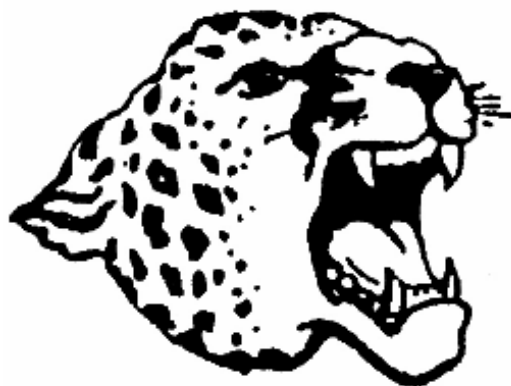


MIDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
2007-2008



Home of the Jaguars

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

The purpose of this agenda is to give you and your child a general overview of Midland Middle School. We realize that this agenda will not begin to answer all of your questions about the school, and we hope that you will feel free to call or come by when questions arise.

Midland Middle School encourages your interest and involvement in your child's education. We need parental support in order to assure that each student will achieve to full potential during the middle school years.

Without question, a child's home environment has a major influence on learning attitudes and achievement. Factors such as expectations for school success, attitudes toward hard work, parent/teacher cooperation, and parent involvement in classroom and school affairs have a positive influence on student achievement.

How To Help Your Child Succeed In School!

1. Send your child to school in a good frame of mind.
2. Build up confidence with such statements as, "I am proud of you", "I know you will do well", "You are a hard worker", "I'm glad you're mine", etc.
3. Praise your child for doing something well, especially if it is not usually a strong point.
4. Do not praise for unsatisfactory work or for work not up to par.
5. Expect to see samples of school work regularly. Ask for it.
6. Support the teacher and the school. If you have a concern, take it up directly with the teacher.
7. Have books around the house, either the library's or your own. Have a dictionary for sure, other reference books if possible.
8. Keep your child well stocked with school supplies. All workers must have the proper tools.
9. Show real interest in school. Attend PTA meetings, special functions, etc. Teachers take more interest in children whose parents they know personally. It's not "favoritism"; it's just that knowing the parent makes the child more real to the teacher.
10. Encourage your child to inquire. Don't put him/her off. If you don't know the answer, encourage the student to look it up or figure it out. Then check to see how he/she did.
11. Look over homework and encourage careful work.
12. Encourage 100% school attendance. The time spent in class, with interaction between students and teacher, is the key to academic success. Never make it easy for your child to miss school or to miss a class!

Thanks for taking the time to read all of this. If you made it all the way through, you are a terrific parent! We look forward to working with you this year as we strive to provide the best possible school experience for your terrific child!



MISSION STATEMENT

Midland Middle School will strive to challenge students with meaningful and diverse learning experiences which enable them to master basic skills and to meet high expectations in an environment of mutual trust and respect. Below are listed some of the principles which have influenced staffing, scheduling, and curricular decisions for Midland Middle School.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Students work best when the people who provide and support their education work together.
2. Successful students are motivated to meet the challenges posed by high standards and expectations.
3. Parental involvement promotes student success.
4. Mastery of basic skills promotes academic success and social and emotional development.
5. The middle school curricula should offer students diverse opportunities which are designed to help them explore, discover, and develop their different talents and abilities.
6. Students develop respect for the diversity in our society when teachers, parents, and other adults in their lives exhibit such respect.
7. Opportunities to communicate effectively with adults and peers enhance the development of the middle school student's interpersonal skills.
8. Compassion for the learner is as important to instruction as is the provision of well designed lessons.
9. In order to prepare students to communicate and live in a technologically based world, schooling in such technology must be part of their educational experience.
10. Teachers should provide lessons that are designed to meet the needs of students with diverse learning styles.
11. The middle school's faculty and staff must be prepared to nurture and educate learners with special needs and exceptional students from diverse cultural backgrounds.
12. Middle school learners are best served in heterogeneous classes.
13. Collaborative planning and teaching enrich the middle school student's intellectual, social, and emotional growth and development.
14. A safe, orderly environment promotes academic, physical, and emotional growth.
15. An atmosphere of mutual trust and respect enhances learning.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

Dear Student,

I hope that you are looking forward to a very successful year at Midland Middle School!

As a **Midland Jaguar**, you are expected to do your personal best in the classroom, and you are encouraged to participate in all areas of the school program. You are also expected to exhibit self-discipline and courteous behavior with your fellow students and with teachers.

