READINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK 2020-2021



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Readington Middle School. Our entire staff is looking forward to welcoming you into our warm and caring school culture. We hope that you have had a great summer and are looking forward to the upcoming school year. Along with new notebooks, new class assignments, and new teachers, we hope that you have a renewed commitment to personal success. All of us at RMS are here to help you find that success. Please share your ideas and concerns with any member of our faculty or staff.

Our goal as a school is to provide the resources and experiences that will enable you to maximize your potential. This organizer will help introduce and reinforce student organizational skills necessary not only for your continuing education but also to providing you with life skills. Our faculty and staff will help you as you commit yourself to doing the very best that you can. We are sure you will enjoy attending Readington Middle School.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Readington Middle School vision is to provide a supportive, nurturing environment in which emerging adolescents will realize their greatest potential. To that end, we are dedicated to preparing students for the future by ensuring a quality education in a learning community that supports and respects both the diversity and the human dignity of all. We are committed to the creation of a learning environment which fosters personal growth, intellectual development and shared decision making, thus enabling students to be self-directed, life-long learners who will be responsible members of society.

At Readington Middle School, all students are asked to:

Take care of yourself,
Take care of each other, and
Take care of our school.

ADMINISTRATION

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QUICK PHONE REFERENCE

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Main Office Ext. 3826 or 3804

Assistant Principal's Office Ext. 3813 School Counseling Office Ext. 3803

Nurse's Office Ext. 3809 or 3810

Child Study Team Office Ext. 2956
Attendance Line Ext. 3831
Sports Hotline 908-534-6026
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PHILOSOPHY

We are dedicated to an educational environment that empowers students through active learning. As a developmentally responsive middle level school, we have been guided by the expectations for Readiness Standards, and the Common Core State Standards. Through active learning, our students become critical thinkers, leaders, community-minded citizens and lifelong learners.

Critical thinkers are able to analyze problems and issues, examine component parts, and integrate them into a solution or new approach to the problem.

Leaders are self-starters who communicate effectively, utilize resources and work collaboratively to develop ideas that will have a positive impact on their school and community.

Community-minded citizens accept responsibility for shaping, and not simply being shaped, by the events surrounding them. They are doers, not observers. Additionally, they embody an understanding of the world around them and the interdependence of all people.

We aim for our students to be independent, lifelong learners who reach their fullest potential as they are immersed in a diversified, challenging curriculum and safe and supportive school environment.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION

The lifeline for student success is active parent participation in the educational process. Effective communication and cooperation between school and home is essential. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have any questions or concerns during the year. Parental involvement in student activities enhances a successful experience for all pupils. An effective school has a large number of parents participating with faculty members as partners in education.

To encourage the communication between school and home, we ask that parents utilize Genesis Information Systems as well as reading the RMS listserv and maintaining direct contact with teachers to stay updated on their child's progress.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

The administration of RMS welcomes visits from parents and community members. In the event that the administration is not available at the time a parent/community member arrives at the office, an appointment can be made with any of the secretaries.

However, students and parents are encouraged to direct all inquiries/commendations to the staff member (coach, counselor and teacher) closest to the issue who can offer "real-time" advice and guidance. Students and parents are encouraged to communicate with staff members via phone, email, or to make an appointment to meet in person.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Sign up for weekly Genesis Blasts and follow us on:



COVID- 19 POLICIES/PROCEDURES

MASK POLICY

All staff and students are required to wear a mask/cloth face covering at all times, except for instances where a student or staff member has a medical exemption on file with either the school nurse, or their administrator. Families will need to provide masks and other identified face coverings for their children. Staff will need to provide their own masks and face coverings as well.

Masks/face coverings will be required of both students and bus drivers while students are on the bus, both to and from school.

We recognize that students may wish to wear personalized or otherwise decorated face masks as a measure of self-expression. Readington Middle School's dress code applies to face masks in forbidding certain kinds of images, phrases and other potentially offensive, violent, illegal, or otherwise disruptive imagery or text. Please refer to our Dress Code Policy included in this document.

Students who refuse to wear masks will be addressed on a case by case basis.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Individuals are expected to be responsible and maintain proper social distancing at all times throughout the school day. The current protocol is 6 feet.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS FOR VIRTUAL MEETING

To maintain a positive, productive learning environment and assure confidentiality for students and teachers during distance learning, all students are asked to observe the following privacy guidelines:

- Keep in mind, you are IN SCHOOL! Hours and attendance will run simultaneously with your scheduled classes. Students are expected to log in and remain for the entirety of the class period.
- Be on time. If a student is late, he/she must comment in the chat that they are present.
- Come prepared.
- Follow the school dress code.
- Find a quiet place free of distractions. Family members, including parents, guardians, siblings, should not be a part of the Meetings. Do not move from room to room during instruction.
- Attempt to select an area in your home with enough space for necessary items-books, notebooks, computers, etc. Do not include family members in Google/Zoom Meetings.
- Use your computer. Put your phone away. Don't be distracted by phones or games.
- Turn cameras ON; show your face in the camera. Do not turn off your camera.
- Mute yourself until you are told to unmute.
- Ask questions in the chat and/or raise your hand. If for some reason a student needs to leave the Meeting, they should comment in the chat.
- Use polite and appropriate language.
- Give your best effort online as you would in the classroom.

