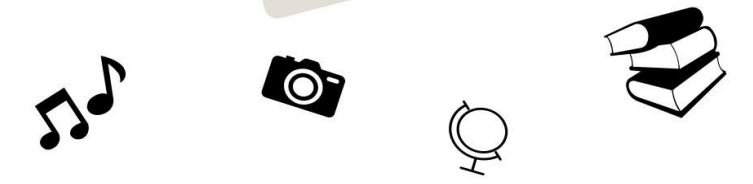


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Gray's Creek Middle School
5151 Celebration Drive
Hope Mills, NC 28348



It's Showtime

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

YOU HOLD THE KEY TO YOUR FUTURE

It is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity to welcome you to our school. We are extremely proud of the programs we offer our students, and we encourage you to make the most of your time with us. This agenda has been developed by our faculty and administrators to help you learn as much as possible about school policies, procedures, and the services we offer. We also hope that you will learn to use this day planner effectively. Time management is a critical skill for success as a student and eventually as a professional in the workplace. Organize your days and weeks to stay on course, take advantage of all the school and community has to offer, and enjoy the experience.

HERE'S THE DOOR!

Mission Statement

Here at GCMS the staff, students, and community are working together as a team to create a safe learning environment of the highest quality.

Each learner will be encouraged and empowered to do his/her absolute best, while striving for self-discipline, motivation, and academic excellence in a forever changing global society.



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Welcome to Gray's Creek Middle School GCMS General Information

School Hours: 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

5151 Celebration Drive

Hope Mills, North Carolina 28348

910-483-4124 (fax) 910-483-5296

<http://gcms.ccs.k12.nc.us/>

School Colors: Black/ Varsity Gold

School Mascot: Bruin Bear

People to Know

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Gray's Creek Middle School Support Staff

Mrs. Lauren Folsom (6th grade)

Mrs. Samantha Oxendine (7th grade)

Mrs. Lori Leigh (8th grade)

Mrs. Tina Smart, School Social Worker

Log-In/Password Information

CCS Email: _____

Powerschool/HomeBase Login: _____

Agendas

Students will be given an agenda, but will have to purchase a replacement if lost. Students are expected to keep the agendas with them at all times. It is used for hall passes as well as checking out books in the media center.

Daily Schedule

School Doors Open @ 7:00 am

6th Grade

7:30—7:55	Homeroom
7:59—8:44	1st Elective
8:48—9:33	2nd Elective
9:37—10:41	3rd Period
10:45—12:17	4th Period/Lunch
12:21—1:23	5th Period
1:26—2:30	6th Period

7th Grade

7:30—7:55	Homeroom
7:55—8:57	1st Period
8:59—10:02	2nd Period
10:06—10:51	3rd Elective
10:55—11:40	4th Elective
11:44—1:22	5th Period/Lunch
1:26—2:30	6th Period

8th Grade

7:30—7:55	Homeroom
7:55—8:57	1st Period
8:59—10:02	2nd Period
10:04—11:38	3rd Period/Lunch
11:40—12:42	4th Period
12:46—1:36	5th Elective
1:40—2:30	6th Elective

Important Dates

First Day for Students	Monday, August 28, 2017
Progress Reports Go Home	Wednesday, September 27, 2017
End of 1st Nine Weeks Grading Period	Friday, October 27, 2017
Parent Teacher Conferences	November 2, 2017
Report Cards Go Home	Friday, November 3, 2017
Progress Reports Go Home	Tuesday, December 5, 2017
End of 2nd Nine Weeks Grading Period	Friday, January 19, 2018
Parent Teacher Conferences	January 25, 2018
Report Cards Go Home	Friday, January 26, 2018
Progress Reports Go Home	Friday, February 23, 2018
End of 3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period	Thursday, March 29, 2018
Report Cards Go Home	Friday, April 13, 2018
Progress Reports Go Home	Tuesday, May 8, 2018
End of the 4th Nine Weeks Grading Period/Last Day for Students	Friday, June 8, 2018