Working positively together, we can assure that you have an enjoyable and productive experience during your time at Midland Middle School!

Sincerely,

Richard Green
Principal

PRINT YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE IN THE SPACE BELOW

PERIOD	SUBJECT	TEACHER	ROOM
HR	HOMEROOM	_____	_____
1ST	_____	_____	_____
2ND	_____	_____	_____
3RD	_____	_____	_____
4TH	_____	_____	_____
5TH	_____	_____	_____
6TH	_____	_____	_____
7TH	_____	_____	_____



STUDENT DRESS CODE

All students are expected to follow the Midland Middle School Dress Code. It must be remembered that the learning environment must be as free as possible from distractions/interruptions. With this in mind, we will try to address all dress code violations during homeroom. As it is with a speeding motorist, not all dress code violators are caught. As a staff we will try to be as consistent as possible in enforcing the dress code. We ask that parents check what their children are wearing before they leave for school. Dress and grooming which disrupts the educational process will not be allowed.

Specific rules are:

1. The school principal (or his designee) will make the final determination on whether a student's dress conflicts with these guidelines.
2. **Students are expected to wear clothing that fits.** Clothes that are **too tight** or **oversized** may not be worn.
3. **All shirts must be tucked in.**
4. **Pants that sag down below the hips are not permitted.** Pants are to be worn on or above the waist. If pants are worn properly on the waist, no belt is required. Tights, bicycle pants and leggings cannot be worn as pants. No see through pants are allowed. Sweat pants, wind pants, and pants with holes are not to be worn. No pants are to be worn bound at the ankle.
5. **Shorts** may be worn to school with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap.
6. **Dresses and skirts** may be worn with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap. Splits in dresses or skirts may be no higher than the top of the knee.
7. **Short cropped shirts and blouses may not be worn.** The stomach and lower back must be covered at all times.
8. There will be no plunging necklines. Tank tops, halter-tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, see through shirts or blouses, and muscle shirts cannot be worn. Do not wear clothes that are too revealing.
9. Flip flops, bedroom slippers and shower shoes are not allowed. Shoes with heels higher than two (2) inches are not allowed.
10. Students are not to wear clothing that contains crude suggestive messages, offensive or obscene symbols, signs, slogans or words degrading any gender or any cultural, religious or ethnic values. Clothing which contains language or symbols oriented toward violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, hate, profanity, or tobacco may not be worn on campus. (ex: satanic symbols, gang paraphernalia, Confederate battle flag, writing on seat of pants/jeans, or anything associated with hate groups) "Fake" alcohol or drug advertisement is also disallowed.
11. Clothing with holes that expose parts of the body may not be worn.
12. Clothing designed as undergarments or nightwear shall not be worn as outer garments. No undergarment is to be visible.
13. Hats, head/sweatbands, do-rags and/or bandannas or other head coverings are not to be worn in the building at any time. Hats must be placed in the student's locker at the beginning of the school day and cannot be removed from the locker until after school.
14. Students are not to wear extremes in hairstyles, hair colors, letters shaved in head, etc.
15. Hair curlers, wave clips, combs, brushes and picks are prohibited outside bathrooms or locker rooms and cannot be worn in the hair at any time.
16. Piercings are restricted to the ears only for both boys and girls.
17. Jewelry or clothing that creates a hazardous condition or symbolizes hate, violence, sex or drug or gang association shall not be worn. Items such as chains on a belt, wallet, etc., and items with spikes are not permitted.
18. All coats/oversized jackets or pullovers longer than hip length must be placed in students' lockers before school and may be removed after school. Hooded garments may be worn to school as long as hoods are not worn indoors.
19. The Midland Middle School Dress Code must be followed on field trips and at all school functions on and off campus.

Students will complete their work in In-School Suspension if the violation can not be corrected. Students are subject to Friday Detention for subsequent violation of the dress code.

DRESS CODE VIOLATION NOTICE
Midland Middle School
Class 2 Offense

Your child, _____ violated the Midland Middle School Dress Code Policy today. Please refer to the Midland Middle School Agenda Book to revisit the policy.

1st Violation: _____ Friday Detention /ISS

2nd Violation: _____ Friday Detention /ISS

3rd Violation: _____ Friday Detention /ISS

4th Violation: _____ Friday Detention /ISS

5th Violation: _____ Friday Detention /ISS

* All subsequent violations will result in 3 Days ISS and require a parent conference.

