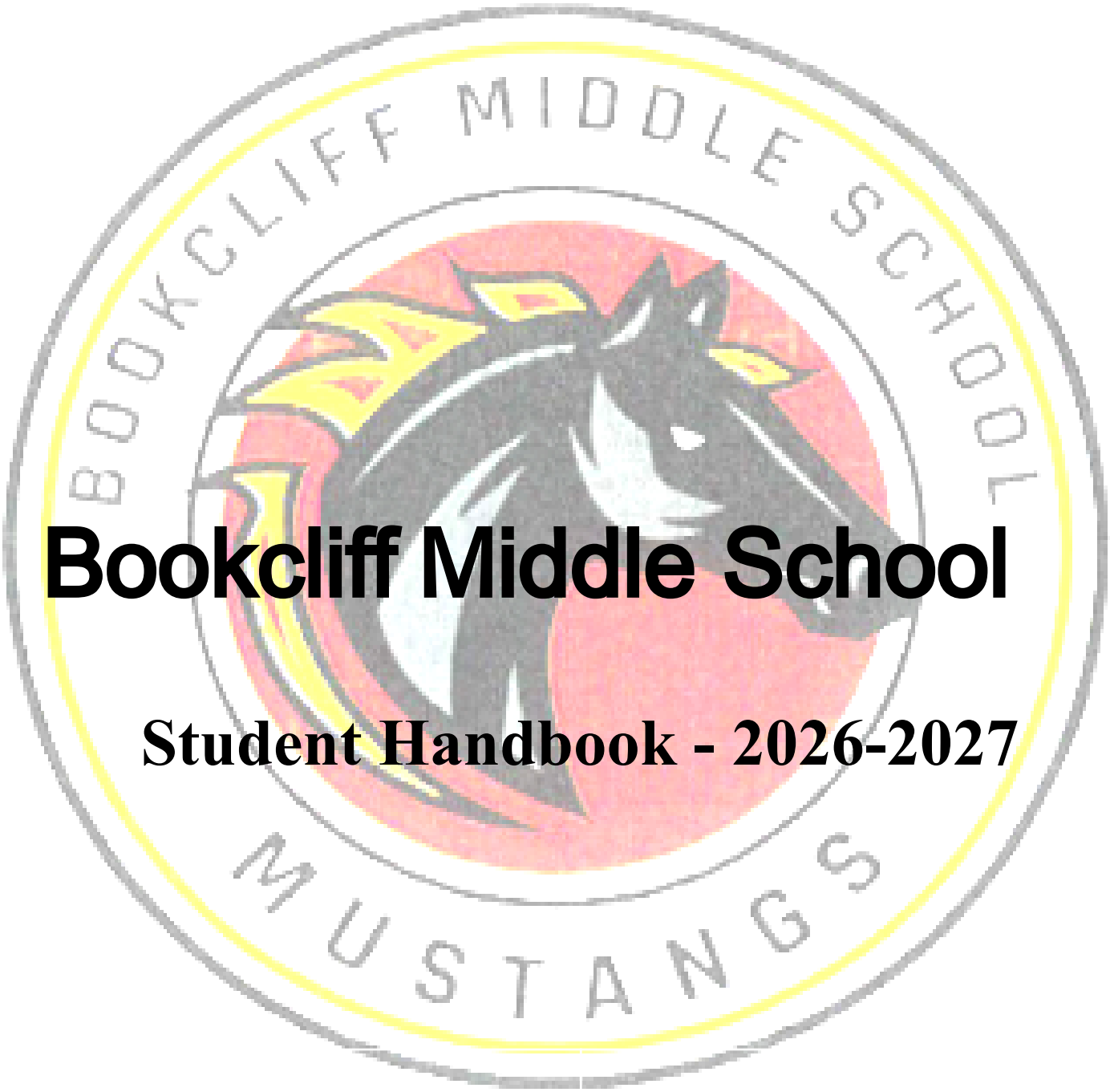
Making a Difference in Student Learning and Students' Lives



Bookcliff Middle School

Student Handbook - 2026-2027

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BMS Students will contribute to an environment where everyone will learn.

ADVISORY
All BMS students are enrolled in a daily advisory period, which starts at 8:00am and is a required class. Advisory period is where students build positive relationships with peers and adults, receive academic advising and coaching, and participate in community-building lessons and activities which increase student sense of belonging and increase academic success.