- Students should check Google Classroom and email daily.
- Do not record meetings to protect the privacy of all participants. You must have legal consent from all of the participants to record a meeting. Inappropriate use/behavior on Google/Zoom Meets will be handled according to the district's Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian Virtual Meeting Expectations

To maintain a positive, productive learning environment and assure confidentiality for students and teachers during distance learning, all parents/guardians are asked to observe the following privacy guidelines:

- Google/Zoom Meetings are designed for students to seamlessly transition to remote learning. To prevent disruptions to the learning environment, parents/guardians should not actively participate in sessions, although parents/guardians may assist their child with technology.
- Do not video record, audio record, photograph, live stream, or transmit in any other way any part of a Google/Zoom Meeting, including not posting on any social media platform.
- Any confidential or personally identifiable information related to students participating in a Google/Zoom Meeting should not be collected, discussed or shared. Also, be mindful of what is visible in the background of the camera's field of vision.
- Parents/guardians should not engage with students or the teacher during Google/Zoom Meetings.
- If a parent/guardian has a question regarding lesson content, please email your child's teacher. If a
 parent or guardian has a question about technology, please email our tech department at
 techsupport@readington.k12.nj.us

Additionally, please provide your student with a space to engage in their work with all the necessary materials at hand.

BELL SCHEDULES

FULL DAY BELL SCHEDULE

Students enter:	7:25
Homeroom:	7:35-7:40
Period 1:	7:42-8:25
Period 2:	8:27-9:10
Period 3:	9:12-9:55
Period 4:	9:57-10:40
Period 5:	10:42-11:25
Period 6:	11:27-12:10
Period 7:	12:12-12:55
Period 8:	12:57-1:40
Period 9:	1:42-2:25

EARLY DISMISSAL BELL SCHEDULE

Students enter:	7:25
Homeroom:	7:35-7:38
Period 1:	7:40-8:08
Period 2:	8:10-8:38
Period 3:	8:40-9:08
Period 4:	9:10-9:38
Period 5:	9:40-10:07
Period 6:	10:09-10:37
Period 7:	10:39-11:07*
Period 8:	11:09-11:36
Period 9:	11:38-12:05

^{*}Academic Support periods (no lunches served): students are encouraged to bring a snack

DELAYED OPENING BELL SCHEDULE

Students enter:	9:25
Homeroom:	9:35-9:38
Period 1:	9:40-10:10
Period 2:	10:12-10:42
Period 3:	10:44-11:14
Period 4:	11:16-11:46
Period 5:	11:48-12:18*
Period 6:	12:20-12:50*
Period 7:	12:52-1:22*
Period 8:	1:24-1:53
Period 9:	1:55-2:25

^{*}Lunch periods (no Academic Support)

READINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

1 – First Day for Teachers / In-Service Day 2 – Second Day for Teachers / In-Service Day 3 – Early Dismissal / First Day of School

4 - Early Dismissal / Second Day of School 7 - Schools Closed / Labor Day

28 - Schools Closed / Yom Kippur

12 - Schools Closed / In-Service Day

2-4 - Early Dismissal / Parent-Teacher

23 – Early Dismissal / Winter Recess 12/24-1/1 – Schools Closed / Winter Recess

15 – Early Dismissal / Curriculum Day 18 – Schools Closed / Martin Luther King Day

12 - Early Dismissal / Curriculum Day 15 - Schools Closed / Presidents Day

11&12 - Early Dismissal / Parent-Teacher

19 – Snow Contingency Day 22 – Schools Closed / In-Service Day

28 – Snow Contingency Day 31 – Schools Closed / Memorial Day June 17 – Early Dismissal / Curriculum Day 18 – Early Dismissal / Last Day of School

1 – Early Dismissal / Spring Recess 2-9 – Schools Closed / Spring Recess 12 – Snow Contingency Day

5&6 – Schools Closed / NJEA Convention 25 – Early Dismissal / Thanksgiving Recess 26&27 – Schools Closed / Thanksgiving Recess

September

October

November

Conferences

December

January 4 – Classes Resume

February

March

April

May

Conferences

September						
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28	29	30				

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December				
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January				
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	Legend	Table Sheet December
-	Schools Closed	Total School Days Student Days 181
-	Staff Only Early Dismissal	Teacher Days 185
-	Snow Contingen	icy

February				
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8	9	10	11	12
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22	23	24	25	26

	March					
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May				
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"Three days have been allotted for emergency school closings as needed. If school is closed due to emergency, days will be made up using the snow contingency days in the following order: March 19, April 12, May 28. If additional days are required, the following days will also be reinstated: Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Spring Break, or at the end of the year. January 15 & February 12 are Early Dismissal Days; if predicted weather indicates a Delayed Opening may be required advanced notice will be given to parents/guardians and regular dismissal time schedules will be followed. School personnel and students will be expected to attend on contingency days.

BOARD APPROVED: August 18, 2020. The Board of Education reserves the right to amend this calendar.

EMERGENCY CONTACT SYSTEM

It is imperative that all RMS families supply the school with accurate contact information. We are able to keep parents and students apprised of emergency situations that may arise in our school district. The system will also be used to announce inclement weather closings, delayed openings, and early dismissal from school.

This information will be posted on the district website at

https://www.readington.k12.nj.us/readingtonms

Parents will also be notified of school closings and delays through an automated phone calling system and/or through listsery. Please do not call the school for information regarding closing as these calls tie up the telephone lines which are needed for emergencies.

Please note: In the event of an emergency closing, all school activities, including athletics, will be cancelled. Parents

should plan in advance with their children for emergency closings or dismissals (e.g. house keys, emergency contacts). In the event of inclement weather, parents who drop their children off at school prior to the arrival of the buses should confirm that school will be in session for the day before leaving their children.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Subject	Marking Periods
Literacy (Reading and Writing)	4
Social Studies	4
Math	4
Science	4
Physical Education/Health	4
World Language	4
Innovation and Design*	2
Financial Literacy*	2
Art*	2
Instrumental/Vocal Music*	4
General Music*	2
Intervention (Literacy and Math)*	4

^{*}Denotes a class that meets every other day

HOMEROOM

DUE to COVID-19, students WILL NOT be assigned a locker this school year. When students arrive to Readington Middle School in the morning, they will report to their homeroom by 7:35 AM. Daily attendance, the flag salute, and announcements are conducted during this five-minute homeroom period.