_____ Violation could not be corrected. Your child spent the remainder of the day in In-School Suspension.

_____ Violation was corrected. Your child was sent back to class.

_____ _____ _____ _____
Date Student Signature Parent Signature Homeroom Teacher



DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

CLASS 1 OFFENSES

The following teacher/team consequences will be imposed for the continued violation of Class 1 offenses (form on page 8).

- 1st Offense: Teacher Counseled Student/Warned Student** (-1 Homeroom Conduct Point)
- 2nd Offense: Team Meeting** (-2 Homeroom /Conduct Points)
- 3rd Offense: Parent Conference** (-3 Homeroom/Conduct Points)
- 4th Offense: Referred to Counselor** (-4 Homeroom/Conduct Points)
- 5th Offense: Team Timeout or Detention #1 (determined by the teacher/team)** (-5 Homeroom/Conduct Points)
- 6th Offense: Team Timeout or Detention #2 (determined by the teacher/team)** (-6 Homeroom Conduct Points)

Offenses 7 through 15 are considered Class 2 offenses.

7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th Offenses: In School Suspension for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 days respectively.

12th, 13th, 14th, 15th Offenses: Out of School Suspension for 2, 3, 4, 5 days respectively.

***Class 1 offenses are accumulated by team, per semester.**

In-School Suspension

In-School Suspension is assigned by an administrator. Written notification will be sent to the parents. Students will complete classroom assignments during In-School Suspension. Students will not be allowed to participate in or attend any school sponsored activities while in ISS. **A student who is removed from ISS for disciplinary reasons will automatically be assigned Out of School Suspension.**

Out of School Suspension

Out of School Suspension is assigned by an administrator. Written notification will be sent to the parents. **AN OSS STUDENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO CLASS UNTIL AN ADMINISTRATOR/PARENT CONFERENCE IS HELD.** An OSS student is prohibited from being on school property or attending any school sponsored activity at or away from school.

Parties, Dances, Field Trips

Students who have been assigned OSS/ISS may not attend parties, school dances, or field trips during the semester in which the incident occurred. After a second assignment to OSS/ISS the student is ineligible to attend these functions for the remainder of the school year.

THIS IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE MIDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE AND DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES. THE MCSD DISCIPLINE CODE TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER THIS HANDBOOK.



CODE OF CONDUCT
Midland Middle School
Class 1 – Teacher or Team Intervention

Student's Name: _____ Reporting Team: _____

Grade: 6 7 8 Special Education: Yes ____ No ____ HR Teacher: _____

Date: Minor Offenses: Class 1

- Excessive distraction of other students
- Continued refusal to complete class assignments
- Being in an unauthorized location within team
- Failure to follow instructions
- Intentionally providing false information to a School District employee

Documentation taken by Teacher/Team

_____ 1 st Offense: Teacher Counseled student/Warned student (-1 homeroom/conduct point) Date: _____

_____ 2 nd Offense: Team Meeting (-2 homeroom/conduct points) Date: _____
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_____ 3 rd Offense: Parent Conference (-3 homeroom/conduct points) Date: _____ Phone: _____ Left Message (time): _____
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_____ 4 th Offense: Referred to Counselor (-4 homeroom/conduct points) Date: _____ Phone: _____ Left Message (time): _____
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_____ 5 th Offense: Team Timeout (-5 homeroom/conduct points) Date: _____
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_____ 6 th Offense: Team Timeout (-6 homeroom/conduct points) Date: _____
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Offenses 7 through 15 are considered Class 2 Offenses

_____ 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th Offense: In-School Suspension (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5
 Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____

_____ 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th Offense: Out of School Suspension (circle one) 2 3 4 5
 Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____

***Class 1 offenses are accumulated by team**

DISCIPLINE POLICY WITH STANDARD CONSEQUENCES

THE CONSEQUENCES LISTED BELOW ARE MINIMUMS OF **CLASS 2 OFFENSES**. MISBEHAVIORS DETERMINED TO BE SEVERE BY THE ADMINISTRATION WILL RECEIVE MORE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES.

The administration, teachers, and other duly authorized school personnel will enforce the guidelines listed below.

CLASS 2 OFFENSES

Offense: Fighting

- 1st Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension
- 2nd Offense: 5 days Out of School Suspension
- 3rd Offense: 5-10 days Out of School Suspension

Note: Fights of an extremely violent nature (1st or any other offense) will warrant 10 days Out of School Suspension, referral to the Discipline Tribunal, police charges, or any combination of the three.

