

NORTH ROWAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



Parent and Student Handbook

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School Information

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 7am-4pm

Student Bell Schedule



NRMS 2022-2023 Master Schedule

6 th	7 th	8 th	Exploratory
7:10-7:30 Arrival/Breakfast			
7:30-7:58 Homeroom	7:30-8:02 Homeroom	7:30-8:30 Exploratory 1 (60 min)	7:30-8:30 8 th Exp 1
8:00-9:28 Block 1 (88 min)	8:04-9:32 Block 1 (88 min)	8:30-9:30 Exploratory 2 (60 min)	8:30-9:30 8 th Exp 2
9:30-10:58 Block 1 (88 min)	9:34-11:02 Exploratory (88 min)	9:32-11:00 Block 1 (88 min)	9:34-11:02 7 th Exploratory
11:00-12:58 Block 2 (88 min + 30 min lunch)	11:04-1:02 Block 2 (88 min +30 min Lunch)	11:02-1:00 Block 2 (88 min + 30 min lunch)	11:04-1:00 Planning
1:00-2:28 Exploratory (88 min)	1:04-2:30 Block 3 (86 min)	1:02-2:30 Block 3 (88 min)	1:00-2:28 6 th Exploratory
2:30 Dismissal			

District Middle School Supply List

Requested Classroom Supplies:

All students should bring a clear water bottle daily.

- Pencils
- Blue or Black Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Notebook Paper
- Glue Sticks
- **Corded Ear Buds**

Classroom Needs

Please Donate these items:

- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Glue Sticks
- Post-it Notes
- Lysol Wipes
- Pencils

The supplies listed above will assist each student in a successful start to the school year. Teachers may request additional supplies once the school year starts for special projects not to exceed \$10.00. We are always happy to work with families who need assistance in securing supplies.

RSS Code of Conduct and School Expectations

Parents and students are responsible for reading and adhering to the Rowan-Salisbury Schools Code of Conduct. The entire document can be found at:

<https://www.rssed.org/about/departments/administrative-legal/code-of-conduct>

Title I

North Rowan Middle School is a School-wide Title I School. Title I regulations require that each school served under Title I jointly develop with and distribute, to parents of participating students, a written parental involvement policy agreed on by the parents/caregivers and the school. The policy is available on our school webpage or at this [link](#). In addition, parents, students, teachers and administrators adhere to the parent-family agreement.

Communication

We want to develop and maintain an open line of communication between our school and your family. We have created several avenues to reach this goal. We have an official North Rowan Webpage and Facebook page. We hope you connect with us and stay in touch with your school.

Webpage: [NRMS School Page Link](#)

Facebook: [NRMS Facebook Link](#)

Counseling Services

Counseling is part of the school curriculum. We have one counselor and two intervention specialists to help students achieve academic, emotional and/or social success. They are available to see students in small groups or individually. Students desiring to see a counselor must have permission to secure a pass from their teacher. Students are discouraged from counseling visits during core classes unless it is an emergency. Parents are welcome to contact counselors by telephone. Please call 704-639-3018 and ask for a school counselor if you would like to schedule an appointment.

Student Injuries

Any student who is injured at school should report it immediately to a teacher or the office. First aid will be administered when necessary. Parents will be notified of all injuries occurring at school by the end of the day. If further medical attention is deemed necessary, 911 will be called and parents notified immediately.

Deliveries at School

Students will **NOT** be able to receive gifts, balloons, flowers, or food through front office delivery. Please see the food/drink policy for questions. At NRMS, birthday celebrations and treats are not permitted during the school day.

Food and Drink Policy

Students may not have food or drink in class, other than water. Water bottles should be clear and contain clear liquid only. Water additives (powdered drink mixes, liquid flavoring, etc) may **NOT** be used. The only food consumed at school will be school provided breakfast, school provided lunch or a packed lunch from home. Outside food may not be brought to school. Breakfast not provided by the cafeteria must be consumed before arrival. Food deliveries should not be made for students during the school day (ie. Doordash, Grubhub). If food is delivered, students will receive it at dismissal. Food should not be shared due to allergies and general health and safety of all students.

