

Middle School Transition Questions and Answers

Please take some time to review the handbook:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R3xVnspXNAih7eLbmhDuD6WUy60OGuuPQHuPPdFmDRE/edit?usp=sharing>

Class:

1. How many classes do I have? **5 classes every day**
2. When do I get my class schedule and locker combination? **They will be available during Fulton's Open House and emailed to parents with emails on file. You can also pick up your schedule on the first day of school. Your locker and combination will be printed on your schedule.**
3. How long is each class? **An hour and 15 minutes**
4. What is the best way to stay organized? **Have a folder and notebook for each class (we recommend different colors), keep your locker picked up, have a planner or calendar to write what you have to do for each class every day, and ask questions! Check out the lists of needs for each class:**
<https://app.teacherlists.com/schools/106274-fulton-middle-school>
 - a. **A great read on MS organization:**
<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/organized-middle-school-students-parents/>
 - b. **A video on how to be organized in MS:** <https://youtu.be/88MjoZalHpM>
5. Can I carry a backpack with me to class? **No, backpacks and bags must stay in your locker.**
6. Can I take a purse to class? **No, but you can have your pencil pouches.**
7. What if I am late the first week because I don't know where I am going? **Your teachers will be very helpful and forgiving during the first week. Be sure to come to the open house to walk your schedule and ask for help if you need it. Being late is being tardy. Tardiness of more than ten (10) minutes will be considered an absence. Regular bus riders are not counted tardy if the bus is late. Tardies count towards marking period rewards in middle school. Students in grades 6-8 will be able to participate in building rewards:**
 - a. **Students are passing all their classes with a 70% or better**

- b. **Students must have 3 or fewer tardies total for all classes**
 - c. **No major office referrals**
8. What if I can't find my classroom? **Ask an adult- we will be available in between classes too.**
 9. How much time is there between classes? **5 minutes**
 10. If you pick PE, do you still have to take music? Does everyone take music? **6th graders have a choice for electives (specials at elementary). Students can join the band and take that all year. Students not in the band will have 2 marking periods of PE (9 weeks each), a marking period of art, and a marking period of technology. They may not be in that order.**
 11. Do we have PE every day? **During the marking periods when you have PE, it will be every day. You will need to have gym shoes and clothes.**
 12. What happens if I have a class on my schedule that I don't want to take? **Everyone must have math, science, English, and social studies. The only choice 6th graders have is to take band or the elective rotation. If you have band and don't want it or if you don't have band and do want it, come see Mr. Woodman in the office to discuss the process of changing.**
 13. Will I have kids from other grades in my class? **You may have other middle schoolers in your specials classes: art, computers, PE, etc**
 14. What happens if I am late to school? Where do I check in? **Always come in through the front door. You will come through the office and sign in with Ms. Wilson; she will get you a pass. For it to be excused, parents must contact Ms. Wilson within a week.**
 15. What if I miss the first week of school? **We hope that you do not miss the first week of school. If you miss school at all throughout the year for any reason, your parent or guardian needs to contact the office within a week. You will need to ask your teachers for the work you missed and make it up. You get the number of days you were gone plus one to make up work.**
 16. Are snacks allowed in the classrooms? **This is up to your teacher.**
 17. What types of drinks are allowed in the classroom? **This is up to your teacher, but they should have a top. No drinks in the computer lab.**

18. How many times can I leave to go to the bathroom during class? **You cannot leave class during the first or last 10 minutes. There is plenty of time to use the bathroom during passing time. Individual teachers may have pass limits.**
19. Can I chew gum in classrooms? **This is up to your teachers, but it MUST go in the trash.**
20. Do I have enough time to get to my locker at the end of the day and get to the bus if my locker is a long way away? **There is plenty of time for students to get to their locker and out to the busses at the end of the day.**

Locker Questions:

1. Can you decorate the inside and outside of my locker? **Yes as long as it is school appropriate and does not damage the locker. Please do not rig your locker to stay open in any way.**
2. What if I forget which locker is mine? **Your teachers and the office can help you get your locker number and combination if you need help.**
3. What if I can't get my locker to open? Who can help me? **Come to the office and ask for help. You can also ask Mike the janitor if you see him.**

