

Foley Middle School



2026-2027 Parent and Student Handbook

In addition to the Baldwin County 2026-2027 Parent and Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, and Baldwin County Board of Education Policy Manual, Foley Middle School students and parents, where applicable, are expected to adhere to the following local school policies and procedures.

Mission Statement:

We commit to preparing all students for life's journey through a culture of collaborative learning and meaningful connections.

Points of Contact

Administration		
7th grade girls	Mrs. White	kcwhite@bcbe.org
7th grade boys	Mrs. Spottswood	nspottswood@bcbe.org
8th grade girls	Dr. Bailey	tkbailey@bcbe.org
8th grade boys	Mr. Johnson	sljohnson@bcbe.org
Counselors		
7th grade	Jennifer Snell	jsnell@bcbe.org
8th grade	Amanda Donalson	adonalson@bcbe.org
Front Office	Tracey Floyd	tfloyd@bcbe.org
Registrar	Stacey Waters	swaters@bcbe.org
Attendance Clerk	Deidra Trimble	dtrimble@bcbe.org
Nurse	Loren Knotts	lknotts@bcbe.org
Social Worker	Amy Villa	avilla@bcbe.org

**2026-2027
Bell Schedule**

7th grade

First Bell	7:45
Homeroom	7:50 - 8:25
1st Period	8:28 - 9:28
2nd period	9:31 - 10:31
3rd period	10:34 - 11:34
Lunch	11:34 - 11:58
4th period	12:01 - 1:01
5th period	1:04 - 2:04
6th period	2:07 - 1st wave dismiss at 3:02, 2nd wave to gym at 3:07

8th grade

First Bell	7:40
Homeroom	7:45 - 8:20
1st Period	8:23 - 9:23
2nd period	9:26 - 10:26
3rd period	10:29 -11:29
4th period	11:32 -12:32
Lunch	12:32 -12:56
5th period	12:59 - 1:59
6th period	2:02 - 1st wave dismiss at 3:02, 2nd wave to gym at 3:07

Student Expectations:

- Students will follow the Golden Rule, “Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times!”. This one rule will prevent a lot of unnecessary disruptions to the school environment and prevent a lot of discipline infractions.
- Students will arrive at school on time, no later than 7:40.
- Students will report to the cafeteria or gymnasium until the bell rings at 7:40.
- Students will adhere to the Alabama FOCUS Act that prohibits public K-12 students from using or possessing wireless communication devices (like cell phones, smartwatches, and wireless earbuds and headphones) during the instructional day. All electronic devices will be locked in the child’s Yondr pouch upon arrival to campus each day. Students who violate this rule will be disciplined according to the BCBE electronic device policy.
 - In the event of an emergency, parent/guardian(s) will be contacted via phone, email, text, and Parent Square. Updated contact information is critical to communication in the event of an emergency.
- A new Yondr pouch will be given to 7th grade students and 8th grade students will be reissued their pouch from 7th grade to keep until graduation. The replacement cost is \$25.00.
- Students will use their district assigned Chromebooks for instruction and school activities. Students will not use a personal device or social media for school activities. Cell phones, smart watches, wireless earbuds are NOT allowed for ANY reason during the school day. If someone needs to get in touch with their child, please call the office, 251-943-1255, and the office will deliver the message.
 - Students who violate this rule will be disciplined according to the BCBE electronic device policy.
- Students will adhere to the Baldwin County Dress Code which includes no head coverings in the building and no holes or slits in garments above the knee. Male and female shorts/skirts must be fingertip length or below. This does not mean you can bend your arms to make the garment fingertip length. Your arms must be fully extended and at the fingertip or below. The dress code policy can be found on page 34 of the [BCBE Student Handbook](#).
- Students will not dress out for PE. Be sure students are dressed appropriately including shoes to participate in PE. (slides, boots, crocs, etc. are not acceptable for PE. Students should bring tennis shoes if they choose to wear a shoe that is unacceptable for PE). Students who cannot participate in PE due to footwear will receive a zero for their daily grade.
- Students will be allowed to have disposable or clear/transparent plastic water bottles with a closable lid at school.
- Students who are suspended out of school can login to Google Classroom to complete their work while suspended. All work while suspended can be made up but is due the day they return to school from suspension.
- No schedule changes will be granted after the first day of school.

- Students will be a leader and respect their classmates and the employees of Foley Middle School.

