

# North Forsyth Middle School

## “A Community Dedicated To Learning”








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### Forsyth County Code of Student Conduct

Each student receives a copy of the *Forsyth County Code of Student Conduct* at the beginning of the school year. These Wildcat tips are meant to be an addendum to the FCS Code of Conduct.

## Wildcats Want to Know

### Code of Conduct Extras and Helpful Hints

-  **School Hours:** 9:00am – 4:15 pm. School doors open at 7:45am - no drop-offs before 7:45am.
-  **Before School Hours :** 7:45 – 8:50 students dropped off in car line stay in cafeteria, bus riders stay in the gym.
-  **Tardy:** Students must be escorted into the building for check in if after 9:00am.
-  **Morning Help:** – If you are getting extra help from one of your teachers, you will need a pass from the appropriate teacher.
-  **Check outs:** Please come in to the office with picture ID. Only people listed on the information card have permission to check out students. We cannot call students up in advance of a parent coming in to the office to check them out. Students may bring in notes from parents early and secure a pass from the front office to leave class at the appropriate time, but a parent or guardian must come in to sign out. NFMS has a wonderful nurse on staff – **all illnesses need to be assessed in the clinic** as checkouts for illness will not be excused without a clinic visit. No one will be able to check out after 3:45 due to the attention needed for dismissal.
-  **How are you getting home?:** The front office staff has been instructed to NOT deliver messages to students changing transportation arrangements. Please finalize these with your child before leaving for school. Students are not allowed to change buses or stops. In the event of an emergency, our administration will certainly offer assistance as needed.
-  **Forgot your lunches or other items?** Yes, our front office will accept these items, but we urge all of our parent partners to weigh the importance of their child having these items vs. the valuable lessons in responsibility/independence that are being “passed over.” Items will not be delivered and the student will not be called so it is their responsibility to check in the office for expected or forgotten items (students are allowed to check for text between classes). Please label with students name and use this service sparingly or as a last resort for critical needs.

-  **Meal Prices:** Breakfast price - \$1.25 Lunch price - \$2.00. Parents and individuals on the information card may eat with their child, but this also should be done sparingly or on special occasions.
-  **Absences:** Students must submit a note or parents must fax or e-mail the attendance office within five (5) school days for the student's absence to be considered excused. Attendance Fax Number: 770-888-1210 or Attendance email: [tbagwell@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:tbagwell@forsyth.k12.ga.us) .
-  **Make-up Work:** It is the student's responsibility to turn in make-up work, when he/she is absent from school. The student has five (5) school days to make-up work. The teacher has the discretion to grant a longer period to make up work if there are extenuating circumstances.
-  **Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT):** Students at NFMS are allowed to utilize their cell phones and personal electronic devices during the day for appropriate uses. They are not allowed to send or receive telephone calls at any time but they can occasionally check for text messages during class changes. While this is allowed, our staff discourages the use of instant messaging for after school arrangements, check outs and other situations that might interfere with the learning environment or compromise safety. The privilege of BYOT is designed for student to leverage technology to advance their learning – more information will follow.
-  **Who Should I Call?:** If you have academic/behavioral questions or concerns, we always encourage parents to contact the teacher first. Every teacher has a phone extension and email and they are your most important partners in ensuring the success of your child.
-  **Dress and Grooming:** In addition to the code of conduct dress code guidelines, please understand that what may be acceptable outside of school may be inappropriate in a learning environment. For example, yoga pants or leggings must be accompanied by a top layer that is dress code appropriate length. Please understand the principal is authorized to require or allow adjustments to this code on a case-by-case basis.
-  **Promotion/Retention Information:** Any student, who does not earn a grade of 70 or above in two or more classes, will be a candidate for retention. In addition, eighth grade students must meet state standards in Reading and Mathematics as assessed by the Georgia CRCT to be eligible for promotion. More information on this is available (including the parent's right to request promotion) but our faculty and staff will work diligently to help your child meet with success.
-  **Medications:** All medications (prescription and nonprescription) must be brought to school by the parent/ guardian. No student will be allowed to bring medications to school.

**As always – please feel free to talk with any staff member should you have further questions about NFMS.**

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