GRADING SYSTEM

The grading system for core academic subjects consists of the letter grades A, B, C, D, F. A *plus* (+) or *minus* (-) may be used when a student's work is at the very upper or lower limit, respectively, of a guide range.

Explanation of Marks			
A+	98-100	C+	78-79
Α	93-97	С	73-77
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	88-89	D+	68-69
В	83-87	D	60-67
B-	80-82	F	59 and below

Student grades and report cards will be available for parent access through Genesis. Email messages will alert parents when report cards are open to parents at the end of each marking period.

Marking Period End Dates

Marking Period	Marking Period End Date
Marking Period 1	November 11
Marking Period 2	January 27
Marking Period 3	April 14
Marking Period 4	June 18

Genesis Information Systems/Parent Portal

All grading information will be relayed through Genesis so it is highly recommended that parents have updated login information to expedite accessing their child's grades.

Please visit http://www.readington.k12.nj.us/readingtonms for access to the Parent Portal and the Genesis user guide.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Cheating/Plagiarism

Cheating is a violation of academic integrity. Cheating is taking credit for any work that is not one's own or violating teacher guidelines for production of assignment. Teachers will define guidelines for independent and cooperative work in each class. Cheating on any work produced for a grade will be penalized. Students who cheat, including those who help others cheat, will receive no credit for the activities in question. While the assignment receiving a zero due to cheating cannot be made up for credit, the teacher may require the student(s) to make up work for educational purposes. The parents or guardians will be contacted by the teacher. Any violation of academic integrity will be reported to the Vice Principal so as to preserve appropriate documentation of said infraction(s).

Disrupting a Test or Exam

All students are entitled to demonstrate their academic proficiency in an atmosphere conducive to success. Students should not deprive a classmate of the ability to demonstrate his/her proficiency in an academic area. Any student, who disrupts a test or exam, regardless if it is a classroom, district or state assessment, will serve appropriate consequences.

Co-curricular Eligibility

The Readington Township Board of Education believes that co-curricular programs are valuable aspects of the education process. It is essential that all students participating in such activities maintain acceptable levels of scholastic achievement and daily attendance in school and assigned classes.

Co-curricular activities are those that are not part of the regular program of study in which a student voluntarily participates. These activities include both the programs that meet beyond the school day and those that necessitate a student's absence from his/her regularly scheduled classes during the school day.

The policy on co-curricular eligibility applies to all students participating in clubs, Student Government, interscholastic and intramural sports, and any other co-curricular activities approved by the Board of Education.

A student who is absent from school, arrives at school after 11:05 AM, or is sent home from school early is ineligible to participate in any co-curricular activity, competition or program held during the afternoon or evening of that day.

A student is eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity when he/she maintains a passing grade in all subject areas. A student who falls below minimum academic standards is ineligible until he/she appropriate meets any of the following criteria:

- Completes and submits past due work for the current term.
- Raises current term grade to passing.
- Satisfactorily completes work for an incomplete term grade.
- Satisfactorily completes all required work for a course failed the previous term.

A student's exclusion from participation in a co-curricular activity will begin on the next calendar day after a teacher submits a Notice of Ineligibility to an advisor or coach.

HOMEWORK POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

The professional and administrative staff of the middle school program recognizes regular, purposeful homework as an essential component of the instructional program and process. Homework is an important factor contributing to the academic achievement of pupils by providing for the reinforcement of learning experiences which occur in the classroom. Homework should be an extension of school activities which involves the home of the individual student and potentially the community. Moreover, homework provides a basis for further study and preparation for future class assignments. The following homework guidelines will provide parents with an opportunity to become actively involved in their child's education and also will help them develop insights into the school's philosophy, its curriculum and its objectives.

HOMEWORK IS FIRST AND FOREMOST THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY.

It is the student's responsibility to:

- 1. Make sure he/she understands the assignment (what is to be done, when it is due, and how it should be done.)
- 2. Write the homework assignment accurately in this assignment book kept especially for this purpose; this eliminates the possibility of forgetting the details of the assignment and helps the student organize the work that needs to be completed.
 - **Genesis provides an additional resource for parents and students to access homework assignments.
- 3. Make time for homework. This means that each student needs to develop a plan to utilize their time outside of school wisely and constructively and to ensure productivity regarding outside assignments.
- 4. Analyze his/her study habits and find what works best. Although there is not one best way for everyone to study, there are some effective guidelines that can be applied. Check with the individual teachers for some effective techniques that may be useful.

Make-up of Missed Assignments

Homework assignments missed due to an absence are the respective *student's responsibility*. Each student must find out what is missed during his/her absence and complete the assignment. A student will have as many days as he/she was absent to complete the work that was assigned during his/her absence.

- * Students who are absent for 1-2 days should check with Genesis and classmates to see what work is missed while they are out. They are also encouraged to email their individual teachers regarding missed assignments.
- * For students who are absent 3 or more days, parents may request homework from the student's team by sending an email to the appropriate teachers.
- * Students who schedule planned absences for non-essential events like family vacations should make up the work when they return. Teachers may not be able to provide work in advance.

HOME INSTRUCTION

Home instruction is available to students who must be absent for an extended period of time because of illness or injury. Parents should notify the Counseling and Pupil Personnel offices when this service is required. Parents are asked to provide a physician's statement of the nature and cause of the child's absence.

NJSLA TESTING

Students will be assessed using the NJSLA test.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH PARTICIPATION

Due to COVID-19, students must wear appropriate physical education attire to school on their assigned day. There will be no access to locker rooms. Backpacks will be lined up in the hallways. Jewelry may not be worn except for religious or medical reasons and, in these cases, shall be taped to the body for safety. Student athletes who do not dress and participate in their physical education class will be unable to participate in their sport that day.

Parents and students are encouraged to consult the athletic handbook for more detailed information about Physical Education and Health policies.

