



NORTHWEST GUILFORD
VIKINGS
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Update

It's a Great Day to be a Viking!

September 11, 2026

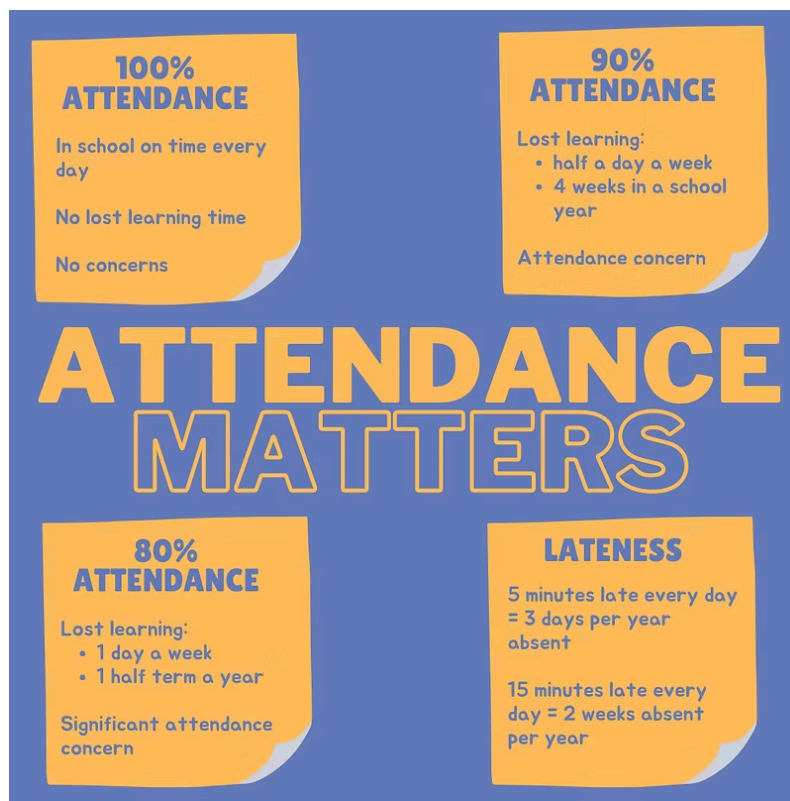
Attendance Matters Every Day

Today marks the 13th day of school, and we want to remind families how important daily attendance is.

Students who have missed **one or more days** are already considered **chronically absent**.

Consistent attendance is directly linked to academic success—**school attendance = school success**.

We need our students here every day, and we truly **miss them when they're not**.



Morning Arrival Reminder

To be marked **present and on time**, students must be in their **homeroom by 8:30 AM**.

To ensure they make it on time, students should walk through the **front doors no later than 8:25 AM**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students arrive on time and ready to learn!



Car Rider Line Procedures: Arrival and Departure

Morning Drop-Off Begins at 8:00 AM

- Cars will begin unloading at **8:00 AM**.
- A staff member will signal when the bell rings and unloading may begin.
- **Do not drop off students before 8:00 AM.**

Drop-Off Zone Instructions

- Stay in the car rider line.
- **Drop off students from the top spot near the main intersection down to the crosswalk at the mobile units.**
- Once unloaded, cars should exit to make room for the next group.

★ Important Safety Reminders ★

- **No drop-offs in parking lots at the high school.**

1. The **only approved drop-off location** is the official car rider line.
2. Students may **not walk from cars parked in nearby neighborhoods.**

Walking to School

- Neighborhoods across NW School Road are **not approved walking zones** by GCS.
- If you choose for your child to walk:
 - You are responsible for their safety crossing NW School Road.
 - Inform your child's **last teacher of the day** about your walking plan.
 - **No crosswalk assistance** is provided by the school.

Verification of Walking Students

- Students must have a **permanent address** in the neighborhood across the street to be approved to walk.
- We verify addresses for all students who walk to ensure safety.

♥ Our Priority: Student Safety

With nearly **1,000 students**, we strive for a **safe and efficient** morning and afternoon routine.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe!