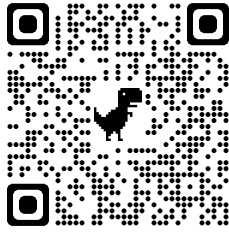
Prohibited Items:

- Blankets, snuggies, stuffed animals, neos (squishies), or toys of any kind
- Metal, glass, or opaque bottles/cups.
 - Failure to comply with this guideline will result in item confiscation and parent pick up.
- Energy drinks, including coffee, are not allowed during school hours. These must be consumed before entering the school building.
 - Failure to comply with this guideline will result in drink confiscation and disposal.

Parent/Guardian Expectations:

- Ensure my child is at school no later than 7:40. Students must check in at the front office if they arrive after 7:40.
- Notify the school registrar, swaters@bcbe.org, immediately if I have a change of mailing address, email address, or telephone number (home, work, mobile). If not, you will not receive the phone calls and emails.
- Will not drop off items to my child at school after 8:30 a.m. To protect the instructional day, items will not be accepted after 8:30.
 - Our staff in special education or general education classrooms are not food handler certified, and this does create problems in the event food is too hot or not heated properly. Unless medically necessary and confirmed by a physician, please do not set the expectation that food can be heated by staff on your campus. If parents want their child to have warm food for lunch, a child can eat a free lunch in the cafeteria.
- Send an excuse with the child or email it to dtrimble@bcbe.org within the three day window required by the county. Any absence without an excuse on day 4 will remain unexcused and students will receive a 0 for any graded assignment during their absence.
 - Any student who has an unexcused absence is not allowed to make up their work per county policy. A student with an excused absence has three school days from their return to school to complete the missed work. NOT 3 days from when an excuse is submitted.
 - Families are given 9 school days that they can excuse per school year. Students who are away from school for 51% or more of the school day are considered absent by the state.
 - Attendance is very important to your students' success. Please read about Taylors Law, [PDF Taylors Law.pdf](#). The points accumulate on a yearly basis, beginning with the school year including summer school in which the student turns 13, and accumulate each year until the student is eligible to apply for a driver's license under the imposed point system

- Monitor my child's grades. The most effective way to monitor your students' grades is to download the PowerSchool app. The QR code for PowerSchool parent portal is



- The district code is **TXDZ**.
- Have my identification ready when approaching the school.
 - A school employee will assist you with check ins and outs via the video and intercom system. Parents/Guardians will not enter the building to check a student out or in.
 - Parents with a scheduled meeting will be allowed to enter the building. ALL parents/visitors are required to show an id to enter the building. This is a BCBE policy.
- Be active in my child's education.
 - In order for a student to be promoted to the next grade, their F1 grade (full year average) must be a 60 or higher.
- Read the weekly family newsletter that is emailed each week.
 - We encourage parents to like our school Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/FoleyMSlions> and our school website, <https://www.bcbe.org/foleyms> frequently.
 - We will offer Extended Day Tutoring for students who need a quiet environment with wifi and teacher support. The schedule will be emailed and posted on through ParentSquare. The schedule changes each 9 weeks due to teachers after hour commitments.
 - Parents will have to sign their child up prior to staying using a digital link provided in the newsletter each week. Students who are still waiting on a ride after 4:30 will receive a warning first. The second time, if there is not a guardian here to pick up the student by 4:30, the student's extended day learning privileges will be revoked.

School Payments -

- We use credit card payments for school transactions through [My School Bucks](#).
- There is a standard \$45.00 operational fee for all Baldwin County Board of Education students in K-12. This fee covers essential school operations and services not fully funded by state or district budgets. It pays for copiers, paper, mailings to families, and educational resources. Pay through MySchoolBucks.
- All athletic tickets will be sold via GoFan.

- All students attending Baldwin County Public Schools receive free breakfast and lunch. There will be a la carte items for sale. Students may purchase items from the a la carte inventory located in the cafeteria.

Bus Rider Information

BCPS provides bus transportation to students who are eligible to ride based on State and Local Board of Education provisions. Subject to certain exceptions outlined by law, providing students bus transportation is a privilege and not a right. Safety is of utmost importance in the transportation of students; therefore, the Board expects students to follow all rules and regulations regarding school buses. Students should observe classroom conduct at all times when getting on, off, or riding the bus and shall be subject to all school rules and regulations applicable during regular school hours. The bus and bus stop are an extension of the school in which the student attends.

BCPS School officials will impose specific rules and regulations for students to follow in riding school buses. The following rules apply as a part of, and in addition to, any bus conduct rules and regulations adopted by individual schools and the transportation department and the rules in bold are considered serious offenses.

