Student Handbook

2026-2027

Trexler Middle School

https://tms.onslow.k12.nc.us/

(910) 324-4414

112 East Foy Street

Richlands, NC 28574

Trexler Middle: Promoting integrity, academic excellence, and productive citizenship.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

WELCOME

Welcome to Trexler Middle School! I am honored to serve as your principal and excited to partner with you and your family for an outstanding school year.

At Trexler, we are committed to creating a school where every student feels valued, supported, and challenged to reach their full potential. Our goal is to provide a safe, welcoming environment where students grow academically, socially, and emotionally while developing the confidence, character, and leadership skills needed for future success. I encourage every student to get involved, build positive relationships, and make the most of the opportunities available throughout the school year.

This handbook has been created to help students and families understand the expectations, policies, and procedures that contribute to a positive learning environment. In addition to this handbook, all students will receive the Onslow County Schools Student Code of Conduct, which outlines district policies and school bus safety regulations. Please take time to review both resources together, sign the required acknowledgment form, and return it to your homeroom teacher.

I am excited for all that this school year will bring and look forward to celebrating the successes, growth, and accomplishments of every Falcon. Together, we will make this a year of learning, leadership, and excellence.

Thank you for being a part of the Trexler Middle School family. Let's have an amazing year!

Molly Walsh
Principal

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

School Hours: 7:30 am to 2:35 pm

No students should arrive prior to 7:00 am, as staff are not available to monitor students before this time.
All students should depart in the afternoon by 2:55 pm (school dismisses at 2:40 pm).

Office Hours: 7:00 am to 3:30 pm School Colors: Red and White Mascot: Falcons

STUDENT SERVICES

PARENT MEETINGS AND CONSULTATION

Our staff and administration fully recognize the families of our students as integral components of the education system and appreciate your role as your child's best advocate. We are more than happy to meet with you to discuss questions or concerns, however, please understand that there will be days when doing so without a prearranged meeting will not be possible. To ensure the appropriate staff member is available to speak with you, please call the front office at 910-324-4414 and schedule an appointment.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Trexler counseling services may be provided on an individual basis or in small or large groups. Students may seek counseling or be referred by staff or parents. School officials and teachers may recommend a counseling program to help a student meet standards of conduct and academic performance established by the board and school system administrators. If students have extensive needs or needs that go beyond the purpose of the counseling program, school counselors may refer students to community resources.

Counseling programs are most effective when voluntarily entered into by a student. Students will not be required to attend individual or small group counseling sessions to address identified significant personal issues unless agreement has been reached with the student and written consent provided by the parent.

To contact a counselor, students should fill out the Student Request Form on their grade level team page. Counselors are available to meet with parents by prior arrangement and are likely not available to meet without determining a convenient time for both parties beforehand. This can be scheduled by calling (910) 324-4414 ext. 29010 (6th/7th gr) and 29011 (7th/8th gr).

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

School social workers are a valuable resource for the school, students, and their families. They are available to assist students with attendance, mental health concerns, and family/home/food needs. To contact a social worker, students should fill out the Student Request Form on their grade level team page. Social workers are available to meet with parents by prior arrangement and are likely not available to meet without determining a convenient time for both parties beforehand. This can be scheduled by calling (910) 324-4414 ext. 29015.

NURSE/MEDICATION

School nurses are shared among schools within the Onslow County school district, and therefore a nurse may not be on campus every day. Students with medical needs should report to the front office and be directed accordingly. Please turn in completed Emergency Medical forms to help your student in case of an emergency. If you take medication during the school day, the school receptionist can help you with the paperwork and other matters. Students are not permitted to possess any drugs (over the counter or prescription) at any time at school.