AFTER-SCHOOL HOURS
As a matter of student safety, we expect students to be off campus no later than 3:30 pm (1:30 Fridays), unless they are attending REC or a school-sponsored activity.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL
Students are not permitted on campus before **7:40 A.M**., unless you have made special arrangements with a staff member i.e., extra help, music practice, or early arrival due to special circumstances, (e.g. athletic practice). If you have made special arrangements to be in the building, enter through the main entrance door. Students with band instruments will enter through the music room in the mornings.
Students may enter the building at 7:55 A.M. at their designated grade-level outside entrance door. You will have five minutes to report to class. At the end of the day, unless you are involved in an after-school sponsored activity**, you will exit the building through your grade level door unless you need to go to the band/orchestra room to pick up your instrument and then will exit through the 6th grade doors.** Parents, please arrange to have your student picked up by **3:30 P.M** Monday-Thursday and 1:30 PM on Early Release Fridays.

ATHLETIC EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
Students are welcome to attend after school activities and events. If you are attending an athletic event, you should come as a fan with the goal of supporting your fellow Mustangs. You will also be asked to leave if you are not actively watching the game being played, so students who just want to look at their phones should do that elsewhere. When attending an event in the gym, the school's hallways and outside ground areas are off limits. Please ensure that you have made arrangements to be picked up no later than 5:30pm, or 15 minutes after the end of the event.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION
Participation fees of $70.00, a parent signed insurance form, signed participation forms for each sport, and a minimum of practices are required before a student may participate in any contest. Interscholastic sports programs, those with other middle schools competing, are offered to grades 7th and 8th after school throughout the year. Sports include: basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and track.

ATTENDANCE
In order for optimal student learning to occur, all students are wanted, and expected to attend school: on time, all day, every day. Each day that you are absent, your parents should notify the Attendance Secretary between 7:25 and 8:30 A.M. Parents will be contacted if we do not receive a phone call. Bookcliff Middle School follows District

and State guidelines in attendance matters.

CAFETERIA
All students can have breakfast and lunch for free. During breakfast, enter and exit the cafeteria through the cafeteria front entrance door. Students who want breakfast should head directly to the cafeteria as soon as they arrive on campus. After finishing breakfast, students should report to their grade-level outside entrance door. If a student arrives at school tardy, they should head to the cafeteria immediately after signing in at the front desk.

CHROMEBOOK USE

Student Responsibility:

- Students must pick-up and return their Chromebooks to period 9 each day.
- Students will treat the Chromebooks with care—no rough handling - screens, keys etc., no food/drink near it, never leave it unattended outside of the classroom (recess, hallways etc.), nor write on or place stickers on unless approved.
- Students will only use Chromebooks for teacher directed instruction at all times.

- Students may never loan out and use anyone else's Chromebook.

Damage & Loss Policy:

Incident	Description	Cost to student/family
1st Damage	Broken Screen, Keyboard, etc.	$25 Fee
2nd Damage	Repeated breakage	$50 Fee
Lost Chromebook	Misplaced or Unreturned	Full replacement cost: $400
Lost Charger	School-issued replacement	$42 Fee
Intentional Damage	Vandalism or Neglect	Full cost of repair/replacement

*** ***Costs for damaged or missing equipment can be charged to the student's account***

What to do if:

- Your Chromebook is **damaged**: Report to the office, a teacher or library **immediately**.
- Your Chromebook is **lost or stolen**: Notify a teacher or the office **immediately**.

*** Repeated damage or failure to report issues or pay for damage may result in **restricted use** and/or **disciplinary action**.

At Bookcliff Middle School, there are five categories of non-negotiable student conduct. These categories could lead to suspension, expulsion, and or law enforcement consequences for your student.

1. Disruption of a safe and orderly environment.
2. Behavior that endangers oneself or others.
3. Use, possession of, or distribution of controlled substances.
4. Any form of harassment.
5. Weapons

Examples of weapons may include: guns, airsoft guns, cap guns, knives, rubberband guns, lead pipes, etc.
Please do not bring any item (facsimile) that may be seen as a possible weapon.
Controlled substances include prescription and over the counter medication, tobacco, illegal/controlled drugs and alcohol.