- A. Obey and cooperate with the bus driver (the driver may assign seats for students);
- B. Be seated immediately after boarding and remain seated;
- C. Be courteous to fellow pupils and the bus driver;
- D. Books, packages, coats, band instruments, and other items should not be in the aisles or in the driver compartment and should not be left on the bus. These items must be held in the child's lap or underneath the seat and must not occupy the seat of another child;
- E. Fighting, harassing, or attempting to fight other students or the driver will not be tolerated;**
- F. Students shall not use profane or obscene language;**
- G. Keep feet, arms, and belongings out of the aisle and keep feet off the bus seats;
- H. Do not throw objects in or out of the bus;
- I. Keep hands, head, and objects inside the bus;
- J. Do not eat, drink (water is allowed), or chew gum on the bus;
- K. Do not smoke vape, or use tobacco products;
- L. Do not bring weapons of any kind on the bus;**
- M. The use of cell phones or other electronic devices on buses is prohibited (unless required by law or allowed under Board policy and this Student Code of Conduct) and must be kept secured inside of the student's belongings (bookbag, purse, pocket, etc.) Cell phones must be on silent/vibrate. Sound should not be heard. All recording of video and/or audio is **prohibited**. Students should remove any earphones or similar electronic equipment prior to loading or unloading the bus as to be able to hear any instructions from drivers or noise from oncoming vehicles that may illegally pass the school bus stop sign. Students should always focus on the bus driver and traffic when crossing a roadway, entering, and exiting a school bus. Students should not commit careless or willful acts which may cause injury to others;
- N. Keep bus clean by picking any trash that is dropped;
- O. Do not commit careless or willful acts which may cause damage to the bus or injury to others (parent/legal guardian may be held**

financially responsible for repairs or replacement due to bus damage;

- P. Ride to and from school on the bus assigned unless approved by the principal.

Additional Bus rider information:

- Students are only allowed to be dropped off and picked up at their verified address in PowerSchool.
- Parents needing information regarding buses should contact Dr. Baiely at 943-1255 or by email, tkbailey@bcbe.org
- Walkers will only be granted approval by an administrator. A form must be completed by the parent and verified by an administrator.
- Walker permission will be given to those whose primary residence is within close proximity to the school which is within a 1 mile radius of the school.
- Students have three options to leave campus: car rider in the car line, bus, or a verified walker.
- No bus passes will be issued for friends to ride home with friends under any circumstance.

Car Rider Information:

- Drop off times: 7:15 - 7:40 a.m.
- Pick up times: 3:05 - 3:30 p.m.
- The car rider line is located behind the school and beside the gym.
- Parents should ensure that a teacher or administrator is on duty before leaving their child. There is NO SUPERVISION before 7:15 a.m.
- After 7:40 a.m., students must be dropped off at the front of the school and students must check in with the front office before going to class.
- After 3:30 p.m. students must be picked up at the front of the school.



- To access, turn right from North Pine Street beside the football stadium heading south.
- Follow the path which turns left onto W Jessamine Ave.
- At the exit, turn right back onto North Pine Street.

School Sponsored Events -

- If the school is providing transportation to school-sponsored events, students are required to ride the bus provided. This is the safest mode of transportation.
- Students are NEVER allowed to transport other students to events during the school day to a school-sponsored event.
- Parents can choose to transport their students from an event home with permission from the school employee. Parents will be required to sign the manifest if they take their child home from an event.

- Extra curricular (before, during and after) school activities will have discipline criteria. The criteria will be communicated to students and parents prior to the event.

Chromebook Information:

Baldwin County Board of Education Computer Fees

Replace Chromebook

\$300.00.

(Note - this includes the price of the power adapter)

Replace Lost Power Adapter

\$20.00

Replace Screen

\$100.00

Replace Keyboard Assembly

(Where more than 2 keys are missing, or touchpad broken)

\$100.00

Replace Camera

\$100.00

Replace Outer Shell (top and/or bottom)

\$50.00

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Student-Athletes and Academic Priorities:

- Student-athletes attend Baldwin County Schools primarily for a quality education. Nothing should interfere with this objective.
- Athletics are a part of education, requiring student-athletes to use discipline and demonstrate good work habits in organizing a study schedule which will help lead to academic success.
- A student's grades should not suffer because of athletics; however, academic difficulties can occur because of a student's inability to organize their workload adequately.