The Onslow County Board of Education has identified procedures and guidelines pertaining to medication. Trexler Middle School staff are not allowed to administer medication or allow your child to self-medicate themselves unless proper paperwork has been completed by your physician, the parents, and the school nurse. When prescription medicines are to be taken during the school day, medicine should be in a labeled prescription bottle. Pharmacies are accustomed to providing two prescription bottles, one for home and one for school upon your request. Please see the secretary and/or the school nurse for more information concerning your child's medical

needs. All medication is dispensed from the school office; however, there are special circumstances, when approved by a physician and the school nurse with proper paperwork on file (i.e., certain asthma inhalers), in which students can carry medicine with them. **Students who bring medication to school and do not comply with these guidelines are subject to disciplinary action.**

The board of education requires all students to meet the eligibility requirements for school admission established by the State and the Board, including immunization and health assessments. All students entering seventh grade or who have reached age 12, whichever comes first, are required to receive the following:

1. **a booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine), if they have not previously received it; and**
2. **the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV).**

TRANSPORTATION

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. The Richlands area shares buses with neighboring schools that have coordinated school times. Each district is assigned to a bus coordinator who oversees all scheduling, personnel, and maintenance for the buses. The bus coordinator assigned to Trexler is Tammie McDaniel. Feel free to contact Ms. McDaniel at **910.324.1034** for information or assistance on any of the above issues or concerns. School administrators will coordinate with the bus coordinator and drivers to ensure all student discipline matters are addressed. Routinely, bus suspensions are used as consequences for bus infractions; however, parents will be given an opportunity to help correct minor issues in lieu of bus suspensions for the first offense. In certain situations, out-of-school suspension may be assigned if needed. When a student needs to ride a different bus than the one assigned or get on or off the assigned bus at a different stop, he/she must have a note from his/her parents that must be approved by the school prior to the change. Repeated use of Onslow County bus transportation for transportation other than from school to home will not be allowed.

DISCIPLINE STANDARDS

In continuing efforts to maintain a school environment that is conducive to learning, all Trexler staff and students will continue practicing positive behavior incentives and intervention (**Falcon Function matrix at back of handbook**).

Trexler works to support and uphold all Onslow County Schools Board of Education policies. Board of Education members constantly seek to revise and add policies that help ensure a safe and civil environment that allows educators to provide a strong instructional program. For the most up-to-date information on board policies, please refer to the **Onslow County Schools Student Code of Conduct Including: Student Related Board of Education Expectations & Policies with School Bus Safety Regulations handbook** and/or visit https://www.onslow.k12.nc.us/our-district/superintendent/2023-2024-student-code-of-conduct for a more detailed statement of student behavior expectations and violations.

CONSEQUENCES

Communication with parents regarding positive and inappropriate behaviors will be our primary action to encourage or discourage the behavior. We will utilize resources or space to provide a variety of consequences and actions to help improve, correct, or ensure appropriate and safe behavior. Out-of-school suspension will be the consequence for inappropriate behaviors that are continuous or threatening the safety and health of others. In cases where suspension is deemed appropriate, students may be suspended for up to ten days. The severity of the offense, the past record of the student's behavior, the age of the student, and mitigating circumstances will be taken into consideration when making such decisions. In cases of repeated violations or in cases where the health, safety, or success of the student or of other students might be affected, expulsion or referral to the Onslow County Learning Center may result.

HIGHLIGHT OF A FEW DISCIPLINE POLICIES/CONSEQUENCES

General Statute 14-288.4 (a)(6), (6a) refers to how inappropriate student behavior may be considered disorderly conduct because of the disruption to the operation of public schools. One violation of this occurs if any person "disrupts, disturbs or interferes with the teaching of students at any public or private educational institution or engages in conduct which disturbs the peace, order or discipline at any public or private educational institution or on the grounds adjacent thereto." Another violation occurs if any person "engages in conduct which disturbs the peace, order, or discipline on any public school bus or public school activity bus." Incidents which are in violation of laws will be reported to law enforcement agencies, and charges/petitions may be filed.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

We want all students to feel safe, happy, and welcome in the school environment. Bullying is repeated, planned, and done on purpose. The target wants the bully's behavior to stop, but the bully does not stop.