2017-2018 CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS TRADITIONAL 10-MONTH CALENDAR

DATES	DAYS	EXPLANATION	TEACHER PLANNING DAYS	REQUIRED ANNUAL LEAVE DAYS	HOLIDAYS
August 17 - 18	Thursday - Friday	Teacher Workdays	2		
August 21	Monday	Required Teacher Workday	1		
August 22	Tuesday	Required Teacher Workday/Staff Development	1		
August 23 – 25	Wednesday – Friday	Teacher Workdays	3		
August 28	Monday	First Day for Students			
September 4	Monday	Student/Teacher Holiday			1
September 27	Wednesday	Student Early Release/Required ½ Staff Development	1/2		
October 30	Monday	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday	1		
November 9	Thursday	Student Early Release/Required ½ Staff Development*	1/2		
November 10	Friday	Student/Teacher Holiday			1
November 22	Wednesday	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday	1		
November 23 – 24	Thursday, Friday	Student/Teacher Holidays			2
December 19	Tuesday	Student Early Release			
December 20 – January 1	Wednesday - Monday	Winter Holidays (Student/Teacher)/ Required Annual Leave		5	4
January 15	Monday	Student/Teacher Holiday			1
January 19	Friday	End of Semester			
January 22	Monday	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday	1		
February 19	Monday	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday	1		
March 30	Friday	Student/Teacher Holiday			1
April 2 – 6	Monday – Friday	Student Holidays/Teacher Required Annual Leave		5	
May 28	Monday	Student /Teacher Holiday			1
June 8	Friday	Last Day for Students/Student Early Release/End of Semester			
June 11	Monday	Required Teacher Workday	1		
June 12 - 13	Tuesday - Wednesday	Teacher Workday	2		

General Provisions—School Board Policy

All students will comply with all rules governing behavior and conduct. It is the responsibility of the principal to fully investigate cases of students appropriately referred to his/her office for misbehavior, to ensure fair treatment of such students and protection of their procedural and substantive rights, and to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is warranted. The teacher shall have the responsibility and authority to discipline students, except in those cases requiring the attention of the principal.

All policies in the Cumberland County Schools Code of Conduct will be enforced.

After-School Departures

Students leaving by private car should have their parents wait for them in the circle drive surrounding the parking lot at the front of the school. Students meeting parents off campus should exit the campus as walkers. Students are not allowed to cross the parking lot without a parent.

NO STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN ON CAMPUS AFTER 2:40 UNLESS THEY ARE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A STAFF MEMBER.



Athletics (7th & 8th Grade Students)

Medical Examinations

Each student must receive a physical before he/she will be allowed to try-out, practice, or participate in inter-scholastic athletics.

Scholastic Requirements

As of January 8th, 2014 the Cumberland County Board of Education has made the following change to Board Policy 3620 - Extracurricular Activities, Co-curricular Activities and Student Organizations: "Participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including student organizations and interscholastic athletics, is a privilege, not a right, and may be reserved for students in good academic standing who meet behavior standards established by the board and the school. Starting with the 2014/15 school year, students will be required to have a 2.0 grade point average for the previous semester to participate in activities covered under this section."

What does this mean for students?

- Students must have a total GPA of at least 2.0 from their previous semester to participate in any after school activities at Gray's Creek Middle School.

- All other requirements for athletics will remain the same including age, attendance, residency, passing a physical exam and completing an concussion form, eligibility and permission form.

Age of Player

A student may participate in athletic contests during the school year if he/she will not be 15 years of age on or before August 31st of said year.

Attendance

A student must be in attendance for classes 85% of the time the previous semester to be eligible to participate in athletics. Student must be in school on the day of a game.

Disciplinary Action

Any athlete who is on scheduled detention or suspension MAY NOT attend any practice or play in an athletic contest or attend as a spectator at any Cumberland County School. Any athlete who receives two or more disciplinary charges will be subject to dismissal from the athletic team.