NRMS Dress Expectations

School Board Dress Code: The board believes that the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affect their academic performance and their interaction with other students. The board requests that parents outfit their children in clothing that is conducive to learning. In order to maintain a learning environment, clothing must meet the following requirements:

1. Undergarments should be fully covered by your clothing.
2. Midriffs should be fully covered, including when arms are raised to the shoulders.
3. Pants should not have any rips or tears of any kind.
4. Shoes may not include slides, slippers, bedroom shoes or flip flops.
5. Pajamas may not be worn to school.
6. Shorts, skirts or dresses must be at least fingertip length.
7. Leggings or biker shorts may not be worn as pants. Leggings may be worn under appropriate length skirts or dresses.
8. Hooded sweatshirts*, hooded jackets, hats, and coats may not be worn during the school day and must be placed in lockers upon arrival. Students may wear a sweater or light jacket without a hood throughout the school day.
9. Blankets are not clothing and may not be brought to school.

*On Fridays only, school spirit wear, which may include tops with hoods, may be worn, however hoods must remain off heads or the privilege will be revoked.

Before consequences are issued, a student who is not in compliance will be given an opportunity to make adjustments. Disciplinary action will be applied for a student who does not comply after being given the opportunity to correct their behavior.

To maintain an inventory of clothing for students, we welcome donations of belts, pants, shirts, etc that will assist students with complying to the appropriate dress code.

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Dress Code

Clothing	What to Wear...	What not to Wear...
Headgear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religious Headgear• Plastic barrettes headbands, and ribbons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunglasses• Picks and combs• Hats and hoodies• Bandanas, durags, and paisley prints
Upper Garment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waist length tops• Sweater/jacket without a hood• Sleeves/straps must be 3 fingers in width• No off-shoulder shirts• Shirts must have appropriate necklines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tops that shows midriff• Jackets as a shirt• Hooded sweatshirts or jackets
Lower Garment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pants at waist• Belts• leggings under bottoms (skirts/dresses) of the appropriate length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shorts/Skirts that do not reach fingertips• Leggings as bottoms• No rips in lower garments• Pajama pants
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closed toe shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandals• Slides• Bedroom shoes

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE FREE FROM OFFENSIVE AND OBSCENE LANGUAGE AND DEPICTIONS. CLOTHING ALSO MUST NOT PROMOTE DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO THE FULL ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOLS STUDENT DRESS CODE:

[HTTPS://BOARDPOLICYONLINE.COM/BL/?B=ROWAN_SALISBURY_NEW#&&HS=180771](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?B=ROWAN_SALISBURY_NEW#&&HS=180771)



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Anti-Bullying Policy

Bullying will not be tolerated. Slurs and derogatory comments regarding a person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender identity, physical appearance, sexual orientation, mental/physical development or sensory disability will not be tolerated.

Students must maintain and respect physical boundaries at all times, to include public displays of affection, horseplaying or any other hands-on behavior.

Slurs, derogatory comments and acts of violence that occur off campus or by digital means (such as social media) that impact the school environment will be subject to consequences aligned to the anti-bullying policy .

If you feel unsafe or know someone who feels unsafe, please report it here. After you fill out the form below, Sprigeo sends an email to an administrator with all of the details from your report.

<https://app.sprigeo.com/district/rowan-salisbury-school-system>

We Are "MAVS": Schoolwide Expectations

NORTH ROWAN MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOLWIDE BEHAVIOR MATRIX



	Community	School Bus	Arrival	Dismissal	Assembly
M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate and respectful language. Walk on designated walkways. Keep your community free of trash. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to and follow driver directions. Conversation level 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use kind words like "good morning", "please", "thank you", and "excuse me". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect each other's personal space and follow adult directives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain quiet and listen attentively. Conversation level 0 Raise your hand for questions.
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time to your bus stop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the bus clean. Food and drink are not allowed on the bus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the building and go directly to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast (café) Your locker Your homeroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be responsible by taking all necessary materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain knowledge and have a positive experience.
V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect community members by remaining in your designated area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain seated in your assigned seat at all times. Take care of school property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to school on time and be ready to work, participate, and learn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly report to scheduled activities... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> practice tutoring meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to and respect speakers and presenters.
S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform parents and school staff of issues. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promptly enter/exit the bus. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself and inside the bus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safely and quickly exit the bus or your car. Follow the staff directives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in class until your transportation is called. Walk in a quick, calm, and orderly manner to your designated area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain seated with your group at all times. Wait for instructions for dismissal.