Offense: Bullying (written/verbal)

- 1st Offense: 5 days ISS
 - 2nd Offense: 5 days Out of School Suspension
 - 3rd Offense: Assignment to Alternative School for remainder of school year.
- *A Student who makes a false report of an incident of bullying will be assigned to In School Suspension.*

Offense: Profanity (verbal/written)

- 1st Offense: 3 days ISS
 - 2nd Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension
 - 3rd Offense: 5 days Out of School Suspension
- *Using profanity, vulgarity, or vulgar gestures toward teachers, administrators or staff adults will result in 10 days Out of School Suspension.*

Offense: Vandalizing, Damaging, or Stealing

- 1st Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension – plus damages/replacement
- 2nd Offense: 5 days Out of School Suspension – plus damages/replacement
- 3rd Offense: 10 days Out of School Suspension – plus damages/replacement

Offense: Defiance/Disrespect

- 1st Offense: 3 days ISS
- 2nd Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension
- 3rd Offense: 5 days Out of School Suspension

Offense: Smoking / Tobacco Products (using or possessing to include lighters and matches)

- 1st Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension
- 2nd Offense: 5 days of Out of School Suspension
- 3rd Offense: 10 days of Out of School Suspension

Offense: Inappropriate Showing of Affection

- 1st Offense: Send to counselor, warning, parent contact, document
- 2nd Offense: 3 days ISS
- 3rd Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension

Offense: Sexual Harassment: (verbal/written/physical)

- 1st Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension
- 2nd Offense: 5 days Out of School Suspension
- 3rd Offense: 10 days Out of School Suspension and referred to MCSD Discipline Tribunal

Offense: Disruption During Evacuation Drill

- 1st Offense: Friday Detention
- 2nd Offense: 3 days ISS
- 3rd Offense: 5 days ISS

Offense: Cheating

Parent contact, paper will be taken up and work will be made up in Friday Detention. Assignment will remain a zero until the assignment is made up. An alternative assignment may be given.

Offense: Unauthorized Location

- 1st Offense: Friday Detention
- 2nd Offense: 3 days ISS
- 3rd Offense: 5 days ISS

Offense: Confrontational Behavior

- 1st Offense: 3 days ISS
- 2nd Offense: 5 days ISS
- 3rd Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension

Offense: Bus Referral

- 1st Offense: Parent conference, 1 day off bus
- 2nd Offense: Parent conference, 5 days off bus
- 3rd Offense: Parent conference, rest of year off Bus

If a student is suspended off the bus he/she **must be picked up by 4:00 p.m.*

**If a student's 1st or 2nd offense warrants, he/she may be removed for the remainder of the year.*

Offense: Forgery

- 1st Offense: 3 days ISS / teacher calls parent
- 2nd Offense: 5 days ISS / teacher calls parent
- 3rd Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension

Offense: Skipping Class / School

- 1st Offense: 3 days ISS
- 2nd Offense: 5 days ISS
- 3rd Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension

Offense: Leaving Campus

- 1st Offense: 3 days Out of School Suspension
- 2nd Offense: 5 days Out of School Suspension
- 3rd Offense: 10 days Out of School Suspension

Offense: Inappropriate Dress

- 1st Offense: ISS or Fri. Detention & note to parent
 - 2nd-5th Offenses: ISS or Friday Detention
- Subsequent offenses will be assigned 3 Days ISS.

**Students wearing extremely disruptive dress will be sent home immediately.*

Offense: Tardiness to School

- 1st Offense: 3rd tardy parent called by administrator
- 2nd Offense: 5th tardy parent conference with administrator and letter to parent
- 3rd Offense: 6th tardy Friday Detention

** This is MCSD board policy. We allow students to enter the building as early as 7:15AM. Traffic in the car rider line is NO EXCUSE.*

**Every unexcused tardy thereafter will result in Saturday School. A note from a doctor, dentist, or a court official will be the only acceptable tardy excuse.*

Offense: Not Dressing Out in P.E.

- 1st Offense: Verbal warning
- 2nd Offense: Letter home to parent
- 3rd Offense: PE Pull-Out
- 4th Offense: Friday Detention
- 5th Offense: Referral to office – ISS

Offense: Cell Phone

- 1st Offense: Cell phone will be taken up, labeled and may be picked up at the end of the day.
- 2nd Offense: Cell phone will be taken up, labeled and secured in the main office, with return to parents if they come for it or to the student at the end of the school year.