Some aspects of the health curriculum may be sensitive in nature. If parents have any concerns, they are welcome to review units of study and to request an alternate assignment for their child.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is an integral factor for attaining success in school and is required by state law. However, a child should not come to school feeling ill or displaying COVID-19 symptoms. The school should be notified if a student will be absent for any period of time. Parents should notify the school when their child will be absent by leaving a message on the attendance line (908-534-3831) any time after school hours or before 8:20 AM in the morning of their child's absence. When calling out a student on the attendance line, please include the following information:

- 1. Parent name
- 2. Student's name, grade, and homeroom teacher
- 3. Reason for absence
- 4. Probable date of return to school
- 5. Any other pertinent information

Please call daily when the student is absent. The attendance secretary will verify absences. Please note: when the student returns to school after being absent, parents must send an absence note indicating the reason and date of absences.

Parents are asked not to request that children be excused early except when an emergency exists. Such requests should be written, stating the reason. Every effort should be made to have students attend school regularly. Frequent absences have an adverse effect on the child's academic progress.

Absences and Excuses

Readington Township Public Schools believes that regular attendance in class, participation in class activities, and interaction between pupils and teachers are vital and integral parts of the learning process. Frequent absences of pupils from regular classroom learning experiences disrupt the continuity of the instructional and learning processes. Any pupil who for any reason fails to attend 160 days of school within any academic year, shall be subject to the administrative review by the principal of his/her school before being considered for promotion. The following individuals may assist the principal in this administrative review: administrators, teachers, parents/guardians, students, themselves and other school personnel such as supervisors, school counselors, school nurse, child study team members, etc. All absences must be explained in writing by a parent/guardian upon the pupil's return.

A student must be present for a total of 4 hours to receive credit for the school day.

Early and Late Arrivals

There will be NO after school homework room available this school year.

Late arrivals and early dismissals are as disruptive to the educational process as absenteeism. Parents are asked to escort any student arriving late to the Main Office before reporting to class. Parents will be asked to provide a note explaining the circumstances that caused the delayed arrival.

Truancy

Parents/guardians who fail to comply with the compulsory attendance laws are subject to penalties prescribed by the law. In-school suspensions do not count as absences; out-of-school suspensions are counted as excused.

Tardiness

Three instances of unexcused tardiness or early dismissals, as determined by the Principal, will equal one absence for the purpose of calculating unexcused absences. After three tardies and/or early dismissals, notification will be sent to the parent/guardian indicating the dates of these instances. Tardies are cumulative from marking period to marking period.

Early Dismissal

- 1. Parents should bring a written note to the Main Office.
- 2. Parents should report to the Main Office to meet their child.
- 3. Parents should sign out their child in the Visitor's Main Office.
- 4. Children without notes will be sent home at regular dismissal time.

Please note that school-wide early dismissal of students will occur throughout the year as part of the students' educational program and the teachers' professional development.

Vacations/Trips

In the event of an absence, teachers may not be able to provide all work in advance. Students should plan to make up their work when they return.

Make-up Assignments

A student who is absent from class for any reason must make-up both classwork and homework as required by the individual teacher. In the case of religious holidays, as per NJSA 18A:36-14-16 and NJAC 6:20-1.3(k), students will not be penalized and will be given time to make-up any work, tests, or exams. Students will be given an opportunity to make up assignments based on the number of missed days (e.g. two days of absence will equal two days to make up missed assignments). To be entitled to this privilege, the pupil must present a written excuse signed by a parent or guardian.

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPEAL PROCESS

Similar to the process in place at Hunterdon Central Regional High School, in the event that a student or parent would want to appeal or grieve an academic or disciplinary decision, the appropriate person with regard to the situation should be notified in accordance with the chain of command listed below:

- The teacher is contacted with regard to the problem.
- The complaint is referred to the Vice Principal.
- The complaint is referred to the Principal.
- The complaint is referred to the Superintendent.

BACK PACKS

Due to COVID-19, students will not be assigned a locker this school year. Instead, students will be permitted to carry their backpacks with them throughout the day, and keep all personal belongings and school items in their backpacks.

SEARCHES OF STUDENTS AND POSSESSIONS

By law, all students are protected from unreasonable search and seizure. However, since lockers and computers (hard drives and USB drives that are used in school) are school property, inspections/searches are made randomly and regularly to check the conditions of lockers and to ensure a safe and orderly school environment. Items taken from student lockers can be confiscated and/or turned over to the police.

LOST AND FOUND

All valuables are secured in the front office with the exception of eyeglasses, which are kept in the main office. All clothing items, books, etc. are stored in the Cafetorium and outside the new gym. The school is not responsible for any loss or theft of personal items, including but not limited to cell phones, electronic devices, and purses.

DELIVERIES

Due to COVID-19 we discourage parents from dropping student belongings.

^{*}Please note that any detention (initial teacher or central office) can only be appealed to the principal's level.

LOCKERS

Due To COVID-19 students WILL NOT be assigned a locker this school year.

TELEPHONE USE

Students are expected to come to school each day prepared for the day's activities. Phones are available in the main offices, health office, or school counseling office. Classroom phones are available for student use for the purpose of contacting parents when an unforeseen emergency arises. In case of an emergency, due to the pandemic, we will allow students to use their cell phone.

STUDENT RECORDS

In order to obtain permanent record files for the school, you must submit a written request to the Principal to release confidential information. Permanent records will only be released to a school or facility directly. School personnel will make copies of student records based on a parent request and principal's approval.

VISITORS

Upon arriving at the school, visitors must report to the Main Office in order to sign in and receive visitor badges. Prior to exiting the building, visitors should report to the Main Office in order to sign out.

Main Office:

- All visitors to the building
- Students arriving <u>late</u> to school
- Students leaving early from school
- Parent pick-up when a student is leaving school for a medical reason, illness, injury, etc.

Students are not permitted to bring other students or visitors to school during the school day or during evening events, such as dances, that only involve Readington Middle School students.