DISCIPLINE

Our approach to discipline is centered on creating a learning environment where everyone will learn. Every member of our school community has a responsibility to contribute to a safe, respectful, and productive classroom. Behaviors that repeatedly disrupt teaching and learning will not be tolerated. Students who engage in multiple or ongoing disruptions will be subject to appropriate school and office disciplinary consequences in accordance with the student handbook and district policies regarding student conduct.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Bookcliff Middle School follows D51 school board policy JICA for student dress code. If the clothing does not meet the dress code expectations students will be given options: they can turn it inside out, call home for a change of clothing or access clothing from our Wardrobe. BMS students may not wear hats or hoods inside the building at any time.

The following items are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds, or at school activities:
1. Any manner of grooming or apparel, including clothing, jewelry, emblems, and/or badges which by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute is associated with, or denotes membership in or affiliation with, any gang, is not allowed;
2. Sunglasses or dark glasses, absent a verified medical condition, worn inside the classroom;
3. Inappropriately sheer, tight, or low-cut clothing (e.g., midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh, or similar material, muscle tops, etc.) that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and chest;
4. Any inappropriate or disruptive clothing item or accessory that causes or may cause a substantial disruption to or material interference with school safety, personal safety, and/or the learning environment may result in discretionary intervention by school administrators;
5. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, tattoos, apparel, head coverings, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that; a. Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons; b. Are of a sexual nature; c. Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous; d. Threaten the safety or welfare of any person; e. Promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct;
6. Tattoos displaying any of these must be covered at all times;
7. Soled shoes or sandals must be worn at all times;
8. No exposed undergarments.

The Administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of a student's attire/apparel.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES, including cell phones, earbuds, headphones, smart watches - [Board Policy JICJ (5/2024)]

Students shall not use personal electronic devices as follows: Students in grades PreK - 8 are prohibited from using personal electronic devices on school premises during the designated school day. The school day Includes but is not limited to instructional time, lunch periods, recess, school-sponsored programs, events or activities, or any other time during the designated school day. All personal electronic devices shall be kept In designated areas and turned off.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that personal electronic devices are turned off and placed in designated areas during times when use is not authorized. Personal electronic devices (1) that produce any audible sound, a ring tone, or vibrating alert, whether through a speaker, earbuds/earphones, buzzer, or other means, or (2) that are displayed or in plain view at such times shall be deemed to be used in violation of this policy.

Violations: Students violating the policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion. Personal electronic devices that are reasonably suspected of being used or possessed in violation of this Policy shall be subject to temporary confiscation by school authorities. Students shall be required to turn personal electronic devices over to any teacher or other school official upon request. Students who refuse to surrender a personal electronic device upon request by a teacher or other school official shall be subject to disciplinary action.

The following progressive disciplinary actions will be implemented for violations:
- 1st - 3rd incident = Lunch detention; parent/guardian notified; item returned to student at day's end

- 4th incident = In school suspension; parent/guardian conversation or meeting with administrator to make a plan for student compliance; remedial discipline plan conversation begins; item returned to student at day's end
- 5th incident = School suspension; remedial discipline plan conversation continued
- Subsequent incidents: Out of school suspension, possible perusal of expulsion

The Administration reserves the right to modify the consequences for habitual offenders.

Using any electronic device to record either audio, pictures, or video, is a direct violation of this policy. As stated in school board policy, under no circumstances will the school or district be held responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen electronic devices that a student chooses to bring to school.

FEES
In order to sustain the programs that BMS offers to our students, it is essential that the established Mandatory Instructional Student Fee ($52.00) which covers equipment maintenance/repairs/replacements, exploratory classroom supplies and materials, and lab fees be paid. BMS requests that these mandatory student fees be paid in full prior to any additional purchase (Yearbook) or fees (Athletic participation) being accepted.

GANG-RELATED BEHAVIOR (Board Policy JICF)
Bookcliff Middle School is committed to a strict "no tolerance" policy toward gang-related behaviors. Gang-related apparel is prohibited at all times. This includes articles of clothing or accessories that identify with gangs or gang colors. These decisions will be made at the administrator's discretion. Students may not display gang-related graffiti or display gang-related hand gestures.

