NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Parent and Student Handbook 2026-2027
Connection. Character. Growth.

School Colors: Maroon & Silver
Mascot: Grizzlies

Welcome to North Middle School
Parent-Student Handbook 2026-2027 (Condensed Version)

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Welcome to North Middle School

North Middle School is committed to helping students learn, grow, and develop into responsible and caring young adults. We value strong partnerships between students, families, staff, and the community, and we are so very thankful that you have entrusted your child to our school.

NMS Core Values
Connection. Character. Growth.
CONNECTION

We build relationships where every person feels seen, valued, and that they truly belong. This

looks like:

- Relationships
- Belonging
- Teamwork
- Collaboration
- Empathy
- Safety

At **NMS:** We create a place where people feel known, supported, and part of something bigger than themselves.

CHARACTER

We act with integrity, respect, and responsibility. We strive to do the right thing and treat others with kindness. This

looks like:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Integrity
- Preparedness

- Empathy
- Stability

At NMS: We take ownership, follow through, and treat others with care every day.

GROWTH

We are committed to learning, effort, and perseverance in pursuit of continuous improvement. This

looks like:

- Learning
- Perseverance
- Responsibility
- Preparedness
- Effort
- Pride in improvement

At NMS: We believe everyone can improve, effort matters, and challenges are part of learning.

What This Means for Us

At NMS, we focus on three things:

Connection. Character. Growth.

If students feel connected, act with character, and commit to growth, they are prepared for success now and in the future.

School Hours

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:50 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 7:50 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
- Building opens at 7:30 a.m.

Students should leave campus within 10 minutes of dismissal unless participating in a school-sponsored activity.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for student success.

- Parents, please call the attendance office by 9:00 a.m. on the day your child is absent.
- Students are responsible for checking Google Classroom and making up missed work.
- Excessive unexcused absences or tardies may affect participation in activities and athletics.

Attendance Office: 406-268-6526

Dress Code

Students should dress appropriately for a school environment.

Expectations

- Clothing must fully cover undergarments.
- Shorts and skirts must meet length requirements.
- Clothing may not reference drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or inappropriate language.
- Pajamas and slippers are not allowed.
- Hats and hoods may be worn in hallways and lunch areas, but not during class.

If clothing becomes a distraction, staff will address the concern and may contact parents.

Cell Phones and Electronics

To support learning and student focus:

- Cell phones and wireless earbuds must remain out of sight from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Phones should be stored in lockers.
- Smartwatches are allowed unless they become disruptive.
- Students may use corded headphones with Chromebooks if approved by staff.

Repeated misuse may result in devices being stored in the office and parents being contacted.

Chromebook Expectations

Chromebooks are for educational use only. Students

are expected to:

- Use technology appropriately.
- Stay on teacher-approved websites and programs.
- Avoid games or distractions during school hours.

Misuse of technology may result in loss of privileges or disciplinary action.

Behavior Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Show respect toward others.
- Follow directions.
- Be prepared and productive.
- Demonstrate safe behavior.
- Contribute positively to the school community.

Possible consequences for inappropriate behavior may include:

- Warning
- Lunch or after-school detention
- Saturday school
- Loss of privileges
- In-school or out-of-school suspension
- Parent meetings

Fighting, threats, bullying, harassment, vaping, drugs, alcohol, weapons, or dangerous items are prohibited and may result in suspension, expulsion, and/or law enforcement involvement.

Athletics and Activities

NMS offers:

- Football
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Cross Country
- Swimming
- Track and Field

Students must:

- Maintain appropriate behavior and attendance.
- Complete all required paperwork and physicals.
- Attend practices and events regularly.

NMS also offers clubs, leadership opportunities, music programs, and academic competitions.

Lunch Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Follow staff directions.
- Clean up after themselves.
- Use respectful behavior and language.
- Remain in assigned areas.
- Keep cell phones put away during lunch.

Outside food deliveries are not permitted.

Homework and Academic Support

Homework supports classroom learning and skill development. Students

are encouraged to:

- Use binders and planners to stay organized.
- Check Google Classroom and PowerSchool regularly.
- Attend after-school Study Back sessions when needed.

Parents are encouraged to monitor student progress through:

- PowerSchool
- ParentSquare
- Google Classroom
- Planbook

Counseling and Student Support

School counselors support students through:

- Academic planning
- Social-emotional support
- Career awareness
- Problem-solving and referrals

Additional therapeutic counseling services may be available through Alluvion.

Health and Medication

- All medications must be stored in the main office unless approved by administration.
- Required medical paperwork must be completed.
- Students may only carry medical items such as inhalers or EpiPens with proper documentation.

In emergencies, staff will provide first aid and contact parents or emergency contacts.

Lockers and Personal Belongings

- Students are responsible for securing personal belongings.
- Lockers may be searched when reasonable suspicion exists.
- North Middle School is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Transportation and Safety Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- Use designated parent drop-off areas only.
- Do not park in bus lanes or fire lanes.
- Follow parking lot traffic patterns for student safety.

Bus Transportation

Transportation information is available through GFPS and Big Sky Bus Lines.

Student Safety

North Middle School uses:

- Safety drills
- Video surveillance
- School resource officer support
- Supervision throughout campus

Students should report safety concerns to a trusted adult or use the anonymous tip line.
Anonymous Tip Line: 406-268-3301

Important Contacts

Main Office: 406-268-6525
Attendance Office: 406-268-6526
Website: https://nms.gfps.k12.mt.us/

School Supply Highlights

Students should bring:

- 3-ring binder
- Pencils and pens
- Notebook paper
- Calculator
- Corded earbuds
- PE clothing and padlock

Teachers may provide additional class-specific supply lists.

Final Message

At North Middle School, we believe students succeed when they feel connected, demonstrate strong character, and commit to growth.

Thank you for partnering with us to make NMS a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment for all students.