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	Classroom	Hallway	Cafeteria	Restroom	Gym
M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be courteous to others. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak or leave your seat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the right side of the hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use kind words like "good morning", "please", "thank you", and "excuse me" Conversation level 0 in line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect each other's privacy personal space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect and sit in assigned area.
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time and prepared with your fully charged device and class materials. Always give your personal best. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk directly to your destination using the shortest route and always display hall pass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep area clean by disposing of food/trash. Clean up any spills or messes that you make. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the restroom for the intended purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in physical activity daily.
V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect and speak kindly of others. Follow all directions given by school staff members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a low voice level. Conversation level 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain seated while eating. Respect others' food/property. Dispose of trash as directed by staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be considerate of others and keep restroom clean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set personal goals.
S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form a line outside of classroom door until directed to your seat. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form a line promptly and orderly. Patiently wait your turn. Only 5 inside the lunch line. Your food is just for you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report all unsafe behavior, unsanitary conditions, and vandalism. 1 stall for 1 person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow gym rules and show good sportsmanship.

Athletics

According to the RSS athletic handbook for 2022-23, if a student receives an "F" on their report card in a core class, he/she may not participate in athletic contests until adequate progress is shown. It is up to the school administration to determine if sufficient progress has been made in order to allow the student to continue playing. The student in question may still practice with the team during this time.

If a student receives two "F's" on their report card at the end of a semester, that student is ineligible to participate in athletics during the following semester.

If an athlete is "academically eligible" or "academically ineligible" at the beginning of any semester, that status is retained throughout the full semester.

Regular attendance is required of all students. To be eligible for athletic participation, a player must be in attendance at least 85% (77.5 days) of the previous semester beginning in the spring semester of sixth-grade. Students must be present at school to participate in an activity the same day. In addition, each coach has the authority to determine their own rules, expectations and consequences as long as they are not in conflict with district policy.

Rowan-Salisbury School System recognizes the athletic eligibility standards set forth by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) for middle and high school athletics. Students must pass at least one less course than the number of required core courses (three or four core classes) each semester and meet promotion standards established by the LEA.

NRMS Bus Information

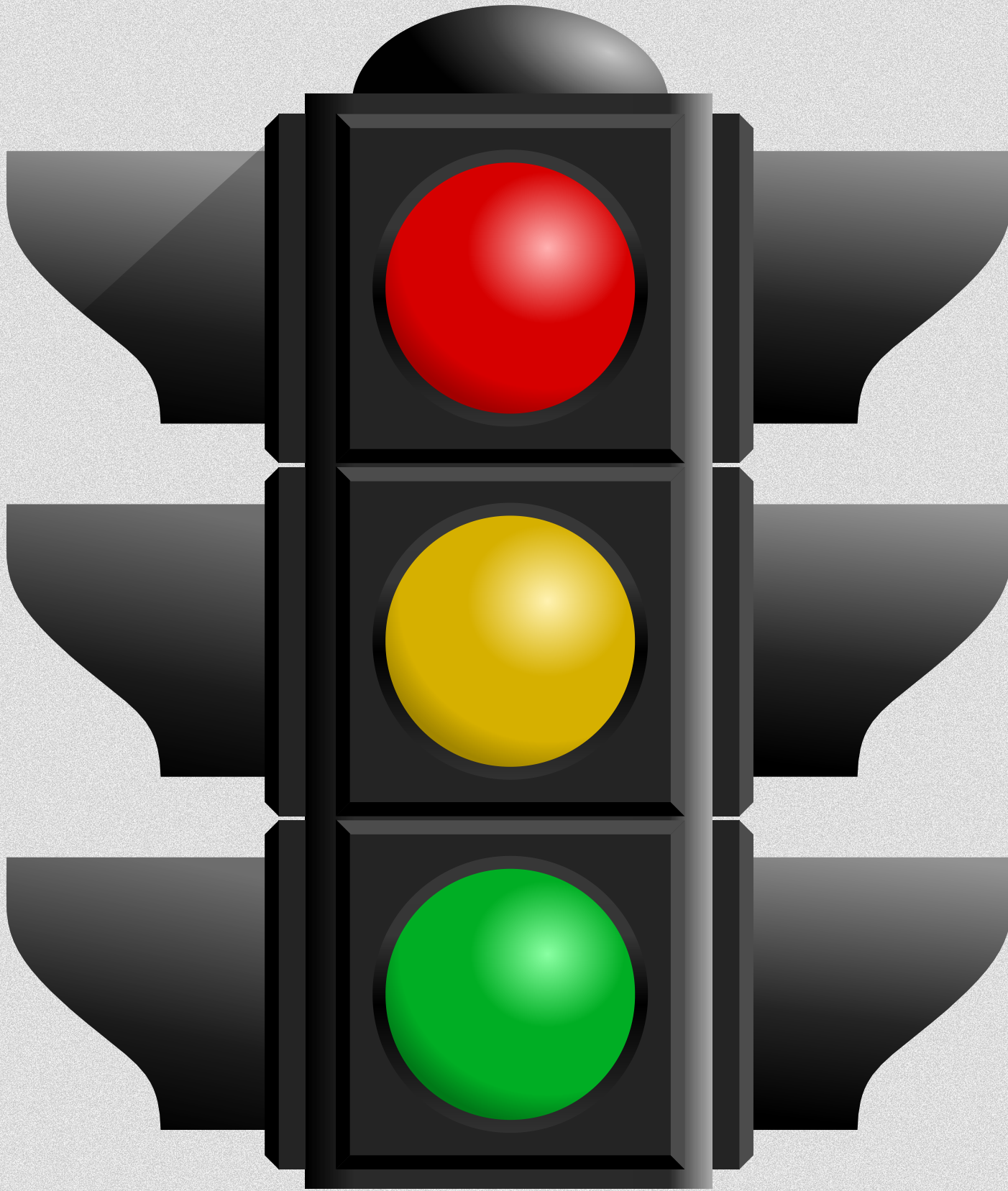
The privilege of riding the bus to/from school is based on the student's ability to meet the driver's expectation of appropriate behavior. Students must stay in their seats at all times and follow the rules to ensure the safe delivery to and from school. Failure to follow bus expectations can lead to this privilege being revoked.