Insurance

The student must have insurance coverage by one of the following:

- A. School Insurance
- B. Private Insurance
- C. Be a Military Dependent

Attendance/Check-In/Check-Out

Students may begin to arrive at 7:00am, and all students should be in the building by **7:20am** each day. Breakfast is offered from 7:00-7:20am for those students who wish to eat breakfast at school. Students have from 7:20-7:30am to go to their lockers and get their materials for their morning classes. Homeroom begins promptly at 7:30am. Students who are not in class by 7:30am are considered tardy. Students will receive detention after 10 unlawful tardies. An administrative parent conference will be held after 10 unlawful tardies. A referral to Parent Accountability Class or Truancy Council may be recommended.

Students must be in school for a minimum of 3 1/2 hours to be counted present for the day.

Cumberland County Board of Education absenteeism policy for all schools is as follows:

"Every Minute Counts"

1. Designated school officials shall make credit decisions or verify any exceptions. Appeals shall be submitted to the superintendent.
2. The school or teacher makes no distinctions between excused or unexcused absences for make-up work.
3. The following shall constitute valid/lawful absences:
 - A. Illness or injury
 - B. Quarantine
 - C. Death in the immediate family
 - D. Medical or dental appointments
 - E. Court or administrative proceedings
 - F. Religious observation
 - G. Educational opportunity

A student who is absent must present a note upon return to his/her homeroom teacher containing the following information: date note is written, exact date(s) of absence, specific reason for absence, and signature of parent or guardian. An administrative parent conference will be held when a student accumulates 10 or more unlawful absences. A referral to Truancy Council or District Court may be recommended.

Once students arrive on school campus, during the school day, they become the responsibility of the school. The safety and welfare of our children is of utmost importance to us. Students who must leave during the day **MUST** be signed out by a parent or guardian in the main office. **Under NO circumstances will a student be allowed to meet someone in the parking lot or be allowed to leave the school premises without their parent/guardian accompanying him/her or granting permission.**

Identification will be necessary from the parent/guardian when checking out a student. Only people whose names are listed on the Verification of Address form may check out students. Students checking out before 11:00 will be counted absent on the homeroom roll.

No student will be checked out after 2:00pm. Students are reminded that the Cumberland County Board of Education policy on attendance applies to all absences due to early checkout.

Any student who has a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit should be sent home from school. Students who show other signs of illness may sent home. Students with a fever must be kept at home until the temperature has been normal for twenty four hours without fever reducing medication.

Book bags/Purses

Bookbags, athletic bags, purses or similar items may be used only for the purpose of transporting books, other school-related materials, and personal effects to and from school. These will be stored in student lockers.

No clear "see through" mesh bag will be used during the school day for school books. **Small mesh/clear bags will be allowed to carry gym clothes only to and from gym class and the remainder of classes before the next locker visit.** Purses must be left in lockers all day and not carried to class. Female students will be allowed to return to their locker for hygiene items as needed.

Bullying

See the CCS Code of Conduct

Bus Conduct

School buses are a means of transportation provided by the state of North Carolina. **RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT!** Students, drivers, and monitors who ride buses are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Therefore, the following regulations have been established by the Cumberland County School Board and Gray's Creek Middle School to govern student conduct while riding school buses.

- Students must ride their assigned bus and follow the instructions of the bus driver.
- Students must board and disembark the bus at assigned stops and through the designated door.
- Students should arrive at their bus stop 10 minutes prior to the expected arrival of the bus. The bus will not wait for students.
- Students must remain in their seats while the bus is moving and keep their heads and hands inside the bus at all times.
- Students must not throw any object from the school bus or inside the school bus.
- Students must not eat, drink, curse, and talk loudly while on the bus.
- Students must refrain from doing anything that might be considered dangerous to the safety of others on the bus.
- Students must adhere to all Cumberland County and Gray's Creek Middle School rules.