After-School Activities

Students are encouraged to participate in athletics and after-school activities with permission from parents and teachers as well as appropriate teacher supervision. Homework Room is available after school Monday through Thursday in the Library Media Center from 2:25 PM - 4:00 PM. Students in Homework Room need to bring academic work to complete and if a student is disruptive during Homework Room, they may be asked to call their parents and be picked up.

Students are not permitted in any unsupervised area of the building before or after school hours.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER SERVICES

Mission Statement

The mission of the RMS Library Media Center is to provide the resources and instruction necessary to help students engage in the essential 21st century skills involved in the process of acquiring and sharing knowledge. Guided by the American Association of School Librarians' *Standards for the 21st Century Learner*, the Library Media Center strives to help students become proficient and ethical users of information resources in both academic and non-academic contexts.

Circulation of Library Materials

The RMS Library Media Center strives to provide materials across multiple formats that support academic achievement as well as personal growth. Students are expected to handle all borrowed materials carefully. A replacement fee equal to the value of item will be incurred for any items lost or significantly damaged.

Students are allowed to borrow up to five items at a time from the Library Media Center. The loan period is two weeks for books and eBooks and one week for audiobooks and videos. Magazines and reference materials are not circulated outside of the Library Media Center. Any item can be renewed for use after its due date, with the exception of items placed on hold by other students. Students who do not return an item placed on hold after three notifications will receive a lunch detention in the LMC.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL BEHAVIOR

Students, parents/guardians, teachers, school administrators, and the Board of Education all agree that positive student commitment and behavior are essential to effective learning. It is important that students realize their own attitudes and acts are directly related to their school experience and that of their classmates. With the support and assistance of school personnel and parents/guardians, all students have the capacity to demonstrate actions which contribute to the effectiveness of schools and the worth of their learning experiences. By choosing to behave in ways that enhance the social relationships of the school and facilitate learning, students take the necessary steps toward adulthood.

Students are expected to be responsible for their behavior and to demonstrate concern for others in building a constructive learning environment. To that end, students should:

- Act respectfully and courteously toward everyone.
- Report promptly to class, prepared with pencils, notebooks, and required materials for learning.
- Follow individual classroom rules and procedures.
- Move about the hallways and stairwells in a relatively quiet and orderly fashion.
- Refrain from the use of profanity or other unacceptable forms of communication.
- Respect and care for school property.
- Refrain from the use, distribution, or possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and other controlled substances.
- Refrain from any inappropriate markings on the face or body.
- Use reasonable means to resolve disputes.
- Respect the rights and property of other people in school.
- Remain on school grounds and in designated areas during school hours.
- Refrain from inappropriate displays of affection.
- Eat only in designated areas.
- Refrain from touching snow on school grounds.
- Dress in an appropriate manner and wear shoes or sneakers.
- Any lost or stolen items are the students' responsibility.

^{*}Please consult our Expectations of Behavior on the Readington Middle School website: http://www.readington.k12.nj.us/Page/3709

Code of Conduct Consequences

If a student breaks the code of conduct, several steps may be taken:

- 1. Teacher will meet informally with student to discuss the problem.
- 2. Teacher will contact parents for a phone or personal conference.
- 3. Teacher will arrange a conference for the student with a school counselor when appropriate.
- 4. Teacher will refer the student to an administrator if the above steps are not successful or if the student: cuts classes, uses abusive or obscene language, fights, cheats, leaves school without authorization or is disrespectful.

Students who disrupt instruction or violate school rules may be referred to the office. Parents will be notified. Repeated referrals may result in In-School Suspension. Some inappropriate behavior will result in immediate disciplinary action and students may be assigned detention, lunch detention, administrative detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension.

Silent Lunch Detention

Teachers and administrators assign silent lunch detentions to students who commit minor infractions of school rules. Silent lunch detention assignments are at the discretion of the teacher or administrator. Students will be expected to bring their lunch or given a pass to go to the front of the lunch line and report directly to the assigned silent lunch teacher's classroom for the assigned detention. Students are expected to bring home the silent lunch detention form to be signed by a parent and return it to the teacher on the next school day.

Students will be expected to complete a reflective assignment prior to completion of silent lunch detention as well as possibly meet with the teacher who assigned their silent lunch detention as a follow-up.

If students fail to appear at a scheduled silent lunch detention for any reason, they will be assigned 2 days of silent lunch detention or 1 day of central office detention.

Central Office Detention

Administrators assign central office detention to students who commit infractions of school rules or display chronic behavior problems in teachers' classrooms. Behavioral referrals will be completed and submitted by the staff member who witnesses this incident or completed by the administrator to whom the incident was reported; one copy of the behavioral referral form, including the administrative action taken, will be sent home with the student to be signed by a parent and returned to the vice principal's office the following day.

Students will be expected to complete a reflective packet prior to the completion of central office detention as well as meet with an administrator and/or counselor as a follow-up.

Students may be given an alternative option to complete student service hours and complete a reflection statement in lieu of serving central office detention(s) as well as meet with an administrator and/or counselor as a follow-up. If a student fails to complete the assigned hours by the deadline, they will serve the central office detention(s) and complete the reflection packet.

Central office detentions are held after school from 2:25 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Failing to appear for a central office detention could result in further consequences. If a student is removed from detention for inappropriate behavior, he/she will be assigned 1 day of In-School Suspension.

In-School Suspension (I.S.S.)

In-School Suspension (I.S.S.) is viewed as a strict, tightly supervised disciplinary action for students who violate the rules of the school. Students assigned to I.S.S. are to go to their lockers and gather required textbooks and materials that are needed for all subjects. Students are then to report directly to the **main office** by 7:35 to serve their I.S.S.

Students, who display unacceptable behavior while serving I.S.S., will be sent home with a parent/guardian to serve the remainder of their In-School Suspension as an Out-of-School Suspension.

