSED – WINTER BREAK** |
| Wednesday, January 6, 2027 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Monday, January 18, 2027 | All schools | **CLOSED – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY** |
| Wednesday, January 20, 2027 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Monday, February 15, 2027 | All schools | **PRESIDENT'S DAY (No school students & staff)** |
| Wednesday, February 17, 2027 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Wednesday, March 3, 2027 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Thursday, March 11, 2027 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal - NE PT Conferences; Traditional PD |
| Friday, March 12, 2027 | NORTHEAST | NE Parent Teacher Conferences; no school for Northeast students; Normal student attendance day for Traditional Calendar |
| Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 19 | All Schools | **CLOSED– SPRING BREAK** |
| Monday, March 22 – April 2, 2027 | NORTHEAST | NE SPRING BREAK – Northeast Only – Northeast Closed |
| Friday, March 26, 2027 | All Schools | **CLOSED - GOOD FRIDAY** |
| Wednesday, March 31, 2027 | TRADITIONAL | One Hour Early Dismissal – Traditional Only: NE on Fall Break |
| Tuesday, April 6, 2027 | All Schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Traditional PT Conf; Northeast PD |
| Thursday, April 8, 2027 | All Schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Traditional PT Conf; Northeast PD |
| Friday, April 9, 2027 | TRADITIONAL | No School for Traditional Students & Staff (following PT Conf) – Northeast is regular attendance day |
| Wednesday, May 5, 2027 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Wednesday, May 19, 2027 | All schools | One Hour Early Dismissal – Professional Development |
| Monday, May 24, 2027 | All schools | No Students – Semester Closing Day |
| Tuesday, May 25, 2027 | All schools | LAST DAY K-12 – **Half-Day Student Attendance; Half-Day Prof Dev** |

2026–2027

# NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY (2026–2027)

**Zero-Tolerance Window:** No personal electronic or telecommunication devices allowed **between 8:45 AM (arrival) and 3:45 PM (dismissal).**



## DAILY ARRIVAL & STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- **Yondr Pouch Storage:** Upon arrival, students must power off all personal electronic devices and store their cell phone, smartwatch, and AirPods inside their assigned Yondr Pouch.




- **Over-Ear Headphones:** Headphones that are too large to fit in the Yondr Pouch must be kept out of sight in the student's backpack or locker.



- **Prohibited Items:** Personal laptops, iPads, tablets, and similar large devices will be confiscated at the door. **DO NOT BRING THEM TO SCHOOL.**



## ENFORCEMENT & VIOLATIONS



**IMPORTANT:** Any personal electronics visible during the school day will be confiscated starting on the first offense.



**Parent Pick-Up Required:** Confiscated personal electronic devices will not be returned to students. A parent or legal guardian must come to the main office to pick up confiscated electronics.



2026–2027

# NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE VIOLATIONS POLICY (2026-2027)

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE & ZERO TOLERANCE**
No personal electronic or telecommunication devices allowed. **THIS INCLUDES LUNCH, PASSING PERIODS, AND RESTROOM BREAKS.**



## VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES & PROGRESSIVE

| 1ST OFFENSE | 2ND OFFENSE | 3RD OFFENSE | 4TH OFFENSE | 5TH OFFENSE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Device Confiscated | Device Confiscated | Device Confiscated | Device Confiscated | Device Confiscated |
| Parent Pickup | Parent Pickup | Parent Pickup | Parent Pickup | Parent Pickup |
| Phone Call Home | Phone Call Home | Phone Call Home | Phone Call Home | Phone Call Home |
| Discipline Referral | After-School Detention | Half-Day ISS | Full-Day ISS | Progressive Discipline |
| | Phone Home for Quarter | Phone Home for Semester | Phone Home for School Year | Daily Phone Check |
| | | Caregiver Meeting | Caregiver Meeting | May Lead to OSS |