Students and parents are encouraged to report bullying by using the Bullying and Harassment Student Form, which can be found on the school's website. Bullying Incident Reporting Form / Reporting Form for Students and Parents (onslow.k12.nc.us)

If more information is needed, please refer to the Onslow County Schools Board of Education policy #1710/1720/4015/7225/7230 for the most recent information on this topic.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION (PDA)

Students are expected to maintain appropriate boundaries while at school and during school sponsored activities. Public displays of affection, including but not limited to kissing, prolonged hugging, cuddling, etc. are not permitted.

Students involved in a first incident will receive a warning and be redirected. Any subsequent incidents will result in school-based disciplinary consequences in accordance with the school discipline guideline.

CAFETERIA/CHILD NUTRITION

Onslow County Schools provides nutritious breakfast and lunch meals designed to meet the USDA federal guidelines and nutrition standards for school meals. These guidelines limit the amount of fat, sodium, and sugar in meal selections and encourage increased consumption of fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grain products, and calcium rich foods. Well-balanced breakfasts and lunches contribute to the success of the classroom and students' academic performance. Menus are available local media and on the Onslow County Schools website located at http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1501179229405.

Meal prices are $1.25 for breakfast and $2.50 for lunch. Supplemental ala carte items that meet the Smart Snack guidelines are available for additional purchase. Parents/Guardians may request restrictions for students with a written note sent to the cafeteria. No ala carte items will be charged. **Families are responsible for all meal costs for food eaten by the student until the new meal application has been approved, and any charges accrued until that approval.** A parent/guardian may request a copy of their student's account purchases. For any information, contact the cafeteria manager at the school.

Payment for purchases in the cafeteria may be made by cash or check to the school cafeteria. Please do not send money to the school office. The cafeteria does not provide change, and whatever amount given to the cashier will be credited to the student's account. Other methods of payment are debit/credit cards online at www.k12paymentcenter.com.

Meal applications for free or reduced meals can be found online at www.lunchapplication.com. This is the quickest method. **Only one application per household** should be completed. Return meal applications to the school cafeteria or the school nutrition central office. If you do not receive notification for **all (each individual child) students** in the household, please notify the school nutrition central office immediately.

Students who bring food and/or drink to school should consume them during their lunch period. No sharing of food/drinks should occur. **Energy drinks (Alani Nu, Amp, Rockstar, Monster, Tilt, Joose, Sparks, and others not listed here) have increased in popularity and although the intent of the drinks may be positive, they are not permitted at school.** On the other hand, thirst-quenching beverages such as Gatorade and PowerAde that do not have the characteristics of energy drinks are allowed.
Parents are also asked not to bring food for students. Staff will not be able to handle, store, or share any food items during school hours.

LOCKERS

Lockers will not be used at this time.

CELL PHONE AND TELEPHONE USEAGE

According to North Carolina House Bill 959, all public schools must prohibit students from using, displaying, or having wireless communication (cell phones, smart watches) devices turned on during instructional time.

Students may bring their cell phones to school, but they must be powered down and not on the student, or used, during the academic day (unless given permission by administration). Cellphones are not to be used in the hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, or on school transportation.

Students will be allowed to get a pass to come to the office to use the school phone to handle their phone needs. All students should obtain permission and sign out prior to leaving the classroom to proceed to the office for their phone needs. Please take care of logistical matters and other information at home prior to coming to school and reserve calling home during the day for emergencies.

A violation of this request will result in a student turning their cell phone into the ISS supervisor. A staff member will be called to escort the student to ISS. The phone will be powered off by the student and locked up in a secure cabinet, and the student will return to their next class when the current class is over. Once the class is over, the student will resume their normal schedule. A parent/guardian must pick up the phone at the front office before 3:30 p.m. After three (3) cell phone violations, the student will receive OSS for violation of the cell phone policy. A refusal to comply with the policy will result in OSS.

Ultimately, the parent/guardian is responsible for all information on student cell phones, and any investigation that leads to and/or requires search of information on a cell phone will be reported to law enforcement.

Cell phone usage guidelines may also be found in the Onslow County Schools District Issued Device or Personally Owned Device Responsible Use Guidelines.

USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES **Policy Code:** 4318

The board recognizes that cellular phones and other wireless communication devices are an important tool through which parents communicate with their children and through which students gather information. The board also understands that excessive use of wireless communication devices may pose significant health and social risks for students. Therefore, to balance these interests and the needs of students, parents, and the school community, the board limits the use of wireless communication devices as provided in this policy.

Students may not use wireless communication devices inside school buildings, at school sponsored events, or on school buses to capture audio, video, or still pictures of other students and/or employees in which such individuals can be personally identified, nor share such recordings or pictures in any way, without the consent of the other students and/or employees. An exception will be made for recordings at events that are open to the public, such as athletic competitions, band and choral concerts, assemblies, presentations, and award ceremonies. If recording at

a public event is restricted for any reason, including due to copyright issues (e.g., a school play), the students and all other members of the audience will be notified of the recording restrictions before the event begins.

Use of wireless communication devices may be prohibited on school buses when noise from such devices interferes with the safe operation of the buses.

School employees may immediately confiscate any wireless communication devices that are on, used, or displayed in violation of this policy. In general, the confiscated device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. However, an administrator may require a student's parent to recover a confiscated device if the student has repeatedly violated this policy. The disciplinary consequences for violations of this policy will be consistent with Section D of policy 4300, Student Behavior Policies.

The following factors should be considered when determining appropriate consequences: whether the wireless communication device was used (1) to reproduce images of tests, obtain unauthorized access to school information, or assist students in any aspect of their instructional program in a manner that violates any school board policy, administrative regulation, or school rule; (2) to bully or harass other students; (3) to send illicit text messages; (4) to take and/or send illicit photographs; or (5) in any other manner that would make more severe disciplinary consequences appropriate.

SEARCH OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES In accordance with policy 4342, Student Searches, a student's wireless communication device and its contents, including, but not limited to, text messages and digital photos, may be searched whenever a school official has reason to believe the search will provide evidence that the student has violated or is violating a law, board policy, the Code of Student Conduct, or a school rule. The scope of such searches must be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the nature of the suspected infraction. The school system is not responsible for the theft, loss, or damage of a personal wireless communication device. Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -76.100, -390.2

TECHNOLOGY

New technologies are shifting the ways that information may be accessed, communicated, and transferred. These changes may also alter instruction and student learning. Onslow County Schools offer students access to the electronic information highway and the Internet. The Internet provides world-wide access to information, some of which is not suitable for the school setting. Onslow County school administrators, staff, parents and guardians must be responsible for setting and conveying the standards that must be followed when using media and information sources.

The Onslow County School District supports and respects the right of the parent or guardian to decide whether their student accesses the internet. For state and district assessments, students may be required to take assessments online. In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, Onslow County Schools has activated a monitoring and filtering system for Internet access.

Transmission through web resources of the following information is prohibited and shall result in loss of access privileges and may result in other disciplinary or legal action:

- Any material in violation of federal or state regulations, including copyrighted or obscene materials;
- Commercial activities, product promotion, and political or illegal activities.
- Inappropriate, threatening, or abusive language or materials;

- Personal identification information such as the address or phone number of the user or any other individual; or
- Financial information such as credit cards or bank account numbers.

After reading Onslow County Board of Education policy 3220, Internet in the Educational Program, and policies 3225/7320, Technology Responsible Use, parents and students must complete this form indicating agreement with the terms and conditions therein. This form must be returned to the school before accessing the internet, and online learning platforms may be granted. Incomplete forms shall not be accepted. This document reflects the entire agreement and understanding of all parties.

ATHLETICS

7th and 8th graders are eligible to participate in Onslow County's middle school athletic program if they meet eligibility guidelines listed below. Sports offered are as follows: football, softball, baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, volleyball, track, and wrestling.

