



White Oak Middle School Must-Knows

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Welcome to White Oak Middle School! We look forward to working with you and your child this year. I know you probably have several questions about middle school, and I hope to answer a few of them here.

- **School hours:** 7:55- 3:45
- **General Communication:** Join all of your teachers' blogs, visit our website frequently for up to date information, Facebook- White Oak Middle School.
- **Grades:** Skyward Family Access (there's an app for that). Grades are always accessible. Students will have Skyward access as well. Report cards are paperless.
- **Drop off/Pick Up-** Doors open at 7:15. Drop off areas are: front drive *before 7:20* and *after 7:30* (do not block buses), across the street (crossing guard), driveway in front of cafeteria. Pick Up areas are: Across the street (crossing guard), driveway in front of cafeteria, behind the building near the tennis courts. **Cars will not be allowed to pick up students in our main drive due to buses.**
- **Chromebooks-** WOMS is one-to-one. Every student will have a Chromebook issued. They are allowed and encouraged to take them home each night or they can be taken to the library at the end of each day. Students will have to pay fines for damaged or broken computers.
- **Dress Code:** Students are expected to follow the dress code at all times. Please refer to the Student Handbook (website) for full details. Highlights include- shorts/dresses may not be shorter than 3 inches above the kneecap, leggings may not be worn. Pants, shorts, and skirts are not allowed to have holes, frays, or sheer fabric. Hair must remain out of boys' eyes and no longer than the shoulder. Colored hair such as purple, pink, green, blue (unnatural colors) is not permitted. Clothing with sexually related topics (Virginity Rocks, I Love Hot Moms) are not allowed.
- **Cell Phone Policy:** Cell phones are permitted but must be turned off and kept out of sight during school hours. If a cell phone is confiscated, the student will be allowed to pick it up from the office at the end of the day the first time. After that time, there will be a \$15 fee each time the cell phone is confiscated. Students are NOT permitted to contact parents with cell phones. There is a phone in the office for student use. WE are not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.
- **Pep Rally-** We will attend high school pep rallies as a campus. We will have our pep rallies on Thursdays at 3:15.
- **Lunch-** Lunch is 11:10-11:40. Visitors are not permitted. Outside food is not allowed to be dropped off.
- **Tardies-** Students are considered tardy after 8:00. Students will receive Detention for excessive tardies.
- **ZAP (Zeros Aren't Permitted)-** Students are assigned to after-school ZAP if they have a 0 on classwork. Parents will be notified of their student's ZAP assignment the day before.
- **Attendance-** Students are expected to be in school on a daily basis. If your child must miss school due to illness make sure you send a note. Parent notes will only count for excused absences on 3 separate occasions. After that, a doctor's note must be received to be counted as excused. In order for your child to attend the end of the year reward trip, he/she can not miss more than 18 days or parts of the day. Only doctor notes will be accepted in order for the absence not to count against the student regarding school-sponsored trips (class, band, choir, etc).
- **Electives-** Middle School is the perfect time to try new things! All 6th-grade students are required to take nine weeks of choir (rotate per grading period) and a full year of band and pe. Student schedules will not be changed after the first week of school.