Students who violate the school bus rules, including fighting, will be subject to immediate suspension and/or dismissal. Drivers, monitors, and students assigned to school buses shall be responsible for willful or negligent damage caused by their actions. The Cumberland County School policy on Search and Seizure extends to students who ride the bus.

Cafeteria/ Breakfast & Lunch

The school cafeteria is maintained as a vital part of the health program of the school. Good, nourishing meals are served daily in the cafeteria. The students may enjoy both breakfast and lunch each day of the school year. Students are encouraged to eat lunch everyday.

NO RESTAURANT FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT IN FOR YOUR STUDENT! THIS IS COUNTY POLICY!

Breakfast Students

- When entering the breakfast area, place personal belongings on the table as directed.
- Go to a serving line and receive a complete breakfast; you must get a tray and milk.
- Sit at the table as directed and remain seated until told to take your breakfast tray and milk carton to the trash area.
- When directed, take your tray to the trash area, collect your personal belongings and proceed directly to your assigned homeroom class.
- The breakfast line closes at 7:10 am unless special circumstances prevail.

General Rules (Cafeteria)

- Keep the cafeteria lines orderly.
- Never push or run en-route to the cafeteria.
- All lunch debris is to be deposited in trash receptacles.
- Students are not allowed to cut lunch lines nor save a place for another student in the lunch line.
- Students are to eat in the area designated by their teachers and remain in this designated area until dismissed.
- When your teacher instructs you, deposit your tray and leave the cafeteria area as a group.

General Information

Students may pay for meals in advance, Lunch accounts are non-transferable.

	<u>Reduced</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Breakfast	FREE	.90	à la carte
Lunch	.40	\$2.25	à la carte

*Prices are subject to change upon notification from Child Nutrition Services.

Free or Reduced Information

If financial assistance is needed, the parent needs to complete the Free and Reduced Lunch form. The form will be given to all students during the first week of school. You may request this form again at any time during the school year.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

The Cumberland County Code of Conduct states that cell phones are not to be seen or heard during the school day. Unless directed by a classroom teacher students cannot use cell phones in the school building from 7:00am to 2:40pm. When the item is confiscated, the student must hand the phone (with SIM card and Battery) to the staff member. Failure to follow the policy will result in administrative action.

1st Violation— May be picked up after 2:30 that day by the student.

2nd Violation—Must be picked up by the parent in the main office between 2:30-3:30 pm.

***GCMS will not be responsible for any loss or stolen devices.**

Detention

Teachers/teams may assign morning or afternoon detention to students who fail to follow classroom rules or procedures. These teacher/team detentions are held at various times by the teachers/teams. Lunch detention may be assigned by individual teachers.

Prior to any detention – students are given a twenty-four hour notice. **Parents must make the necessary arrangements for transportation on the assigned day, and students should be picked up at the front entrance of the school.** Failure to serve any assigned detention will result in further disciplinary action.

Discipline

At Gray's Creek Middle School, we believe that good discipline is essential to attaining a quality education. Each student has the right to a positive, nurturing interaction with our faculty, staff, and administration as well as the right to be free from distraction caused by the inappropriate behavior of others.

Rules and policies are established to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment. All students are subject to the rules and policies published in the Cumberland County Schools Student Code of Conduct in addition to the rules and policies of Gray's Creek Middle School. According to the Cumberland County Schools Student Code of Conduct, students are expected to treat others with respect, behave in a responsible manner, and demonstrate high standards of integrity.

Negative behaviors are detrimental to the educational environment of the school and will not be tolerated. Students who demonstrate these behaviors will be disciplined appropriately according to the CCS Code of Conduct.

Dress Code

Each GCMS student is expected to use good taste in choosing clothing for the school day, so as not to present a health hazard, not to draw attention for him/herself, and to not interfere with the educational process.