- Safe travel for all students is the main priority.
- Failure to follow expectations and rules will result in a loss of bus privilege.
- For capacity and legal reasons, no student will be able to ride a different bus or get off at a different location.
- All students who live in the NRMS District can ride the school bus. Student addresses will be taken from PowerSchool when students are registered to attend school in Rowan-Salisbury Schools. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their child's address is updated and is correct. When the child moves outside of the school district, the parents must report the change of address, and fill out the appropriate forms for changing schools. If the parents have any questions, please check with the school office.

It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their child is ready waiting at the bus stop ten minutes before the scheduled pick up time. Buses should be allowed 10-15 minutes early or late arrival times due to emergency situations, road blocks, etc. Please contact the school Administrator over buses, Mrs. Galloway, if you have any questions.

MAKE YOUR ATTENDANCE GOAL

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**Chronic Absences
18+ Days**

**Warning
10-17 Days**

**Good Attendance
9 or Fewer Days**

The North Carolina Legislature has established law around compulsory school attendance. Please review the legislation at the link below:

https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter_115c/Article_26.pdf

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Tardy Policy

Number of Unexcused Tardies per class	Intervention	Disciplinary Action
1	Teacher gives the student a gentle reminder about arriving on time.	
2	Teacher counsels the student, reinforces expectations in private.	
3	Teacher counsels the student, reinforces expectations, and informs the student of parent notification.	Teacher notifies parent or guardian. Document contact in Panorama.
4 Teacher Step	Teacher informs student of disciplinary referral.	Teacher verifies prior parent contact. Submit referral in Educators Handbook.
4 Admin Step	Admin contacts parent and assigns discipline, progressive disciplinary plan.	Admin conferences with student. Assign lunch detention.
6	Admin contacts parent and assigns discipline, progressive disciplinary plan.	Admin conferences with student. Assigns 1-hour block of ASD.
8+	Admin contacts parent and assigns discipline, progressive disciplinary plan.	Admin conferences with student. Assigns 1 day of ISS.

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No Phone Zone

NRMS is a **No Phone Zone**. The only electronic device a student should have during the school day is a school issued iPad. Electronic devices should be powered off, placed in lockers and kept there for the remainder of the day. Keep in mind buses are the property of RSS and therefore are also **No Phone Zones**. Students refusing to comply may be subject to disciplinary actions. Use of wireless communication devices may result in search of student cell phones/devices. Headphones that may be required for class must have a cord to plug into the iPad. Bluetooth/wireless headphones or other devices should be in lockers or left at home.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

1st Offense	Cell phone will be confiscated and turned in to the office for the remainder of the day.
2nd Offense	Cell phone will be confiscated and turned in to the office for pickup by a parent or guardian.
3rd Offense	Cell phone will be confiscated and turned in to office for pickup by a parent or guardian. Student will be assigned 1 day ISS.
4th Offense	Cell phone rights revoked. Cell phone will be confiscated and turned in to the office to be picked up by a parent or guardian. Student will be assigned 2 days ISS.
5th Offense	1 day of OSS. Administrative conference with parent or guardian.