Dress code:

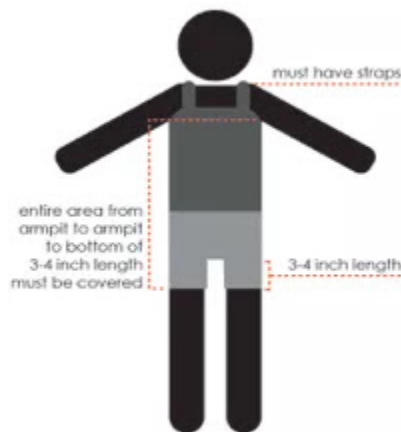
1. What is the dress code for middle school? **Check out the handbook:**
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R3xVnspXNAih7eLbmhDuD6WUy60OGuuPQHUPPdFmDRE/edit?usp=sharing>

The intent of the Fulton Middle and High School dress code is to promote a respectful and safe learning environment. Any type of dress, behavior, or practice which creates a dangerous situation, infringes upon the rights or safety of others, is profane, obscene, drug-related, gang-related, or inflammatory will not be allowed.

Requirements

- a. Students must wear shoes and clothing including a top and bottom that meet the requirements. When standing, the top and bottom must touch or connect with the fabric all the way around.
- b. Clothing must cover the areas from one armpit to the other and down from the armpit to 3-4 inches on the upper thighs. Rips or holes should not be anywhere in this area.
- c. Tops must have straps. Tops must have the fabric in the front and sides.
- d. See-through, mesh, or non-opaque fabric should not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meets requirements.
- e. Clothing must cover undergarments.
- f. Staff should be able to see students' faces, eyes, and ears. Sunglasses are prohibited.
- g. Clothing and jewelry should not depict or imply alcohol, drugs, tobacco, illegal activities, violence, weapons, pornography, nudity, sexual acts, or discrimination. obscenities, hate speech, or bullying.

The staff reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of the attire. Students will be asked to change.



Cell Phone:

1. Can I take my cell phone to class? **Cell phones should be undetectable in the classroom; meaning they should be neither seen or heard. Students may**

use cellular and electronic devices at the discretion of the teacher for educational purposes. Students are required to follow each individual teacher's classroom expectations.

2. When can I have my cell phone out? **Students may use cell phones, iPads, iPods and tablets before and after school, during lunch and passing times. During the approved student use times, students' will be responsible for their own use of their electronic devices. If a student is reported or found to be using their electronic device inappropriately, the student will be held accountable for their actions and will accept any and all consequences issued by the administration. This includes but is not limited to creating a disruption.**

Being Picked On/ Meanness/ Rules Violations/ Bullying:

1. How do I report these things? **Find and tell the adult supervising the activity (teacher, parapro, coach, etc), so they can stop it immediately. If you cannot find an adult, come to the office.**

Pick up:

1. What if someone is picking me up at the end of the day? **If there is a change in your end of the day routine, you can make that change as long as your parent's know. We do not need a call or email unless it is something that you don't know is changing, and we can then get a message to the student. We need calls by 2:30 in order to notify students.**
2. Can parents pick up my friends at the end of the day? **Parents can pick up your friends after school as long as the friend's parents know what is happening. No note or call is required.**

Lunch Questions:

More information: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ha9FkGkVjPv2UNE82-VruhzzviteHuRV/edit>

1. How long is lunch? **30 minutes: class gets out at 10:35 and starts again at 11:05.**
2. What grade levels eat lunch with us? **6th-8th grades**

3. Can I sit where I want at lunch? **Yes, as long as it is at a table in the commons. No food in the gym or on the carpet.**
4. Will I be served the same food as I was in elementary school? **No, we have sandwiches, salads, hot bar, and pizza options every day**
5. Is pizza offered daily? **Yes, we have assorted pizzas offered every day.**
6. What time will our lunch be? **Classes get out at 10:35 and start again at 11:05.**
7. Do we get recess? **No, but we do open the gym**
8. How much is a hot lunch? **Breakfast is \$2 and Lunch is \$3. Make sure to go to the website at the beginning of August to fill out the free/reduced application**
9. Can anyone use the vending machine? **Yes, but it is only available during certain times of the day.**