- Students must wear shoes at all times. Students may not wear bedroom slippers. No sport sandals, "slides", or flip flops will be permitted.
- Shorts and skirts should **be fingertip length (front and back)**. If leggings are worn under a skirt/top, the length of the skirt/top must still be fingertip length.
- Students may not wear halters, tube-tops, or see through clothing. The necklines of shirts and blouses **must not expose cleavage**.
- Females may wear sleeveless tops and tank tops with straps that are **at least 2 inches in width**; but **no fishnet tops**.
- Males may not wear sleeveless or cutoff/altered tops. T-shirts with sleeves must be worn under basketball jerseys.
- Clothing must not be excessively tight. (ex. Bicycle shorts, yoga pants/leggings/jeggings). If wearing leggings/jeggings, students must have on a shirt that is fingertip length in both the front and the back.
- Clothing must be worn so that it does not expose undergarments or navels; no sagging. Pants must be worn around waist. Students wearing pants below the waist will require a change of clothing.
- Holes, cuts, and/or tears in pants/clothing **are not allowed above the knee**. No skin can show.
- Sunglasses, bandanas, or headgear may not be worn in the building. Students may not possess or display bandanas on GCMS property (including buses) at any time during the day.
- Students may not wear chains, wallet decoration or otherwise.
- Jewelry or accessories that could be used as a harmful object may not be worn.
- Clothing, jewelry, or other accessories depicting alcoholic beverages, weapons, controlled substances, or anything obscene or offensive in nature will not be worn.
- Students may not wear designer underwear as outer garments (boxers, long johns, pajamas, undershirts).
- All heavy/long coats must be kept in students' lockers during the day.
- All items of a fad nature or deemed as a distraction (to be determined by the administration) are prohibited on the school campus.
- Athletes -Only Team shirts are to be worn on event days with jeans.

Final judgment is left to the school administration. Parents of students who are in violation of school dress code will be called to provide appropriate clothes. Students will be held in ISS until the appropriate clothes are provided. If you think your item or outfit might be questionable, then choose to wear something else!!

Emergency Information

Each student and his/her parent should supply the school with information pertinent to emergencies. This is only possible through the cooperation of all parents. Students can better be protected if we have at least one phone number where one or both parents can be reached in case of an emergency. Students should have knowledge of their parents' place of employment. **Please make sure we have your most up-to-date telephone/cell phone number.** Parents are requested not to come to school to pick up their children during a school emergency.

Field Trip Policies

There are two requirements that must be met before a student can attend any field trip.

1. A student must be in good academic standing and have no discipline issues.
2. The student's daily behavior must be acceptable and cooperative in order to be allowed to leave the building.

The administration reserves the right to require parental or guardian chaperones for individual students under special conditions. School rules and Cumberland County rules apply to students on a field trip. Students must have an official school permission form completed before going on a field trip.

Fire Drills

Fire drills will be conducted at regular intervals. The signal for a fire drill will be the fire alarm. When the first signal is given, everyone must clear the building by the prescribed fire route as orderly and quickly as possible. The fire exit chart is posted in each room.

Flowers or Balloons

Students will not be permitted to receive flowers, balloons, or gifts at school. The delivery causes a disruption of school and safety problems on buses. The school will not accept the delivery of flowers, balloons or gifts for students.

Food

Gum is allowed at the teacher's discretion. All food items brought to school should be **unopened** and may be consumed only in the cafeteria during lunch hours. The consumption of food or drink items will not be permitted in the classroom, halls, or restrooms. Sports bottles are allowed, but must not be tinted. **Food items are not to be sold by students during school hours.**

Grading Scale & Policies

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	Below 60

Progress Reports will be issued halfway through the 9 weeks and report cards will be issued at the end of the 9 weeks. Both progress reports and report cards will be sent home with students.

Hours of Operation

Students and parents are advised that the official hours of operation at Gray's Creek Middle School are 7:00am – 2:30pm. SUPERVISION FOR STUDENTS WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THESE HOURS ONLY!