A student/athlete must be in seventh or eighth grade and meet local and state promotion guidelines. If an athlete is "academically eligible" or "academically ineligible" at the beginning of any semester, that status is retained throughout the full semester. A student/athlete has four semesters of athletic eligibility once he/she first enters seventh grade. Academic requirements for fall semester sports are based on his/her previous semester's grades. Spring semester academic requirements are based on the fall semester grades for the current school year. The student must have passed at least 70% of the courses taken in the preceding semester and must be on track to advance to the next grade level within the next calendar year.

The student must have attended at least 85% of the total instructional days during the previous semester.

Students will forfeit athletic eligibility when absences, out-of-school suspensions, or any combination of absences and out-of-school suspensions during the previous semester exceed thirteen (13) days. No process will exist to request a waiver of absences or out-of-school suspensions. Each school retains the right to impose higher academic standards for its athletes.

ATHLETIC DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES:

- A coach has the authority to impose discipline consequences for misbehaviors of student athletes.
- Team members who are absent from school on the day of the game will not play unless the absence is excused, and arrangements are made with the coach in advance.
- A note from the parent/guardian must be given to the head coach prior to the team leaving for an event if a student needs to ride home with someone other than the parent/guardian from the event.
- Students serving ISS or OSS will not be allowed to play or practice while serving ISS or OSS. This includes the last day of ISS or OSS. Students who receive ISS or OSS more than once during a season will be suspended from the team for the remainder of the season.
- Students serving OSS are not allowed on any Onslow County School campus during the dates of the suspension.
- Students who receive multiple suspensions will not be allowed to participate in athletics.
- All practices are closed to visitors unless the coach has given prior permission to attend the practice.

Students and parents are required to sign a sportsmanship pledge before you are allowed to participate in athletics.

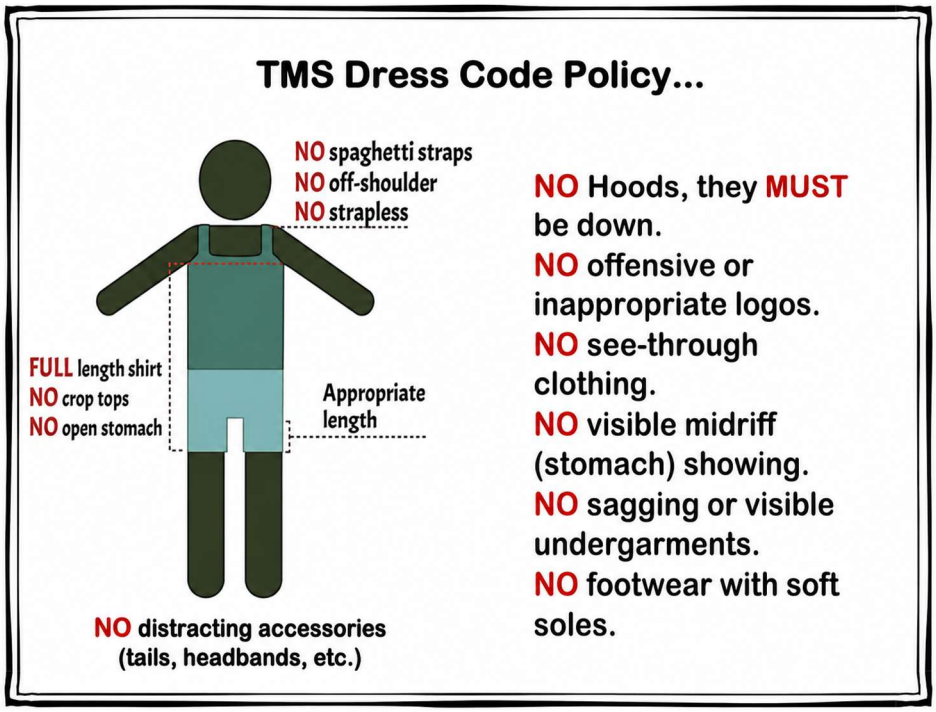
DRESS CODE

The purpose of the Trexler Middle School dress code is to help maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning and

free of distractions. Teachers will identify students in need of becoming compliant with Trexler's dress code and will send them to the office to make contact with their parents. The following dress code will be adhered to:

- Hoods on hoodies/sweatshirts with hoods are not permitted to be worn inside any building.
- Bonnets and/or durags are not permitted to be worn.
- Shirts and blouses that expose the midriff (stomach) are not permitted. Tank tops, halter tops, strapless tops, or any top that exposes undergarments are also prohibited.
- Shorts, skirts, pants, and leggings are acceptable dress if the length and style are not revealing and opaque (not see-through).
- Clothing that is representative of gang affiliation and promotes alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances and contains sexually inappropriate language and profanity is not permitted at school or any school-sponsored event. This includes any article of clothing, bandana, badge, sign, lettering, hairstyle, pant roll-up, or personal adornment that is intended by the student or is recognized or acknowledged by the community to designate a gang symbol or to signify affiliation with, participation in, or approval of a gang.
- Baggy pants or shorts that establish a belt line below the hipbone or show underwear while the student is walking or sitting is not allowed.
- **Footwear with a hard sole must be worn at all times. Bedroom/house shoes are not acceptable for footwear at school.**
- Chains hanging from clothes are not appropriate accessories for school.
- Pajamas must not be worn at school.
- **No distracting clothing and/or accessories are to be worn at school. This includes, but is not limited to, furry paws, ears, tails, stuffed animals, etc.**
- Students participating in PE must adhere to the dress code policy and wear appropriate athletic footwear.

****Students in need of a change of clothes to follow the dress code will have an alternate setting in ISS until a change of clothing is obtained.**



VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

All visitors must report to the office to sign in and retrieve a visitor's pass. Parents of Trexler Middle School students are welcome to come and observe in their child's classroom at any time. Please understand that when

you are observing, this is not an appropriate time to conference with the teacher. If you would like to conference with any of your child's teachers, please schedule an appointment with the teachers.

If you are interested in volunteering, we encourage coordinating your efforts with a teacher, media specialist, office staff, or administration. Many choose to volunteer by tutoring, proctoring, taking field trips, etc. The PTO (Parent-Teacher-Organization) always needs volunteers and would love to have your assistance. Volunteers who are in direct contact and/or interaction with students must be approved by the Onslow County School Board of Education and must follow all established requirements such as being fingerprinted.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in school and participation in class are an integral part of academic achievement and the teaching-learning process. Regular attendance develops patterns of behavior essential to professional and personal success in life. Regular attendance by every student is mandatory: The State of North Carolina *(G.S. 115C-378)* requires that every child in the State between the ages of seven (or younger if enrolled) and 16 years attend school. Parents or legal guardians have the responsibility for ensuring that students attend school on In-Person days and participate on remote instructional days. Any parent, guardian, or other person violating the provisions of the Compulsory Attendance Law is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. (G.S. 115C-380).

A. ATTENDANCE RECORDS

School officials will keep an accurate record of attendance, including accurate attendance records in each class. Attendance records will be used to enforce the Compulsory Attendance Law of North Carolina.

B. LAWFUL ABSENCES

When a student must miss school, a written note of explanation for the absence signed by a parent or guardian should be presented to the Data Manager within **5 days after returning from the absence**. An absence may be lawful for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness or injury which makes the student physically unable to attend school;
2. Isolation ordered by the State Board of Health;
3. Death in the immediate family;
4. A medical or dental appointment
5. Participation under subpoena as a witness in a court or administrative proceeding;
6. A minimum of two days each academic year for observance of an event required or suggested by the religion of the student or the student's parent(s) with prior approval by the principal;
7. Participation in a valid educational opportunity, such as travel, with prior approval by the principal. Five days prior to the absences, the parent or legal guardian must present to the school principal a written statement requesting the absences be lawful. The principal shall use his/her discretion on the reasonable number of days the student may be excused from school.
8. Absence due to pregnancy and related conditions or parenting, when medically necessary.