Students will be expected to complete a reflective packet and character education activities prior to the completion of their suspension as well as meet with an administrator, their parents, and their counselor for a re- entry meeting.

After three In-School Suspensions, all subsequent suspensions may be Out-of-School.

Out-of-School Suspension (O.S.S.)

Out-of-school suspension will be used for serious violations of school rules or accumulation of several minor offenses. Students suspended from school are permitted the opportunity to make-up assignments or tests missed while suspended from school. A reasonable amount of time for make-up work will be provided. A student suspended from school may not participate in or attend school activities, nor may he/she be on school property during the time of suspension.

Students will be expected to complete a reflective packet and character education activities prior to the completion of their suspension as well as meet with an administrator, their parents, and their counselor for a re- entry meeting.

All disciplinary situations are evaluated and handled on a case by case basis. Final decisions/actions taken are at the discretion of the administration. Please refer to the Code of Conduct Expectations for more detailed information.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING (H.I.B)

Readington Middle School is a learning community in which every individual gives and receives respect and consideration. As per School Board Policy #2024, Non-Discrimination/Affirmative Action, no member of the RMS student body shall subject any other member of our community to bullying or harassment based on gender, religion, race or ethnic background. RMS students take care of each other, so any student who is a witness to harassment or bullying is asked to immediately report the incident to an adult. Students may report any incident to a teacher, counselor, or administrator or, may complete a "What Really Happened" form in any office.

Any substantive charge of harassment by a student will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension form school and police involvement. All procedures and protocol explained via School Board Policy #5512 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying will be followed.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

In accordance with School Board Policy #5511: DRESS AND GROOMING (http://www.readington.k12.nj.us/cms/lib07/NJ01000244/Centricity/Domain/41/P5511.pdf)

The Readington Township School District believes it is critical that both home and school cooperate in the matter of student attire and grooming. Inappropriate dress and grooming can be disruptive to the educational process; hence, students are required to dress modestly and observe proper grooming. Students should dress in a manner that reflects good taste and decency, does not offend other members of the school community, and is neat and clean.

Each student is asked to show reasonable judgment regarding appropriate dress. Common sense standards apply as well. Clothing should be clean and comfortable. This policy applies to all schools in the District.

Dress Code Requirements/Exclusions:

- 1. Articles which can cause damage to students and/or property are not permitted.
- 2. Students should not wear or display any item that promotes illegal substances, weapons or gang affiliation. An item that contains offensive language or is degrading to any social group is also prohibited. Items that can be interpreted by the staff as having explicit or implied double meanings will be in violation.
- 3. Footwear with backs must be worn at all times, i.e., no flip flops.
- 4. Proper attire includes undergarments; no part of undergarments (including underwear, sports bras, and lingerie, but excluding T-shirts and camisoles) may be exposed.
- 5. Extremely tight, sheer or see-through items, strapless tops or outfits are not permitted.
- 6. Bathing suits are not permitted.
- 7. Spaghetti straps, sleeveless T-shirts, and tank tops are permitted as long as they cover the undergarment.
- 8. Compression or bike shorts are permitted as long as they are worn under or covered by shorts, skirt or long shirt.
- 9. The hem of skirts should not be more than 4 inches above the top of the kneecap.
- 10. The hem of shorts should not be higher than mid-thigh.
- 11. Abdominal and breast areas must be covered. Tops must comfortably overlap the waist band of the bottom (no bare midriff or cleavage).
- 12. No pajamas or pajama-type clothing except on specially announced event days.
- 13. Hoods, hats, and bandanas should be removed upon entering the building, except in the case of medically fragile students.
- 14. Sunglasses are not permitted indoors unless medically necessary.
- 15. Outerwear is not appropriate inside the classroom except with the consent of the classroom teacher.
- 16. The Dress Code applies during school hours, at school-sponsored or organized activities and on trips. In addition, some restrictions on attire may be prescribed for participation or implemented for reasons of safety and will be communicated prior to the event.
- 17. Athletic uniforms may not necessarily adhere to the Dress and Grooming policy; however, wardrobe components that may be appropriate for athletics or physical education are not necessarily appropriate for the school day.

Students who violate dress code will be asked by a teacher to modify their dress (1st infraction). Subsequent infractions will be referred to administration. Students are expected to respond appropriately to requests regarding their attire. Violation of the RMS Dress Code can be subject to change in attire, parent contact, and possible disciplinary consequences at administrator's discretion.

LUNCH BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

- 1. Students will go directly to the cafetorium. Students are expected to wait quietly in line outside of the cafetorium until they are admitted into lunch. Those students with lunches and beverages from home are to immediately sit at a table. Those students buying lunch or beverages should immediately walk to the kitchen and wait in an orderly line. Students arriving late must provide a late pass to any teacher on duty.
- 2. Students should wait in line and talk quietly. Proceed quickly through the line. No cutting.
- 3. Students need teacher/staff permission to use the restrooms.
- 4. Students must behave appropriately at their tables. Any disruption may result in students being asked to move their seats or in students being removed from the cafetorium to the silent lunch room.
- 5. Food is to be eaten and disposed of properly. Each student is responsible for the area around and under their seat.
- 6. Throwing food, beverages, or any other items is strictly forbidden and will result in disciplinary action.
- 7. Talking must be conducted at normal conversational levels.
- 8. Students should be respectful and accept direction the first time given.
- 9. The cafetorium is considered a "tech-free" zone so students keep their cell phones in their lockers or pockets.
- 10. Appropriate student conduct is expected at all times.

Vending machines are not to be used during lunchtime or at any time during the school day; they are only available after school hours with appropriate teacher permission.

As directed, students will exit the cafeteria in a calm and orderly manner.