Athletic events and school-sponsored activities are the only exceptions.

Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll is for all students who earn an "A" in every class.

"A/B" Honor Roll is for all students who earn an "A" or a "B" in every class.

Late Pickup

Parents please pickup your student immediately after the event or administrative action will be taken.

In-School Suspension Program

The ISS program attempts to modify students' inappropriate behavior. Students assigned to this program will not be eligible for any extra-curricular activities on or off campus while serving ISS.

Lockers

Homeroom teachers will assign lockers. Students are responsible for the upkeep of lockers. Locks must be purchased for \$6.00. This lock then becomes personal property of the student. **All students are required to have a lock on their locker at all times.** All locks used on school lockers must be school purchased and accessible to school administration. School personnel remind students that their lockers are state property and may be subject to inspection at any time. Students are not allowed to mark on a school locker or place any decal or sticker on their lockers. All students are required to have a lock on their lockers by the 3rd week of school.

Valuables such as band instruments, personal property, etc. should never be left in lockers overnight.

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SHARE LOCKERS. THE SCHOOL ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY LEFT IN THE LOCKERS.

Lost and Found

Students who find lost articles are to take them to the lost and found located outside rooms B03 and C03 where the owners can claim them. Please treat others as you would like to be treated. Each nine weeks unclaimed items are donated/discarded.

Make-up Work

The student is responsible for making arrangements with the teacher to make-up any missing work regardless of the reason the student is absent. Work not made up within 5 school days may result in a loss of credit for the assignment. If the student is absent five or more days, a longer period may be granted. Assignments will be on the Teacher Google Calendar.

Media Center

Students **will need their agenda in hand and signed by their teacher**, before coming into the media center. **Students will need their agenda to check-out books.** All media fines must be paid to keep all GCMS privileges. Mary Ellen Oxendine-Media Coordinator.

Medication

It is unlawful for school officials to supply medicine for a student who is ill and does not have the proper documents on file in the school's main office.

Students who need prescribed medication during school must have a "Physicians School Medication" form and/or an "Asthma Self-Medication" (inhalers only) form on file with the medication clerk in the main office. Prescribed medications must be in the properly labeled prescription package. Students may not carry medication unless it is an inhaler for asthma and the "Asthma Self-Medication" form is on file with medication clerk. Form information and prescription must match exactly. The parent or legal guardian must bring in all forms as well as the medications required for the student. Students are not allowed to transport medication to and from school.

Morning Arrivals

Students are admitted into the school building at 7:00am. All students must enter through the cafeteria side entrance and report directly to the gym or breakfast area. Students arriving by private car should be dropped off at the front of the school and then walk to the gym or cafeteria area. During inclement weather, students may enter through the front entrance. All car riders **MUST** use the circle drive surrounding the front parking lot.

- **No students may be dropped off on the side or back of the building unless administrative approval is given. Students may not be dropped on Celebration Drive and U-Turns on Celebration Drive are prohibited.**
- **STUDENTS MUST NOT BE ON CAMPUS BEFORE 7:00AM.**
- **Bike rack is in back of school - MUST lock down your bike.**

Class starts at 7:30 AM

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The Gray's Creek Middle School administration and teachers believe that home/school communication is vital to the success of its students. We encourage parents and guardians to contact the school at any time to schedule an appointment to discuss the progress of their child. Teachers may also be contacted via e-mail. School-wide conference times will be publicized in school to all students and through the phone system to all parents.

Required Report Card Pick-up and Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 2, 2017 and January 25, 2018 from 3:00 PM—6:00 PM.

Telephone Use

Students are **not** permitted to use the school phones except in cases of emergency. If students have an emergency, they should report to the office with a pass.