- Participation in athletics requires a great deal of personal commitment from the student-athlete. Each student-athlete is expected to organize and discipline him/herself so that academic and athletic endeavors do not conflict.
- Coaches, sponsors, and administrators can determine student participation in all activities based on academic, behavior, and attendance records.
- Students first have an obligation to perform in the classroom on a daily basis with acceptable academics, exemplary behavior, and consistent attendance.
- Participation (not eligibility) decisions for all extra-curricular activities will be made by evaluating each student, making the final decision with the student's academic, behavior, and attendance record in mind.

School Insurance:

- Student athletes are required to be covered under medical insurance provided by the family. Insurance verification form is in the form section. If the family does not have medical insurance, then they will need to purchase the Student Insurance Plan from K&K Insurance Group. Parents can enroll their child anytime by visiting this website
<https://www.kandkinsurance.com/sites/K12Voluntary/Pages/Home.aspx>

Sporting Events:

- All AHSAA sanctioned events are a reflection of our community and school. The conduct of the team is extended to parents and fans before, during, and after athletic events.
 - ****Assault of sports officials, coaches, or administrators (SB-16): This bill became law on March 31, 2002, and creates new crimes of harassing, menacing, and assaulting sports officials, coaches, and administrators. The punishments are harsher than normal for convictions of harassment, menacing, and assault. For example, a second-degree assault can carry a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, but under the new law, second-degree assault of a sports official, coach, or administrator could result in a sentence of up to 20 years.*

Athletes participating in outside of school sports:

- A student who is a member of any school athletic team (grades 7–12) may not participate (includes practice) on a non-school team in the same sport during the season of that sport.
- A student athlete may participate on a team of a different sport during a sports' season but the school sport will take priority over any conflict, which includes practices, travel and games. The school athletic program will take priority and is not expected to work around conflicts involving outside sports teams.
- The head coach of the school team may work with a student athlete: however, conflicts may result in the athlete making a choice of which team to participate.
- A student athlete participating in more than one school sport, coaches will work out a plan to meet the needs of the team.

BCBE Discipline Matrix [Discipline Matrix Linked Here](#)

Foley Middle School website - <https://www.bcbe.org/foleymys>

Foley Middle School Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FoleyMSlions>

Baldwin County Board of Education Student Handbook FERPA Directory Information Notification - <https://www.bcbe.org/Page/21660>

Baldwin County Board of Education Policy #4.8- Internet Safety and Use of Technology - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H_P6Tte-Je0hw8uTVQXJpXnl6Gk_CZxZ/view?usp=drive_link

Resource for free wifi within the county - <https://www.bcbe.org/Page/22699>

Parent resource for Google Classroom - <https://www.bcbe.org/Page/22684>

Title I Program:

- Title I is a federal program designed to help students in our nation's schools. In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Title I, the goal is to help all children be successful at school. Schools in communities that meet the requirements use Title I funds to benefit the entire school.
- This type of program is known as a schoolwide program. Title I schoolwide programs use Title funds, along with other local, state, and federal funding to serve all students in the school. Individual students are not identified as participating in the Title I program.
- Some of the benefits we may offer students is a weekly after-school math and/or reading tutorial program, tutoring during school hours, summer reading and/or math programs, a summer library program, a readiness program for incoming kindergarten students, parenting education workshops, and along with other educational resources.
- Effective schools are the result of a dedicated faculty and staff working together with families and the community to share in the success of all students at school. Increased student self-esteem occurs when parents and teachers collaborate to ensure learning takes place at the school, in the home, and in the community.

Parents Right to Know:

- As a parent of a student enrolled in a Title I school, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and instructional assistants who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for the following information about your child's classroom teachers and requires the district to give you this information in a timely manner:
 - whether the teacher is certified to teach the subjects and/or grade levels the teacher is teaching,
 - whether the teacher's certificate is a waiver or substandard certificate,

- the teacher's academic major, graduate degrees, if any, and the teacher's certification area.
 - whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.
- If you would like to receive this information, please contact your child's school to request this information.

Foley Middle School Expectations Acknowledgement Form

My signature below acknowledges the following:

- I received a copy of the 2026-2027 Foley Middle School Parent Student Handbook
- I received this information on the date indicated by my signature below.
- I reviewed this document and was given the opportunity to ask questions if you attended the parent meeting.
- If at any time I have any questions or concerns, I understand that it is my responsibility to consult with my building administrator.

Student Name Printed

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Sign and return this page to the student's homeroom teacher no later than Monday, August 17.