



**2024 - 2025**  
**Middle School Student/Family Handbook**

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**Note:** This calendar allows for three emergency days that will be used in the following order: May 27th, May 23rd, and May 22nd. Should additional days be used, days will be made up as follows: During spring recess beginning with April 25th and working backwards.

181= Student Days 184=Teacher/Staff Days

BoE Approval: 3/14/2024 Revised, for BoE Approval: 6/20/2024



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT/FAMILY HANDBOOK 2024-2025 INTRODUCTION**

The Bedminster Township School Student/Family Handbook is provided annually to students and parents as a resource and guide for students' expectations. The district reserves the right to make changes or revisions as necessary and will communicate them to the school community in a timely manner.

At times this handbook will reference Bedminster Township Board of Education policy and regulations, which are available on the district website. We encourage parents to visit the website regularly to ensure they have the most current information during the school year. As students, it is your responsibility to read this handbook carefully and discuss it thoroughly at home and in school. It should also be understood that while this agenda comprises a written guideline, there are other expectations and rules implemented in our school which may not be included in this handbook and made at the discretion of the Administration to ensure a safe and orderly environment.

Best wishes for another great year. Go Bulldogs!

*Lauren Zugale*

Mrs. Lauren Zugale

Principal

## **ATTENDANCE and ABSENTEEISM**

Regular and timely student attendance is important to promote academic, social and emotional growth. As per school board policy and the NJ Statutes, the student's attendance is a legal responsibility of the parent/ guardian. Should patterns of absenteeism occur, the school is required by law and policy to take appropriate action. Parents will be notified if students have accrued 10 absences and 15 absences. If poor attendance patterns continue, further actions may be taken. Refer to [BOE Policy 5200](#).

All absences and tardies need to be posted in the parent portal of Genesis under the Attendance tab (Notify Office) prior to the start of the school day. According to State Law, a child will be considered absent unless he/she is present for at least half of the school day. On a regular full school day, a student cannot be dismissed prior or arrive later than 12:05 PM to be considered present. Physician notes to be considered eligible for "absence excused" need to be submitted within 15 days for consideration to the Principal.

The school does not approve of absences due to family vacations while school is in session. If family commitments necessitate a student missing school, it is the parent's or guardian's responsibility to notify the teachers in advance of the scheduled interruption of the student's academic commitments.

### **Tardiness:**

The front doors close at approximately 8:55am for entrance. When a student is late to school, they must report to the main office to sign in and a late pass will be issued. Excessive tardiness will result in school consequences and/or intervention. Refer to [BOE Policy 5240](#).

### **Early Dismissals:**

If a student is to leave school before the regular dismissal time, please follow the procedures listed below:

- The parent should report the early dismissal in Genesis
- Students will report to the main office at the time of their dismissal
- Students will only be dismissed to a parent/guardian, unless otherwise indicated in the note

### **Absence Assignments and Make-Up Procedures**

The student is responsible for all classes and homework assignments as well as tests missed because of absence. In order to make up assignments, the students should:

- Request missing assignments and arrange for extra help as needed; use teachers' Google Classrooms to check assignments
- Arrange to make up tests or assessments
- Absence from class due to school-related activities still requires the student to make up missed assignments and tests

## **BACKPACKS**

Students may use backpacks to carry their books and personal belongings to and from school. During the school day, backpacks are to be locked in the student's locker. Students may carry their Chromebook case and gym bags as needed.

## **FOOD AND DRINKS**

Bedminster Township School has developed [Food and Drink Guidelines](#) to support our [BOE Policy 8505](#) regarding wellness and the district's mission statement. Food should only be eaten in the cafeteria during designated lunch times. Students are allowed and encouraged to stay hydrated with water, using our refillable

water stations. No other drinks or food should be consumed in classrooms or hallways. Gum chewing is also prohibited in the school building.

#### Cafeteria and Lunch Program:

The following procedures have been established to make the lunch period a relaxed but orderly time. Students should follow the procedures listed below:

- Walk quietly when entering and exiting the cafeteria and sit in your designated area
- Remain seated at your lunch table when eating
- Throw out all of your trash when you are done
- If you are leaving the cafeteria to see a teacher, please get a pass from your teacher prior to lunch
- In order to leave the cafeteria (bathroom, nurse, etc.), please sign out appropriately with a staff member
- Any items brought into the cafeteria such as gym bags or Chromebook cases should be stored away from the lunch tables in designated areas (there is no use of Chromebooks during lunch)
- Sharing of food or purchasing of food for others is discouraged for safety purposes
- Opportunities for outdoor recess will be provided, weather permitting; food and drink are to be consumed inside, not during recess time

Bedminster Township School participates in the National School Lunch Program. Students eat lunch in the school cafetorium. Students may bring their own lunch from home or purchase lunch at school. The food service will provide a choice of an entree or sandwich each day along with an a la carte menu. The cafeteria uses an electronic point-of-sale lunch program from Maschio's Food Service which allows families to purchase prepaid student meals in any amount. Visit the cafeteria page on the school website under the 'Departments' tab to view menus, details of the program, or to obtain a free and reduced meal application.

#### CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are responsible for the care of all books, supplies, and furniture supplied by the school. Students who purposefully disfigure or damage school property or equipment are required to pay for the damage done or to replace the item. Refer to [BOE Policy 5513](#).

#### CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are NOT permitted to use cellphones while school is in session. Should a student need to make a phone call, with permission of the teacher, the student will be directed to go to the main office. Phones should be turned off/silent and must be kept in lockers while students are in the school building. They may be turned on after school has concluded for the day and the student is outside the school building. Other electronic devices such as, but not limited to, bluetooth earbuds, iPads, iPods and smart watches, should also not be used in the school building during the school day. Violations of these rules will result in a warning at first, however, students using cell phones or other electronic devices during the school day may be subject to having their cell phones or devices maintained in the main office for pick up by a parent or guardian. These rules are in place to maintain a safe school environment and focus on student learning.

#### CHEATING/PLAGIARISM

Cheating and/or plagiarism are dishonest acts that affect the student who is dishonest as well as other students in the class. Sharing of answers with another student on tests, quizzes, independent classwork, or homework assignments is considered cheating. Refer to [BOE Policy 5701](#).

## **CLASS SCHEDULES**

Middle school student schedules (Grades 5-8) are available in Genesis, after completion of required forms for both students and parents/guardians. It is the student's responsibility to report to assigned classes on time and follow classroom rules.

## **COMPUTERS/USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

We at Bedminster Township School believe that technology is a tool to provide students with 21<sup>st</sup> century learning opportunities. The benefits of a technology-infused classroom include the ability for teachers to deliver personalized learning to students, increase students' 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, and empower students in the learning process.

The use of district devices and networks must support and be consistent with educational objectives. Students are expected to follow the policies outlined by the district, including, but not limited to, the Acceptable Use Policy and the Responsible Use Agreement.

Inappropriate use as outlined in [BOE Policy 7523](#) may result in denial of the student's use of the device and computer networks and other disciplinary consequences. Violations of policy are unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians must sign the acknowledgement in Genesis, agreeing that they accept responsibility for their child's use of computers and computer networks in school and out of school.

### **District-issued Devices:**

District-issued devices, equipment, and accessories provided to students are the property of the Bedminster Township School District and must be returned upon request. Students are responsible to report any damage, loss, or theft of the device to the Technology Department. Parents/Guardians who do not pay the technology insurance will be responsible for the cost of damage to the district device. Students are responsible for shutting down and charging the device at the end of each day. Chromebooks that are not working correctly must be reported to the teacher immediately. Chromebook cases provided by the district must be used and non-use voids the computer protection plan coverage of damage.

General precautions include:

- Chromebook should be closed and stored in Chromebook case when walking in hallways or when not in use
- Keep food and drink away from Chromebook at all times
- Chromebook must remain free of any writing, drawing, stickers, labels, and magnets
- Chromebook must never be left in an unlocked locker or unsupervised area

## **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

The Counseling Department is here to assist students and their parents. School counselors work with students to support them emotionally, socially, and academically. Counselors are available to assist and support students navigate decisions regarding their educational path as well as serving as a resource to help students who may be struggling socially or emotionally.

## **DELAYED OPENINGS, EARLY DISMISSALS AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

The announcement for an unscheduled delayed opening, an unscheduled early dismissal, or an unscheduled school closing will be made through the School Automated Voice Call System to your phone number and email

addresses that are designated in Genesis. On a delayed opening day, buses will arrive two hours later than usual. Please check our website: [www.bedminsterschool.org](http://www.bedminsterschool.org) for timely information.

## **DISCIPLINE POLICY**

It is Bedminster Township School's goal to create a safe and supportive environment for students to learn. As part of this mission, there may be times when a student receives a disciplinary consequence. The goal of any disciplinary action is for students to reflect on their actions and to make more positive choices. When a student receives a disciplinary consequence, they will also be counseled regarding positive decision-making. The administration reserves the right to issue warning and/or counseling interventions in lieu of or in addition to formal disciplinary actions. Refer to [BOE Policy 5600](#) and [BOE Regulation 5600](#).