ADDITIONAL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Hall Passes

If students are out of their classroom during class time, they are required to have the appropriate pass from their classroom teacher. Students are only permitted in areas that correspond to the given pass. Students are expected to report directly to the designation intended by the pass. Failure to do so in a prompt manner may result in a disciplinary action. Forging or altering a pass in any manner may also result in a disciplinary action.

Yellow Pass Program

Students on this program are issued one yellow printed pass to be utilized until it is filled. This program involves administrative or teacher supervision of restricted daily travel privileges. The pass must be signed each time it is used. A new pass will not be issued in the event the previous pass has not been surrendered. Students will remain in the program until the administration and teachers feel the travel restrictions may be lifted. Should a student lose the yellow pass, he/she will not be issued a new pass until the following Monday. Until that time, students will not be permitted to leave class unless there is an extreme emergency and at that time, must be escorted by a teacher or administrator. Consistent or frequent loss of passes may result in administrative consequences.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

The nurses' office is open to students from 7:25 AM to 2:25 PM. The office is staffed by certified school nurses who operate under the direction of the school district's physician, Dr. Ronald Frank. No school staff member, including a nurse, is responsible for diagnosing any illness or prescribing medications. Questions and concerns about student health and safety are welcome. The school nurses can be reached at 908-534-3810 or 908-534-3809.

Reporting to the Nurse

If a student becomes ill in class, the classroom teacher will issue a pass to the nurse or someone will accompany the student to the nurse's office. The nurse is available for treatment of minor injuries or illnesses and for discussion of any health concerns. Parents will be notified if care beyond first aid is required; any further treatment will be the parents/guardians' responsibility.

All communication regarding student dismissal due to illness will be initiated and finalized by the nurse <u>only</u>, after a nurse's assessment. (Sick students should not call parents from classrooms or cell phones without first seeing the nurse.)

Guidelines for Keeping Students Home

Do not send a student to school who is complaining of feeling ill, or displaying COVID-19 symptoms, or who has had a fever the night before school. Those students invariably feel ill in class and must be sent home. Students must be fever free for 24

hours (without fever-reducing medicine such as Advil or Tylenol) before they return to school. Students who have been vomiting the night before or the morning of school must also stay at home until vomit free for 24 hours.

Communicable Diseases

In order to prevent epidemics and to protect the health of students and staff, it is essential that students with a communicable disease be kept home until the danger of contagion and relapse has passed. Please notify the school nurse of any communicable disease, the nurse will inform you of the required time the student should remain at home. A note from the student's physician stating that the condition is not contagious may be requested by the school nurse.

Physical Education Exclusions

In the event of illness or injury, a nurse may excuse a student from participation in physical education class. The student's parent or physician must submit a written explanation of the condition preventing or limiting participation in gym class. The nurse will consider each request to determine whether the condition warrants a "limited" or "full" excuse from physical activities. Exclusions of 2 consecutive classes or more require a health provider's note. Student athletes who are excused from participation in a PE class will not be allowed to participate in any athletic team activities occurring that same day. If a doctor or other health provider has written a note limiting a student's physical activities then the parent must also obtain a note from the health provider indicating when the student is able to resume full participation in physical activities. Alternate educational activities may be provided for students with serious injuries requiring exclusions lasting several weeks or months. Physical education teachers will provide additional information about dress codes, participation expectations, make-up classes and grading policies.

Medication

The administration of medication during the school day is not encouraged. If parents would like to give permission for ibuprofen, acetaminophen or Tums to be given by the nurse for minor pain, headaches or stomach issues the parent must sign the form provided by our school physician (Parent Permission for Over-the-Counter Medication Administration form) and submit the completed form to the health office. If a student requires any other medication during school hours a Medication Administration form must be completed by the student's own physician and parent/guardian. Specific forms are required for students with asthma, severe allergies and diabetes to manage these conditions at school. All forms may be obtained from the school nurses or from the health office webpage. Medication must be brought to school by the parent/guardian in the original labeled container. This applies to prescription and non-prescription medications. Only a school nurse, a student's own parent or a student with a self-administration order for an epinephrine auto injector or asthma inhaler can administer medication in the school. Parents and guardians may come to the school to administer medications. Please advise the school nurse of any medications the student takes regularly.

<u>Screenings</u>

Height, weight and blood pressure are done annually on all students.

Vision and hearing screenings are done for those students in grades 6 and 8.

Scoliosis screenings are done for those students in grade 7.

The parent, teacher or Child Study Team may also request screenings throughout the year.

Physical Examinations

A physical examination is recommended at each major developmental stage of a student and may be necessary for Child Study Team evaluations and students new to the district.

Sports physicals are <u>required</u> within 365 days of the first practice and results <u>must be</u> completed on the statemandated NJSIAA physical form (often referred to as Parts A and B). The school physician reviews all physicals to determine eligibility for participation in athletics. Specific due dates for the submission of sports forms to the school nurses must be adhered to for each sports season. All forms, due dates and policies related to athletics are made available on the school website.

Immunizations

In order to attend school, state law dictates that each student's immunization requirements must be fulfilled. To comply with New Jersey State Laws, we need all dates (month, day and year) for the following immunizations:

- 1. Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (Tdap)
- 2. Poliovirus
- 3. Measles
- 4. Mumps

- 5. Rubella
- 6. Hepatitis B
- 7. Varicella (chicken pox)
- 8. Meningococcal

All 6th grade students must submit a record indicating receipt of Tdap and meningitis vaccines.

NJ Family Care

The NJ Family Care program is available to New Jersey students without health insurance. Information can be accessed at www.njfamilycare.org

Manteaux Tuberculin Testing

New students from out of the country who do not have a record of a Manteaux tuberculin test within the past six months may be tested.

Accident Insurance

Accident insurance is available on a school time or twenty-four-hour basis if purchased by the parent/guardian through forms sent home from school.