**Cell phones are not to be seen / used during school hours. For the purpose of this policy, the day begins when the student boards the bus, enters the school building, and ends when school is dismissed or student exits the bus.*

**See MCSD Behavior Code and Discipline Policy handbook for additional county policy.*

Offense: Electronic Devices (radios, CD players, cameras, etc.)

- 1st Offense: Equipment will be taken up, labeled and may be picked up at the end of the day.
- 2nd Offense: Equipment will be taken up, labeled and secured in the main office, with return to parents if they come for it or to the student at the end of the school year.

Offense: Chewing/Eating - Gum/Food

- 1st – 5th Offense: Each offense will result in loss of 1 point from conduct grade.
- 6th and subsequent offenses within a 9 week grading period will result in 1 Day ISS.

Offense: Discipline Saturday School:

Tardiness, not showing up, or disruption

All Offenses: 1 day Out of School Suspension

**20 points will be removed from conduct grade / OSS.*

Offense: Friday Detention:

Tardiness, not showing up, or disruption

All Offenses: assigned to Friday Detention (see above)

**10 points will be removed from conduct grade.*

Offense: Failure to stay for teacher detention

Detention is automatically doubled to 2 school days. Failure to stay for either of these 2 days results in an office referral.

THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF OFFENSES, ONLY THE MOST COMMON ONES!
ALL CONSEQUENCES ARE SUBORDINATE TO M.C.S.D. POLICIES!

ATTENDANCE

In order for students to succeed in school, regular attendance and punctuality are essential. Midland Middle School will adhere to the definitions of “excused” and “unexcused” absences as stated in the Muscogee County School District Attendance Policy. A copy of that policy is included in the **MCS D Behavior Code and Discipline Policy** booklet. In order to increase accountability and documentation of each student’s attendance and to describe each absence as excused or unexcused, Midland Middle School shall require from the legal guardian of each student who is absent **a written excuse for each absence**. This written excuse shall include the **student’s name, date of absence, reason for absence, date of excuse, parent’s or guardian’s signature, and a phone number where the parent/guardian can be reached to verify the note**.

In compliance with the state law of Georgia, all absences for pupils shall be classified as unexcused except for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness
2. Death or illness in the immediate family
3. State-recognized religious holidays
4. Mandate by governmental agencies (court order, etc.)
5. Principal’s approval of attendance at school-related experiences
6. Instances where attendance by a pupil would be hazardous
7. Serving as a page in the General Assembly of Georgia

ABSENCES

Attendance will be taken and recorded each period by the classroom teacher. Any student late to first period is to have a check-in slip from the office.

Any student who is not present in class or who is tardy more than twenty minutes to a class is to be considered absent.

Students not present in class who are engaged in a previously approved educational activity are considered administratively excused and are credited with attendance in classes during the approved activity. However, these students must make **prior arrangements** with their teachers to compensate for missed class time and assignments.

EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Students returning to school after an absence shall give the homeroom teacher a written parental excuse for the absence before the beginning of homeroom. The teacher shall determine if the absence was excused or unexcused and give the student an admit slip verifying the status of the absence. **Students returning without a parental note will be issued an unexcused absence and will be instructed to bring a note the following day. The absence shall remain unexcused if no note is brought within three days.** The student is responsible for obtaining the signature/initials of each period’s teacher on the admit slip. The seventh period teacher shall take up the admit slips and return them to the homeroom teacher’s box for filing. If the admit slip is lost during the day, the student has two more days to present one in order to make up assignments. The student **should not** be sent back to the first period teacher to obtain another admit slip.

Students with excused absences are given three days to arrange for make-up work. Make-up work should be completed within five days. Additional make up days may be granted by the teacher if

there are extenuating circumstances. Parents and students may keep up with assignments by logging on to the school website (<http://midlandmiddle@mcsdga.net>). When a student is absent and wants make-up work to be picked up by a parent the parent should call before 9:00 a.m. The work will be available after 3:45 p.m.

Unexcused absences include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Oversleeping (student or family)**
- 2. Missing the bus**
- 3. Babysitting**
- 4. Joining the family on vacation outings**
- 5. Skipping school**
- 6. Cutting classes**
- 7. Out of school suspension**
- 8. Car trouble**
- 9. Out of class for discipline referral**
- 10. Failing to bring a parental note for absence**

*** Every parent and student will sign a notification that they have read and will comply with OCGA 20-2-690.** This is the Georgia attendance law that was passed in 2004.