The administration reserves the right to take disciplinary action in the form of lunch detention, after-school detention, in-school suspension (ISS), or out-of-school suspension (OSS) for the following disciplinary infractions, including but not limited to:

- insubordination
- disrespect
- physical altercations
- disruptive behavior
- obscene gestures
- inappropriate language
- truancy (leaving school grounds without permission, "cutting class")
- gambling
- selling or trading items
- possession, distributing, using tobacco or vaping products, lighters or matches
- bullying or harassment
- possession of weapons or any conduct of such nature as to constitute continuing danger to the physical well-being of others.

## **DRESS CODE**

Students should dress appropriately for a PreK-8 school, in a clean, neat and comfortable manner. Clothing should not disturb or offend other students or staff. Clothes should also not cause any health or safety concerns for the student or others. Students who wear inappropriate items will be asked to remove, change, or refrain from wearing the item in the future. Refer to [BOE Policy 5511](#).

Shirts should meet the tops of pants/bottoms and cover the back. Shorts should completely cover a student's buttocks. Underwear may not be worn as outerwear. Safe shoes such as sneakers and closed-toe shoes should be worn; slippers may not be worn as shoes. Hats and hoods may not be worn in school (this excludes head coverings worn for religious purposes).

Students are not permitted to wear the following:

- Violent, hateful, or profane language or images
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity)
- Language or images that create a hostile or intimidating environment or have been used historically to oppress any protected class or consistently marginalized group
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS**

Extracurricular activities are defined as those activities students engage in on a voluntary basis that are organized and sponsored by the district and which fall outside the regular curricula. The grade/age eligibility levels will be listed during registration for the activities. Students participating in extra-curricular programs must have parental permission

### **Eligibility:**

1. Students missing more than half of the school day are not eligible for extra-curricular activities/events on that day
2. Students sent home because of illness or injury may not participate in the event taking place the day the child is sent home
3. Students must maintain a "C" average or better in all subject areas
4. Students serving after school detention will forfeit that afternoon's participation in extracurricular activities and must go home promptly after detention is served
5. Students suspended are not permitted to participate in any school extra-curricular events during the period of suspension
6. Students not attending physical education classes due to medical reasons during the school day will not be allowed to participate in sports or other highly active extra-curricular activities on that day

The Principal, after consultation with the staff, may declare a student ineligible for the following reasons regardless of academic standings:

- Insubordination or disciplinary infractions within the school
- Conduct unbecoming a student outside of school
- Incomplete work, unless excused for illness or other valid causes

Restoration of eligibility status for non-academic reasons will be at the discretion of the Principal. Special education students will be considered eligible upon recommendation of the Bedminster Child Study Team. Recommendations must appear in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

All students participating in a sporting activity must have a current health examination on file in the nurse's office. All sports forms are available on the district website. If you do not have a family healthcare provider and need assistance, please contact the school nurse.

## **HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING**

Harassment, intimidation or bullying means any gesture or written, verbal or physical act and or any electronic communication, that is reasonably perceived as being motivated either by an actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or mental, physical or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic, that takes place on school property, at any school sponsored function or on a school bus and that a reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, will have the effect of harming a student or damaging the student's property or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property; or has the effect of insulting or demeaning any student or group of students in such a way as to cause substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.

The Bedminster Township Public School disapproves of harassment, intimidation and bullying in all its

forms and considers it a serious offense. If a student is a victim of or a witness to harassment, intimidation or bullying on campus, on a school bus or at a school sponsored function, the student is required to inform a faculty or staff member. A student making such a report to a faculty or staff member may do so confidentially. School faculty and staff will address the harassment, intimidation and/or bullying urgently and firmly consistent with the school's overall disciplinary procedures.

For further information regarding Bedminster Township Public School's anti-bullying reporting procedures, please visit the school district's website: [www.bedminster.school.org](http://www.bedminster.school.org). Refer to [BOE Policy 5512](#) to access Bedminster Township School District's full HIB Policy.

Available on the school website are resources, names, school telephone number, school address, and email addresses of the district Anti Bullying specialists and the district Anti Bullying Coordinator.

### General HIB Information

Where can an HIB occur?

- Online; information posted on social media can be reported to the school and result in the initiation of an HIB case
- On school property; if an incident occurs on school grounds it may result in the initiation of an HIB case
- Off school property; although you are not on school property, if an incident of potential harassment, intimidation, or bullying is reported to the school, it may be investigated as an HIB case
- During the summer; if an incident occurs during the summer and is reported to the school district, it may be investigated as an HIB case

What are some examples of harassment, intimidation, or bullying?

- Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - Name calling
  - Physically threatening another student(s)
  - Making derogatory comments about a student(s) looks
  - Telling racial or ethnic jokes
  - Taking or posting photos of another student(s) on social media without their permission
  - Texting or calling a student with harassing comments

Who can report a case of harassment, intimidation, or bullying?

- A parent/guardian in the district or school
- A student in the district or school
- Any school employee including administrators, teachers, and counselors

Can there be consequences if you're involved in an HIB case?

- Yes, if you are found to be playing a part in a harassment, intimidation, and bullying case of another student or group of students, there can be severe consequences based on the district's code of conduct and could potentially involve suspension or the police
- If you are reporting an HIB case on behalf of someone(s) else that you feel may be the victim of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, you would not face any consequences and we encourage you to be an upstander to your fellow peers.

## **HEALTH SERVICES**

It is the goal of the Health Office to provide services which will aid each student in achieving their optimum health potential, thereby enabling them to benefit from the educational program. Student physical forms can be found on the school website.

**Illness** - If you become ill at school, obtain a pass from your teacher and report to the Health Office. Parents will be notified if you must go home. Students are not allowed to use their cell phones to call parents to come pick them up. All illness dismissals must be done through the Nurse's Office.

**Absence** - Please enter all absences in Genesis under the Attendance tab.

**Medication & medical excuses** - Any student that has a need for medication to be available to him or her during school must have medication provided to the BTS Health Office. All medications, including over-the-counter medications, must be accompanied by a physician's order and in the labeled package by the pharmacist. Medication will be administered by a nurse in the school. No other staff member is authorized to administer medication with the exception of epinephrine by a trained designee. All medicines need to be picked up by parents/guardians at the end of each school year. Refer to [Board Policy and Regulation 5330](#). All notes relating to medical excuses are to be given to the school nurse.

**Screening Procedures** - In accordance with state guidelines, students will be screened for hearing, vision and scoliosis. Schedules for this will be communicated by the school nurse. Parents will be notified if follow-up care is needed.

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework and good study habits contribute to the students' success in school. Homework is an extension of school learning and provides opportunities to review knowledge and skills, research new topics, work independently, and improve study habits.

Homework should be part of a regular routine that contributes to your child's grade. Students vary at the pace they complete work. If there are any concerns regarding the amount of time it is taking to complete homework, please communicate with the teacher directly.

Our homework procedures provide for one make-up day for each day of absence. Work should not be requested through the reception desk. Teacher website pages' or Google classrooms provide information on homework assignments.

## **HONOR ROLL**

Students in grades 5-8 are eligible for the Academic Honor Rolls. To qualify for the High Academic Honor Roll, a student must have an A in all subjects. A student qualifies for the Academic Honor Roll by earning A's in the major academic subjects, and nothing less than a B in special subjects, with no other grade lower than a B overall.

The official interpretation of grades:

**A+** 97 - 100%; **A** 93 - 96%; **A-** 90 - 92%; **B+** 87 - 89%; **B** 83 - 86%; **B-** 80 - 82%; **C+** 77 - 79%; **C** 73 - 76%; **C-** 70 - 72%; **D+** 65 - 69%; **F** 50 - 64%

## **LOCKERS**

Students in grades 5-8 will be assigned hall lockers. Student responsibilities are:

- Maintaining condition of locker
- Keeping locker neat and organized
- Keeping combination private
- Backpacks remain in locker

The school is not responsible for any thefts or loss of claimed contents in lockers. The lockers are school property and periodic inspections may be conducted. The Superintendent, Principal, or other designated school official has the authority to inspect lockers provided for use by students as long as students are informed at the beginning of each school year that such inspections may occur, according to [BOE Policy 5770](#). Students are informed of locker inspections through this handbook and by their homeroom teachers at the time of locker assignments. If students misuse lockers, try to observe another student's locker combination, or try to enter another student's locker, they will receive consequences.

## **MEDIA PERMISSION**

All parents will be required to complete a media consent form in the parent portal in Genesis.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

The State of New Jersey requires children attending public school to have physical education. In grades 5 and 6, students should wear appropriate clothes for PE and wear sneakers and socks to participate in PE class. In grades 7 and 8, students are expected to change into appropriate PE clothes and wear socks and sneakers. Students in grades 7 and 8 may be provided with a locker for securing personal belongings. Students should not share their locker combination. Students not prepared for Physical Education class will be unable to participate in class and in after school sports.