GRADING

Mesa County Valley School District 51 Standard Based Grading Policy

We believe that in order for students to demonstrate progress in their learning, frequent feedback on how the student is progressing on his/her content standards and grade level expectations are critical. Students should use this feedback, and self-assessment, to grow in their understanding of what they know and are able to do.

D51 Academic Achievement Grades are based on a body of evidence measured against the Standards

- Grade Level Expectations - knowledge and skills of a standard at each grade level that are articulated progress toward high school graduation
- Proficiency level is derived from a body of evidence that focuses on the most recent evidence and trends
- Student revision of work leads to higher learning and improved accountability and engagement

Content Knowledge Descriptors for Grading:

- 4 = ***Refining*****-**The student consistently meets and at times exceeds the standard as described by the grade level expectations.
- 3 = ***Mastering***-The student regularly meets the standard as it is described by the grade level expectations.
- 2 = ***Progressing***-The student is beginning to, and occasionally does, meet the standards as described by grade level expectations.
- 1 = ***Emerging*****-**The student is not meeting the standard as is described by grade level expectations for this grade level.

HALLWAYS/RESTROOMS
We have a lot of people in our building throughout the school day. To help keep a two way flow of traffic moving smoothly, we will walk on the right side of the hall. Students who need to leave a classroom for any reason (restroom, water-fountain, nurse, office etc.) will need to use SmartPass. SmartPass is a digital school pass that is created on a Chromebook. This pass will allow a student to travel throughout the school for a specific reason and a specific allotted time frame. A student only possesses a certain amount of weekly passes to use and must complete the action in the allotted time or such action may result in an office referral. SmartPass also helps us locate students should we have an emergency or a drill. At Bookcliff Middle School, teachers enforce a 10-30-10 rule. Students may not leave the classroom during the first and last 10 minutes of class, unless there is an

emergency situation.

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE
Cussing, name calling, racist and vulgar language is not acceptable.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA USE
Use of the Internet and electronic media resources of the school/district is a privilege and not a right. You and your parent/guardian must sign a ***Responsible Use Agreement*** **(RUA)** form. When you use these resources, you must accept personal responsibility and demonstrate an understanding of the acceptable and unacceptable uses of the Internet and electronic media. Improper usage will be considered a serious violation of the ***Code of Student Conduct and may lead to loss of internet use***.

PETS/ANIMALS
Due to health and safety concerns, for all staff and students, **pets are not permitted at school**. BMS will follow district policy regarding animals on school premises (IMC).

PIT CREW (Parent Involvement Team) / SAC (Student Accountability Committee)
This committee meets, at a minimum, once each quarter in the evening. Membership is open to interested parents who would like to stay involved and informed with the educational topics and conversations going on at BMS. The group consists of parents, staff and other invited guests.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION (PDA)
Inappropriate consensual contact is not allowed. PDA should be limited to hand holding and brief hugs. Students will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension.

SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, ROLLER BLADES, BICYCLES, ETC.
Skateboards, roller blades, hoverboards, shoes with wheels, and bicycles may not be ridden on campus at any time. Please dismount and walk these on school grounds. Transportation policies prohibit these items on District buses. Students are responsible for providing their own lock to secure these items to the bicycle rack. The school is not responsible for damages to any personal property, or to secure anyone's property in the building, or for lost or stolen property. Students will be expected to store and lock scooters outside at the bike racks

STUDENT OF THE MONTH BREAKFASTS
These breakfasts are hosted once a month to honor students for showing exceptional attributes. They will be from 7:05-7:45 am in the library. Families/students will be notified by invitation if they are receiving this award.

VALUABLES
Bringing valuables to school increases the potential for distraction to the learning environment. In these cases, the items can be taken from the student, and parents will be asked to come and pick up the items. This includes sunglasses, electronic devices, excessive cash, or expensive jewelry that must be removed before participation is allowed in an activity. When a student is withdrawn from BMS during the school year, they have two weeks from the time of withdrawal to pick up all personal items. After that, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity and BMS will not be responsible for any items that were not picked up. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

WATER BOTTLES:
Water bottles are allowed at schools. Squeezable water bottles are not allowed at school. There are drinking fountains that can be used to refill the bottles if needed.

STUDENT HANDBOOK SIGN OFF PAGE

I have read and understand the information, policies, and procedures presented in the student handbook.

Student Name (Printed):_____

Student Signature: _____

Date Signed:_____

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