Theft Prevention

Each student and employee of the school has a responsibility in the area of preventing thefts. THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS THAT ARE LOST OR STOLEN. Listed below are some hints to prevent theft:

- Purchase a school lock and use it properly by keeping it locked at all times!
- Do not give your combination to anyone.
- Only bring necessary items/materials to school. **Leave your Ipods, cell phones, PSPs, and other electronic devices at home or in a locked locker.**
- Money and/or anything of value should NOT be taken to the gym locker room at Physical Education time. Never leave anything other than clothing in the locker room during Physical Education class. Physical Education teachers are NOT responsible for your valuables during class and will not hold them for you. **DO NOT BRING THEM TO CLASS!**
- If you are staying after school for practice or club meetings, then practice the same theft prevention habits you would follow during school.
- If you have something stolen, report it to the office and your teacher immediately.

Tornado Drills

When the alarm sounds, the teacher and students will proceed to the assigned tornado area in the building and assume protective positions.

Students should refrain from talking and proceed in an orderly manner. Teachers must check their roll and remain with their students at all times.

Visitors at School

Students are not allowed to bring visitors to school during the school day. Parents, of course, are always welcome. All visitors are required to report directly to the office and obtain a visitor's pass.

Website

Parents and students can always find current information about our school on our school website:

www.gcms.ccs.k12.nc.us

Weather

Parents should review with their children the procedure they want them to follow when early dismissal occurs in cases of inclement weather (severe storms, snow, ice, etc.). Parents should listen to local radio stations or television stations for the announced decision on school closings.

Section 504: Rehabilitation Act of 1973

No otherwise qualified individual with disabilities

...shall solely by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to, discrimination under any program or activity of the school. Qualified disabled students are entitled to a free appropriate public education. Disabled persons who believe they have been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability may appeal to the person in the school designated to hear said grievances. If still unresolved, grievances may then be appealed to the school district Section 504 Coordinator::

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NOTES

BRUIN'S	Classroom	Cafeteria	Restroom	Gym/ Locker Room	Hallway	Bus	Media Center
G – Greatness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By completing all assignments on time. By arriving on time with all necessary materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By cleaning up your own table & floor area. By getting all things needed the first time through the line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By keeping facilities neat & clean. By disposing of trash appropriately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By arriving on time with all necessary materials. By resolving your conflicts peacefully. By participating in all activities fairly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By keeping the hallways clean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By following all school rules on the bus & in the bus parking lot. By being considerate of the bus driver & other students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By arriving with your agenda book with proper teacher signature
R – Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By following all classroom procedures. By listening to others without interrupting. By keeping your hands to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By using an inside voice. By using good manners. By showing appreciation to all cafeteria staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By allowing for privacy of each person. By using an inside voice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By using positive and appropriate language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By being considerate of personal space and property of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By using an inside voice. By using appropriate language. By keeping the bus clean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By using your inside voice
O – Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By leaving hats, backpacks & coats/jackets in your locker. By using materials as intended. By moving only with permission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By walking in line. By staying seated until dismissed. By placing all trash in the trash can when dismissed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By washing hands with soap & water. By maintaining personal space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By staying in approved areas. By using equipment appropriately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By walking on the right side. By using lockers quickly and at appropriate times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By remaining seated until the bus is stopped. By loading & unloading in a single file line. By keeping all body parts & objects in the bus at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By signing in to the notebook. By following all media procedures
W – Wisdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By doing your own work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By making healthy choices. By eating first-talk later. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By returning to class promptly. By using water & supplies wisely. By using restroom for its intended purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By learning new games & activities. By responding to instructors promptly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By walking quietly & carefully. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By listening to the driver & following all procedures. By traveling on your assigned bus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By using technology appropriately & as intended
L - Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By being actively engaged & participating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By being diligent when cleaning & return to class promptly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By being kind & refraining from gossip. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By inviting others to join in all games and activities. By reporting problems & injuries to the nearest adult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By keeping conversations to a minimum. By not gathering together. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By going to your assigned bus promptly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By selecting books & returning to the classroom in a timely manner.