TARDIES

Students arriving at school between 8:25 – 8:35 a.m. are considered tardy. Students who are excessively tardy to school will not qualify for recognition for perfect attendance. Refer to Class 2 Offense on page 10 for consequences.

CHECK IN/CHECK OUT

After 8:35 a.m. students must be accompanied and checked in through the office by a PARENT or GUARDIAN.

A parent or other responsible adult must sign the student out at the time of departure.

Students who need to check out because of illness must see the nurse. The nurse will contact parents.



GENERAL INFORMATION

PTA

Midland Middle School looks forward to a very active PTA group. Membership dues are only \$5.00, and all **parents** are encouraged to join during school registration activities.

President: Vivian Penn
Vice President: Shelley Cape
Treasurer: Donna Antley
Secretary: Karen Brown

Daily Schedule

- 8:00 A.M. Students entering the school before 8:00 A.M. must be seated in front of their lockers until the first bell rings. Students eating breakfast must go straight to the cafeteria upon entering the school.
- 8:25 A.M. Tardy Bell. Students arriving after this time must check in through the office.
- The school day is divided into seven periods. Lunch periods are 25 minutes long.
- 3:30 P.M. Day ends for students.
- 4:00 P.M. Day ends for teachers

There is no student supervision on the campus after 4:00.

Bus Passes

Students who live more than 1 and 1/2 miles from the school and whose addresses are within the Midland attendance area are eligible to ride the school bus. Bus passes will be issued during registration. Riding the bus is a privilege which will be withheld from any student who refuses to follow the rules and regulations governing bus ridership which are outlined in the school district **Behavior Code and Discipline Policy.**

Parking/Traffic

School buses will deliver and pick up students in the rear parking lot. Students who are transported by car are to be delivered and picked up at the **front entrance**. Students transported by car should not arrive prior to 8:00 in the morning and should be picked up by 3:45 in the afternoon. If students stay after school for an activity, they are to be picked up within 10 minutes of the activity's ending time.

Driveways are never to be blocked to thru traffic. When unloading/loading, drivers are to pull out of traffic by pulling to the curb or into a marked parking space.

Lunchroom

The Midland cafeteria provides nutritious, well-balanced meals each school day. Students generally have a choice between a traditional hot lunch, grilled sandwich, and the sandwich/salad bar. When a student has accumulated lunch charges totaling \$5.00, an alternative to the regular lunch will be provided each day until the lunch charges are cleared.

Lunchroom prices for 2007-2008:

Student Lunch	\$1.75	Student Breakfast	\$.90
Adult Lunch	\$2.75	Adult Breakfast	\$1.50

The prices mentioned above were in effect as of printing.

All students are expected to buy lunch, bring a lunch from home, or have written permission (signed by parents) on file with the homeroom teacher stating that the student has approval not to eat lunch.

Candy/Gum/Carbonated Drinks

Carbonated drinks, chewing gum, and candy are ***not*** to be brought to school.

Grading Scale

The grading scale approved by the Board of Education is as follows:

- A** (90 -100: Excellent)
- B** (80 - 89: Good Progress)
- C** (70 - 79: Needs Improvement)
- F** (69 and below: Failing)

Report Cards

Report cards are issued **every nine (9) weeks**. Cards should be signed by parents and returned to the homeroom teacher the following day.

Progress Reports

Weekly e-mail progress reports will be sent to parents who provide a current e-mail address. Printed weekly reports of a student's progress can be requested through a parent/team conference. Guidelines for the progress report will be discussed with the parents and student at the conference.

School District Policies

Each student will be issued a copy of the **Muscogee County School District Behavior Code and Discipline Policy** during the first week of school. Parents should study that booklet with their children and understand that violations of School District policies will result in a hearing before the Superintendent's Disciplinary Tribunal.

Homeroom/Conduct Grades

The discipline policy is used to assist teachers to determine each nine-week conduct grade. The conduct grades are Satisfactory (100), Needs Improvement (80), and Unsatisfactory (60).

- Minus 20 points for OSS and ISS**
- Minus 20 points for Bus Suspension**
- Minus 5 points for Friday Detention**

***Class 2 offenses result in punishments of OSS, ISS, Friday Detention and Bus Suspension.**

Students who are chronic discipline problems may be required to attend conduct summer school at a cost to the parent of \$150. Students who fail to attend conduct summer school will be placed at Rose Hill Alternative School for the first semester of the next school year.