## **PROMOTION**

In order to move on to the next grade, each student must demonstrate satisfactory academic performance and meet attendance expectations. The final decision on promotion/retention is decided by the Principal. Participation in the promotion ceremony is made by the Principal. Refer to [BOE Policy 5410](#).

## **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards will be available online, four times per year within 2 weeks after the end of each marking period through our student information system. Grades may be unavailable during that 2-week period. Students are encouraged to monitor their own grades, throughout the marking period, in Genesis as well as parents.

## **SMOKING/VAPING**

The district is committed to maintaining a smoke-free environment on school grounds, at events sponsored by the Board away from school, and on any transportation vehicle supplied by the Board of Education. In the event the Principal or designee determines a student has violated [BOE Policy 5533](#), the student will be assigned appropriate discipline.

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Students are reminded that their behavior throughout the entire school year may determine their privilege to participate in extracurricular activities and school-sponsored activities and trips. Students receiving in-school suspensions or an out-of-school suspension place their privilege of participating in extracurricular activities and school-sponsored trips in serious jeopardy. This decision rests solely with the administration of the school.

Students have the following responsibilities:

- to accept responsibility for their own actions
- to attend school on a regular basis in a punctual manner
- to dress appropriately and maintain habits of personal cleanliness
- to respect school property
- to make an earnest effort to do their best work
- to display respect for themselves, other students, and staff members
- to obey school rules and regulations

## **STUDENT/PARENT RIGHTS**

The Board of Education has established procedures for addressing grievances or problems raised by students or parents/guardians and for the protection of individual rights in [BOE Policy 5700](#) and [BOE Policy 5710](#).

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Students are entitled to attend school free from the hazards and disruptive influence of dangerous substances. Should a student violate [BOE Policy 5530](#) regarding substance abuse, the student will be disciplined accordingly.

## **TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES**

### **BUS:**

Bus pick-up times are approximations. Students should arrive at bus stops at least 10 minutes early. Students are to ride to and from school on the buses assigned, and get on and off the bus at the designated bus stops. As per Board Policy, students can only ride the bus to which they are assigned.

For the safety of all riders, students are required to conduct themselves as indicated below:

- Show respect for the driver at all times
- Board/exit bus at officially designated stop
- Remain seated and wear a seatbelt while the bus is in motion
- Talk in a reasonable tone of voice; there should be no calling out to passers-by, and no profane or abusive language used or listened to on cell phones
- No eating or drinking on the bus
- No use of photography or video recording while on the bus
- Keep the bus clean
- Students should remain in their seats, with no extension of any part of the body out of a window

- No jumping over seats and no throwing of objects
- There is no smoking/vaping on school buses

Monitoring Devices on School Vehicles: To maintain safe and secure conditions for all students transported on school contracted vehicles, monitoring devices may be used. The device may be a sound video camera, a voice monitoring device or other appropriate devices as outlined on the Board of Education's [BOE Policy 8690](#).

Bus Infractions: Should there be a bus infraction, a warning will be given to the student and parents. Students may face consequences, including suspension of bus privileges if the incident is severe, as determined by the Principal. Should another bus infraction occur, the student may face school consequences and/or suspension of bus privileges for a minimum of three school days to be determined by the Principal. Other school consequences may also be given.

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN TRANSPORTATION:**

Parent/Guardian Drop Off: Parent/Guardian drop off will be at the front doors near the cafeteria entrance at 8:45 AM.

Parent/Guardian Pick Up: Parent/Guardian pick up will be in front of the building beginning at 3:25 PM. Park in the parent pick up line by the front doors and wait until your child is directed to you. Students must be able to independently enter on the passenger side of the vehicle. Please do not get out of the car to open doors for children while in the car line. If this is not possible, you will need to park your car and walk to the front of the building and escort your child. This includes unloading sports equipment or school projects that require additional help.

If anyone other than a parent or guardian is picking up a student who is NOT listed in Genesis as a contact, written permission from the parent or guardian must be received by the main office. The parental designee must park the car and pick-up the student at the receptionist's desk after signing in and provide identification.

**Any change in dismissal procedures must be emailed to [reception@bedminsterschool.org](mailto:reception@bedminsterschool.org) prior to 2:30pm.**

### **VISITORS**

No unauthorized individuals are permitted in the building during the school day. All visitors must report to the main office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass. They should report back to the office to sign out of the building.

To ensure that parental questions and/or concerns receive attention, make an appointment with the appropriate individual by following the district's protocol. Unscheduled visits to any staff member or administrator may not result in a satisfactory conclusion due to previous appointments or other time constraints.