Dismissal Reminder – No Early Check-Outs After 3:00 PM

For the safety of our students and to keep our dismissal process organized, **we are unable to dismiss students after 3:00 PM each day.**

After this time, our staff is fully engaged in preparing students for dismissal, coordinating transportation, and ensuring that all children get home safely. Early dismissals after 3:00 PM create confusion, disrupt classroom routines, and can compromise student safety.

Please plan ahead and complete all early check-outs **before 3:00 PM**, if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Breakfast & Lunch Information

Meal Options

- Students may **bring their own lunch** or **purchase meals** from the cafeteria.
- **Breakfast and lunch** are served daily in the cafeteria.

Free & Reduced Meals

- Apply online at the **GCS School Nutrition Website**.
- Or request a **paper application** from our main office:
 (336) 605-3333

Pre-Pay for Meals

GCS now uses **SchoolCafé** for meal payments and applications!

- **Add money** to your child's account easily.
- **Apply online** for Free & Reduced Meals.
- Get started: schoolcafe.com/GUILFORDCOUNTYSCHOOLS

Menus

- View daily menus here: gcsmeals.com

Important Reminders

- **No glass bottles or containers** allowed.

No food deliveries (e.g., DoorDash, Grubhub) are permitted for students.

Northwest Middle School Family Handbook

- Click [here](#) to view the Family Handbook

7th Grade Immunization & Health Requirements

To ensure a safe and healthy school environment, all rising 7th-grade students must meet the following **North Carolina immunization requirements**:

- Tdap Booster
- Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV)
- Up-to-Date Immunization Record

 **Deadline: Please submit records by September 24, 2025**

Weekly Information:

September 14-Girls Volleyball and Boys Soccer @ Southern Middle School

September 15- PTO Meeting, 10:00 am in Mobile #17

September 16-Girls Volleyball; Boys Soccer Home vs Northern

September 16- Football away @ Southern Middle (please note the change, the game is now away)

September 21- No School, Optional Teacher Workday

September 22- School Based Leadership Meeting 4:00 pm

September 22- Girls Volleyball; Boys Soccer @ Kernodle 5:00 pm

September 23- Football HOME vs Jamestown Middle

September 24- Girls Volleyball; Boys Soccer @ Northeast Middle 4:30 pm

September 28- Girls Volleyball; Boys Soccer HOME vs Mendenhall Middle 4:30 pm

Northwest Middle School is a NO Cell Phone School

Per North Carolina House Bill 959, students are **not permitted to use cell phones, earpieces, headphones, or Meta Glasses** during the school day. Cell phones are to be powered off and placed in bookbags from 8:00-4:00pm. If students need to call home, they will have access to the school phones in the front office. Parents should call the front office if they need to get a message to their child.



Northwest Middle Cell Phone Policy

North Carolina House Bill 959

North Carolina has passed a law requiring all student cell phones and personal communication devices to be turned off and put away during the instructional day except in the event of school-wide emergencies or if they are part of a student's 504 or IEP (as part of their diabetes monitoring plan, for example). Students are permitted to bring cell phones, smart watches, and earpieces/headphones/earbuds to school. However, they are not allowed to have cell phones or headphones out during the school day (8:00 am - 4:00 pm).

Cell phones are to be powered off and placed in your bookbag, before the beginning of the school day, and remain there the entire school day.

Students are not permitted to call/text from their personal devices, including smartwatches, throughout the day. If it is necessary for a student to call home, they will have access to the school phones in the classroom or in the front office. Parents should call the front office if they need to get a message to their student.

Personal electronic devices, including cell phones, earpieces, headphones, and earbuds, may be collected from students who use them during the school day and stored in the front office until the end of the school day. This includes smartwatches used for communication. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen electronic devices or accessories, including cell phones, chargers, earpieces, headphones, or earbuds.

Repeated offenses or failure to comply with the device expectations will result in the device being taken and held for parent/guardian pickup.

Thank you for helping us provide a focused, distraction-free learning environment for all students!

 Viking Families, 

You have amazing kids, and we truly enjoy spending time with them each day. Their enthusiasm, kindness, and eagerness to learn make Northwest a special place to learn and work.

Thank you for partnering with us as we help your children grow and succeed. Together, we can make a difference in their lives, and we are grateful for your support and trust. ★

♥♥ We appreciate you and all that you do!

Warmly, CeCe