Hall Conduct

As Jaguars, all students are expected to remember the following and to do their part to see that our school is orderly and safe. I'm sure we can count on you!

1. All teachers at Midland are **your** teachers. When a teacher speaks to you in the hallways, you are expected to respond with courtesy and to follow directions given.
2. Running in the building is strictly prohibited.
3. Students are to keep to the **right** in hallways at all times.
4. Students in the hallways while classes are in session are **not to talk**.
1st – 5th Offense: Each offense will result in loss of 1 point from homeroom/conduct grade.
6th and subsequent offenses within a 9 week grading period will result in 1 Day ISS.
5. It is never acceptable to create a disturbance in the hallways, restrooms, or cafeteria.
6. No student has the right to put hands on another student or on another student's personal property.
7. Any type of roughhousing in the building is prohibited.
8. Outside doors in the classroom wings are emergency exits only. They are not to be opened during the school day.

Cafeteria Conduct

1. Form a single orderly line while waiting to be served.
2. You are never allowed to **cut** in line, even if your friends say it is okay.
3. You will be assigned to a table by your teacher.
4. Sit at your assigned table until dismissed by your teacher.
5. You are responsible for returning your dishes, utensils, and tray to the designated area.
6. Your eating area is to be left clean for the next class. If you spill milk or drop food, it is your responsibility to see that the mess is cleaned up before you leave the cafeteria.
7. Speak only in a quiet (6 inch voice) tone while in the cafeteria.

We expect each student to be a good citizen so that lunch can be an enjoyable time for everyone.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences to discuss academic progress or any other matters with teachers can be scheduled by calling the school and speaking with the appropriate grade counselor.

Visitation Procedures

We encourage parents to visit our classroom to observe their child's learning environment. Please go directly to the office upon your arrival and our office staff will notify the teacher of your visit. If the class is testing, we ask that you reschedule your visit (testing is a time of anxiety for most students). Someone from the office staff will show you to the classroom where a chair/desk will be provided for you. Please remember that you are observing and this is not the time to ask the teacher questions or converse with your child. At the conclusion of your visit, the teacher will show you to the office. If you would like to schedule a conference for a later date, please see our counselors.

Locker Package/Agenda Book

Hall lockers will be issued to students by their homeroom teachers. A fee of **\$8.00** will be charged for each locker package. This fee covers the expense of changing combinations and replacing worn hardware on each locker each year.

Students who rent lockers are expected to cooperate with the following:

1. Use only the locker that has been assigned to you.
2. Do not allow other students to learn your combination.
3. Each locker has a built-in combination lock. No other locks are to be placed on hall lockers.
4. Keep lockers neat and do not attach pictures to the interior with glue, paste, or tape.
5. Realize that lockers are school property and that the administration has the right to conduct locker inspections and/or searches when the need arises.

Library

The library is open from 8:10 until 3:45. Books may be checked out during the time the library is open. Periodicals may be checked out with special permission from the librarian. **Always inspect a library book before you check it out.** In order not to be held responsible for any damages to a book, always report to the library staff any damages to a book or words or sentences written in a book.

Book Bags

If you carry a book bag or oversized bag, it must be placed in your hall locker before the morning tardy bell and left there throughout the day. Book bags and oversized bags are not permitted in classrooms at any time or in hallways during class changes. Book bags and oversized bags are not to be carried to the lunchroom or to the gym area.

Sales/Cash

Students are prohibited from selling/buying items of any description from one another on the school bus or on school grounds. Please make a point of seeing that your child does not carry large sums of money to school. Other than what is needed for lunch, there is rarely a need for students to have money at school. When dance tickets, game tickets, etc. are sold at school, the amount is announced in advance, and students should bring only the needed amount of money with them. **Large sums of money and expensive jewelry are invitations to theft.** The school will not be responsible for loss or theft of items that have no business at school in the first place.

After School Activities

When students stay for after school activities or return for evening activities, **it is very important that parents know in advance what time the activity will conclude so that students can be picked up no more than 10 minutes after dismissal.** Students who are left waiting for transportation long after an event has ended may be prohibited from attending future after-school functions. **If transportation cannot be arranged, then the student should not attend the function.** Dances at Midland Middle School are intended for Midland students only. School dances will always conclude at 9:00 and all students should be picked up by 9:10. See eligibility guidelines on page 7.