SCHOOL SECURITY FIRE DRILLS

When the fire alarm sounds, all class activities must cease immediately. Teachers will accompany their classes out of the building to the designated areas. Students are to:

- Leave in a guiet, orderly manner
- Accompany their teacher to the designated area
- Remain quietly with their class for the remainder of the drill
- Re-enter the building in a quiet, orderly manner

Students who fail to adhere to the fire drill procedure may be subject to disciplinary action. Fire drills are for everyone in the building without exception. If students are not in their room when the fire bell rings, they should join the nearest group.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Readington Middle School is required to have two emergency drills per month. These types of drills can include fire drills, evacuation drills, lockdowns, lockouts and shelter.

TECHNOLOGY

INTERNET/ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Students are encouraged to use the Internet for school-related work. Students should not view any material that violates the guidelines of good taste or engage in any destructive behavior. Students and parents must sign an *Acceptable Use Policy* to use the computers available for student use at RMS. Use of school computers and/or the Internet for inappropriate behavior is subject to disciplinary action. Please refer to the Acceptable Use Policy for further details.

Please note that all students will be provided with a Readington Middle School email account and should abide by the aforementioned Acceptable Use Policy when using this account.

Cell Phones/Smart Phones

All cell phones/smartphones should have the ringer silenced during the school day (7:25 AM - 2:25 PM) Students are not to receive nor place phone calls outside of the main office, health office, or school counseling office, and then only with the permission of the student's teacher and office staff. Classroom phones are available with permission of the classroom teacher in the event of an emergency. Use of other features accessible through cell phones such as text messaging, internet access, etc. should be limited to educational purposes at the discretion of supervising staff, comply with appropriate student code of conduct, and not disrupt or distract from the school learning environment.

Cameras/Camera Phones

Photography is not permitted during school hours without permission from an administrator. The use of cameras, video, or audio recording in school is restricted solely to sanctioned instructional activities or pre-approved extracurricular activity (e.g. yearbook, newspaper) as directed by a staff member. While there are appropriate times that digital images or video/audio recordings may be authorized, at no time is it permissible to take a picture or make a recording of any individual (student, staff member, or visitor) on school premises without the express consent of the individual. Such action is a violation of the student code of conduct and strictly prohibited.

TRANSPORTATION

Using transportation services of Readington Township Public Schools is a privilege that requires responsibility on each student's part. Transportation is the ultimate responsibility of the parent. Students have the privilege of using the transportation services of Readington Township Public Schools. Rigid standards of discipline must be maintained at all times in order to satisfy safety requirements. Whenever a driver must direct his or her attention away from the road, danger exists. Parents should instruct their child of all safety procedures at the bus stop, while walking, or when riding to school either by car, bicycle or bus.

Bus Transportation

Bus routes and bus stops are carefully planned by the Board of Education. Do not ask to have your bus or bus stop changed unless an obvious error has been made in your assignment. Drivers are not allowed to make bus stop changes; the transportation department must be contacted by a parent or guardian. Students must take their assigned bus at their assigned bus stop. Students may not ride another bus to or from school.

Students who ride buses must observe the following regulations:

- Masks/face coverings will be required of both students and bus drivers while students are on the bus, both to and from school.
- Wait in an orderly fashion for your bus at your assigned bus stop 10 minutes before and after scheduled time. Remember to show respect for the rights, property, and safety of others.
- Remain seated in your assigned seat at all times. Seat belts must be worn.
- Keep the center aisle of the bus free at all times by keeping your backpacks and other bundles on your lap or on the floor in front of you.
- The bus driver is in charge of the bus and must be obeyed at all times.
- Smoking is forbidden on the bus/or at the bus stop.
- Open windows of the bus with the driver's permission only and keep hands and arms inside the bus at all times.
- Throw nothing on the bus or out of bus windows.
- Except for ordinary conversation, students shall observe quiet conduct on the bus.
- Students shall stay in their seat while the bus is in motion.
- Students shall dispose of trash properly.
- No eating, drinking or chewing gum on the bus.
- Students must be guiet while stopped at a railroad crossing.
- Students shall not leave the bus from the emergency door unless an emergency exists.
- iPods (used only with earphones/earbuds or headphones), cell phones and other electronic devices are
 permitted on the bus and are the sole responsibility of the student. Upon arrival at school, these items
 must remain in the student's locker until dismissal. Any lost or stolen items are the students'
 responsibility.
- Students will be assigned seats according to bus driver discretion.
- Students shall use seat belts, if provided.
- No part of the body shall extend through the window.
- No object shall be thrown from the bus.
- Students are to go home on their assigned bus only unless they have a written request that has been administratively approved. Bus changes should be made in the event of an emergency only and parents must send a note in with their child and call transportation at 908-534-3835.

District Policy prohibits students from boarding buses other than the bus assigned to them by the district's Department of Transportation.

If students need to ride a different bus to school, they will require to bring a note from their parent or quardian to the main office and call to inform transportation (908-534-3835) of this change.

Car Transportation

*We ask that drivers proceed slowly and cautiously, primarily remaining cognizant of students walking in the lot while being courteous to fellow motorists/members of our school community.

 Due to no AM homework room, please drop of your student no earlier than 7:20 am as there is no staff present to supervise.

If students are transported to school by car, or picked up at school on a regular basis or during inclement weather, the following guidelines will ensure the safety and proper supervision of students during arrival and dismissal times.

- 1. Admittance time: 7:20 am
- 2. Students must be picked up/dropped off in the front of the school only. Please follow the directions of the teachers in charge.

Inclement Weather Plans

Parents should have an inclement weather plan in place so that their child knows what to do in advance of the situation. The telephones cannot handle last minute plans for all students.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENET

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The ESSA replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and is the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Although NCLB was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under NCLB was eliminated from the ESSA. Despite this fact, all educators in New Jersey are still required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under the ESSA, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff at Readington Middle School. All of our teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities, and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on ESSA, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's website at www.ed.gov/essa. Parental Involvement is important, and we want you to be a part of your child's education.

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.