In addition, a student whose parent or legal guardian (a) is an active duty member of the uniformed services as defined by policy 4050, Children of Military Families, and (b) has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting will be granted additional absences at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee to visit with his or her parent or legal guardian. Five days prior to the absences, the parent or legal guardian must present to the school principal a written statement requesting the absences be lawful. The principal shall use his/her discretion on the reasonable number of days the student may be excused from school.

Extended illnesses generally require a statement from a physician.

In the case of lawful absences and out of school suspensions, the student will be permitted to make up his or her work. The teacher will determine when work is to be completed. The student is responsible for finding out what assignments are due and completing them within the specified time period.

C. UNLAWFUL ABSENCES

A student's absence from school for any reason other than those listed under "Lawful Absences" will be considered unlawful.

D. SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

All classroom activities are important and difficult, if not impossible, to replace if missed. It is the intention of the OCS Board of Education that classes missed be kept to an absolute minimum through close scrutiny and a monitoring system on the part of the principal. The following school-related activities will not be counted as absences from either class or school:

1. Field trips sponsored by the school;
2. School-initiated and scheduled activities;
3. Athletic events requiring early dismissal from school;
4. In-school suspension; or
5. Job shadows and other work-based learning opportunities and Career and Technical Education student organization activities approved in advance by the principal.

Assignments missed for these reasons will be completed by students. The teacher will determine when work is to be done. The student is responsible for finding out what assignments are due and completing them within the specified time period.

E. ATTENDANCE IN GRADES K-8

1. Students with more than 20 absences (10 within the first ninety days and 10 within the last ninety days) in a school year shall not be promoted to the next grade except by determination of the principal/designee upon careful review of the student's records.
2. When total absences (lawful and unlawful) exceed 10 days per semester, further documentation will be required (doctor statement, court documentation, etc.).
3. Make up work shall be assigned by the student's teacher as deemed appropriate. All make-up work shall be completed within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the child's teacher.
4. Schools shall offer incentives to provide recognition of perfect attendance.
5. Students are expected to be in attendance and participate in instruction throughout the school day. Excessive tardies and early checkouts will be referred to the appropriate authorities and may also be considered by the principal when making a promotion determination.

G. EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

Class attendance and participation are critical elements of the educational process and may be taken into account in assessing academic achievement.

The principal will notify parents and take all other steps required by G.S. 115C-378 for excessive absences. Students may be suspended for up to two days for truancy. When a student has accumulated ten (10) unexcused absences, the principal will conduct an investigation to determine if the parent or guardian has made a good faith effort to comply with the law. Dependent upon the outcome of the investigation, the principal may notify the District Attorney and the Director of Social Services.

SIGNING IN/OUT

All students who enter the school late (after 7:30 am) must sign in at the front office. Students who need to be checked out must be signed out by a parent or authorized adult (with a valid form of identification) in the school office no later than **2:10pm**. Please help us maintain a strong instructional environment by allowing students to complete their school day by arriving and departing on time. Students that check out before 11am or check in after 11am on a regular school day will be counted absent.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Unless superseded by the Onslow County Board of Education Policy, Perfect Attendance certificates will be issued only to those students who have been in school every minute of every day. Students may not check out early or sign in late to be eligible for perfect attendance.

GRADES

GRADING SCALE

A: 90-100
B: 80-89
C: 70-79
D: 60-69
F: < 59

HONOR ROLL/PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Any student who has a nine-week grade average of 90 or higher with no grade below 90 will be placed on the Principal's List. Students with a nine-week grade average of 80 to 89 and no grade below 80 will be placed on the Honor Roll. The purpose of these honor systems is to recognize students who have demonstrated quality achievement and to encourage others to strive for excellence.

NOTIFICATION OF GRADES

The Onslow County Board of Education has established dates throughout the school year in which all students will receive interim reports and report cards. Although these dates vary from year to year, they are scheduled, so you are notified at least every 3 weeks of your child's progress. These reports should be signed and returned to your child's teacher. Parents can access their students' grades through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. The school year passes quickly, so if you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teachers immediately, especially if they have any failing grades.