Medication

When possible, medication schedules should be arranged so that parents can monitor dosage at home. If medicine must be taken at school, parents must contact the guidance office to make arrangements. **All medication must be housed in the guidance office.** Students are not to carry medication on their person during the school day. The school does not provide medicine of any description for students.

Clothing Bank

The Muscogee County PTA sponsors a clothing bank which serves the needs of students enrolled in the school district. The clothing bank is always in need of **clean, useable** clothing items which are **appropriate for school wear.** Students of all ages and sizes are served by the clothing bank. Donations may be brought to the school at any time.

PE Requirement

All students are required to take physical education in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. **There is no required uniform for any PE class,** but all students are required to **dress out** for PE. (Policy on page 10)

Student Accident Insurance

The Muscogee County School District offers student accident insurance to all students in the Muscogee County School District. This insurance is available to you at a nominal fee. If you are interested, you may contact the school office for information. If you do not wish to take out Student Accident Insurance, your child's health insurance is your responsibility. The Muscogee County School District does not carry health coverage on students.

All students participating in football or other co-curricular activities which might promote accident or injury must be insured by the student insurance program or the principal must have on file a notarized statement that the parent relieves the school and the school district of any liability.

No student may try out for football, basketball, track, soccer, volleyball and/or cheerleading until the above requirement has been met. All participants in the athletic program must have a current physical/medical form on file in order to qualify for tryouts.

OPPORTUNITIES

If you have special interests or talents, or if you would like to try some new things, the following opportunities will be available to you at Midland Middle School.***

Academic Bowl Team	National Junior Honor Society**
Ambassadors	Orchestra
Art Contests	Peer Helpers
Band	Poster Contests
Boys' Basketball Team*	Science Fair
Boys' Track Team*	Science Olympiad Team
Cheerleaders	Soccer Team*
Chorus	Social Studies Fair
Football Team*	Speech Contests
Girls' Basketball Team*	Student Council
Girls Volleyball	Swim Club
Girls' Track Team*	Velocity
History Day Competition	Writing Contests
JAG TV	
Math Team	
Math Counts Team	

* Students must meet athletic eligibility requirements set by the state and local school boards.

** Induction into NJHS requires a 3.75 grade point average and favorable teacher ratings in the areas of citizenship, scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

*** For more information visit the school website at: www.midlandmiddle.mcsdga.net

GUIDANCE

There are many people here to help answer your questions and to help you with your problems. You never need to feel that you must face or solve problems alone.

Our counselors are always available to assist you with problems, answer your questions, discuss possible solutions to things that are bothering you, or just to listen. If you would like to see a counselor try to do so during your exploratory period so you won't miss work in your academic classes.

There are also others at school to assist you when you need help:

Teachers: Whether you have them for class or not, do not hesitate to ask any teacher for help when you need it. If the one you ask can't help, he/she will send you to someone who can.

Asst. Principal: You don't have to "get into trouble" in order to talk to **Dr. Jordan**. If something is bothering you, talk to Dr. Jordan **before** it becomes a problem that could get you into trouble.

Principal: All students are welcome to talk to **Mr. Green** at any time about anything involving the school. Your well-being is the most important concern of the principal and all other members of the school staff.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007-2008

August 6 (Monday)	Teachers report to school
August 13 (Monday)	Students Report to School/Semester I Begins
September 3 (Monday)	Labor Day Holiday
October 12 (Friday)	1st Nine-Weeks Ends
October 15 (Monday)	2nd Nine-Weeks Begins
November 12 (Monday)	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 21-23 (Wed., Thurs., Fri.)	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 21 (Friday)	2nd Nine-Weeks/Semester I Ends
December 24 – January 4	Winter Break
January 7 (Monday)	In-Service Day (Students do not report)
January 8 (Tuesday)	Classes Resume/Semester II Begins
January 21 (Monday)	MLK Holiday
February 18 (Monday)	President's Day Holiday
March 7 (Friday)	3rd Nine-Weeks Ends
March 10 (Monday)	In-Service Day / Weather Make Up Day, If Needed
March 11 (Tuesday)	4th Nine Weeks Begins
April 7-11(Monday-Friday)	Spring Break
May 23 (Friday)	Last Day for Students/Semester II Ends
May 26 (Monday)	Memorial Day Holiday
May 27-28 (Tuesday-Wednesday)	Post Planning

Religious holidays are treated as excused absences.