CHEATING

Incidents of cheating will be handled at the teacher's discretion. Anyone caught cheating may receive a zero, be required to serve after school detention, or another school approved discipline consequence.

PROMOTION STANDARDS

Refer to STUDENT PROGRESSION AND PLACEMENT Policy Code: 3420.

SCHOOL FEES

The Onslow County Board of Education has passed a policy concerning the payment of school fees. Parents and students who wish to have school fees waived because of indigence must make a written request to the principal by the twentieth day of enrollment on a form supplied by the school. The policy states that the school may require "whatever documentation from the parents necessary to support the parents' requests for fee waiver."

All students who do not have an approved fee waiver need to pay their fees by the end of the first week of school. As follows is a list of possible fees that your child may need to pay:

- 1:1 Technology Usage Assessment/Fee - $25.00
- Art- $3.50 per semester
- Vocal Music—
    - Semester: $2.50
    - Year Long: $5.00
- Instrumental Music:
    - Semester (Guitar, Piano): $5.00
    - Year Long (Band, Orchestra): $10.00

Middle school students will be part of a 1:1 student to laptop computer initiative in which students will be issued a laptop computer for the school year. In order to help sustain the technology investment being made by our district, the Onslow County School System will implement a technology usage assessment of $25 for the school year. This fee will help assist the district with costs associated with supporting the devices, as well as any accidental damages. The usage assessment does not cover theft, non-accidental damage, or loss while off school campus. Hardship waivers will be available for families requiring assistance with this nominal charge.

*Parents are encouraged to pay their child's school fees online at https://onslow.schoolcashonline.com/

	Classroom	Movement	Restroom	Cafeteria	Bus	School Events	Campus	1:1 Technology
Respectful	• Follow directions the 1st time • Be Polite	• Transition quietly so others can learn	• Respect others' privacy • Respect school property	• Stay in line • Speak appropriately	• Follow driver directions • Speak nicely	• Applaud appropriately • Be kind and polite	• Use kind words • Treat others as you want to be treated	• Focus on your own monitor • Be considerate when posting
Responsible	• Be Honest • Be prepared for class	• Walk on the right side of the hall • Take most direct route	• Put trash in the can	• Keep area clean • Recycle when appropriate • Keep food on your plate	• Be at bus stop on time • Keep bus clean	• Be a role model to others	• Keep cell phones and electronics off and out of sight	• Charge device fully each night • Take care of your device
Safe	• Keep Hands to self • Respect others' belongings • Use equipment properly	• Keep hands, feet and objects to self • Sign in and out • Wear lanyard around neck	• Notify teacher of inappropriate behavior	• Stay in your seat unless you have permission • Sign out to go to restroom or office	• Seat-to-Seat, Back-to-Back, and Feet-to-Floor	• Keep hands, feet and objects to self	• Keep hands, feet and belongings to self	• Visit acceptable sites • Keep personal information offline
Cooperative	• Raise hand to speak or leave your seat • Be a team player during group work	• Use only polite, appropriate language • Remain silent during all drills	• Wait your turn • Refrain from horseplay	• Follow staff directions and specified procedures	• Stay in assigned seat • Go straight to bus after school	• Follow event rules and procedures	• Dress appropriately as stated in the student handbook	• Play academic games at appropriate times
Successful	• Be engaged in class • Produce quality work • Turn in all assignments • Follow teacher directions and procedures	• Be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there • Arrive on time	• Use restroom appropriately and quickly	• Only one trip through lunch line • Use good manners	• Follow bus rules in student handbook	• Proper behavior leads to more events	• Follow school/teacher rules and directions	• Save files to cloud • Upload/down-load files for HW as needed

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Student Handbook

Acknowledgement Form 2026-27

Please complete this form and return it to your homeroom teacher.

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Student Name (please print)

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Grade Homeroom Teacher

Our signatures indicate that we have received, read, and understand the Trexler Middle School 2024-25 Student Handbook and the Onslow County Schools Student Related Board of Education Policies and School Bus Safety Regulations Handbook.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date