

# **Middle School 101 For Parents**

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**We OWN what we do, and GRIT gets us through!**

## MORNING ARRIVAL

- **Doors open at 8:20 am.**
- **Car rider drop off is in the front circle drive.**
- **Students remain in the parent vehicle until 8:20 (when staff arrive on duty).**
- **For safety reasons, we ask that you do not drop students in the parking areas.**
- **There is no supervision for students who are dropped off prior to 8:20 am.**



FBISD Extended Learning

# CLUB EXCEL

**Before school care  
for students in  
6th - 8th Grade**

**Morning Only  
Program is  
\$140/month**

*Requires a  
non-refundable \$50  
registration fee*

**Drop off as early  
as 7:00 am**

**Students are  
able to check  
themselves in,  
with parent  
permission**



To register, go to  
**[fortbendisd.reg.eleyo.com](https://fortbendisd.reg.eleyo.com)**

# AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

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- **Dismissal is at 4:10 pm.** If students do not ride a bus, they must leave campus grounds promptly when dismissed.
- For safety reasons, students should be picked from the front circle drive. Students will not be allowed to walk across the staff parking lot or the front parking lot.
- Please wait in the pick-up line for students to load into the car from the sidewalk.
- **Ensure your student has your address and phone number written down or saved in their phone/device.**



# Rainy Weather Dismissal

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- Dismissal will continue at 4:10 even in the event of rainy weather.
- Walkers and bike riders need to have a plan worked out with their parents in this scenario.
- Good idea to have a packable parka and/or small umbrella.

# [schoolcafe.com/fbisd](https://schoolcafe.com/fbisd)

## **Welcome to FORT BEND ISD!**

### **We use SchoolCafé to:**

- Make Payments
- Set Purchase Restrictions
- Submit Meal Applications
- View Purchases
- Set up Auto Pay
- Get Low Balance Alerts
- View Letters
- View Menus

[Need to do something else?](#)

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[Contact Us!](#)

# Parent lunch with students

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- Parent lunch with students is reserved for special occasions. **ex.** Birthdays
- Parent calls front office ahead of time to make arrangements
- Parent may only bring food for their child



# No Deliveries







## UPGRADED FOR 2025-26

Fort Bend ISD is upgrading to the new and improved Skyward Qmlativ (Q) Student Information System in preparation for the 2025-2026 school year! This move will provide parents, students and staff enhanced security, easier navigation and more robust reporting within our student information system. Please click one of the icons below to log in, but **please note that all features may not be available until August 1, 2025.**

As with any major technology upgrade, there will be obstacles along the way. Your patience and flexibility are appreciated as we all work together to make this migration a success!

# Emergency Information

- Navigate to Skyward Family Access on the FBISD website.
- List **any** names and numbers of people that you trust to pick up your child if he/she is ill or if an emergency occurs.
- We **will not** release your child to someone who is not listed, even if we receive your verbal permission over the phone. For your child's safety, we must have written authorization.



# ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is taken every class period in middle school.
- It is not necessary to call the school before the absence.
- Students should not be calling/texting parents to be picked up. The clinic will contact you if it is necessary for your student to go home early.
- Parents are not required to check students in; students can check in themselves with a note.
- Students will only be released to authorized adults with valid photo ID.
- Please allow sufficient time when picking up for appointments.
- Students will not be released after 3:40 pm.
- More detailed info on GMS website.

# When Absent...

- Absence notes must be received within 5 days of returning to school.
- A doctor's note is needed after 4 or more consecutive days of being absent.
- You may email your absence note to [ATTENDANCEGMS@fortbendisd.com](mailto:ATTENDANCEGMS@fortbendisd.com) or bring it into the front office.
- You may also fill out the Absence Note Form on the **GMS website** by going to **STUDENT & PARENTS, ATTENDANCE**, then **ATTENDANCE NOTES**. This allows you to submit the note directly to the attendance clerk.



# Grades/Late Work

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- **Grades** consist of a minimum of 6 daily grades and 3 major grades per grading period.
- **Major Grades** will count as 50% and **Daily Grades** will count as 50% of the students' grade.
- **Make-up Work** due to unplanned absence or due to extracurricular activities should be obtained upon your return. Students will be given the same number of days he/she was absent to complete the missed assignment(s).
- **Late Work** will be accepted with points deducted at a rate of 10pts per day. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, late work submission is no longer an option.
- Middle school courses do not have semester or final exams.

# Nurse

- Nurse: **Mr. Arnett & Mrs. Farruhk**
- Contact Information: 281-634-3232
- Medication must be dropped off and picked up by the parent.
- Prescription meds must appropriate documents filled out and over the counter meds require a parent signature
- Students are not allowed to transport prescription or over the counter medicine.



# Schoology

## **About Schoology:**

Schoology is the Learning Management System (LMS) used by Fort Bend ISD students.

It offers teachers and students multiple avenues for collaboration, communication, assessment, submitting assignments and discussion boards

[www.fortbendisd.com/schoologyparentlogin](http://www.fortbendisd.com/schoologyparentlogin)

# Tutorials

- Tutorial dates and times for each subject area will be posted on each teachers' web page and in the weekly SMORE newsletter by the 3rd week of school.



# Technology Device Policy

At 8:45 a.m. morning dismissal?

IN THE BACKPACK.

Waiting for your teacher to let you into class?

IN THE BACKPACK

In the classroom before the bell rings?

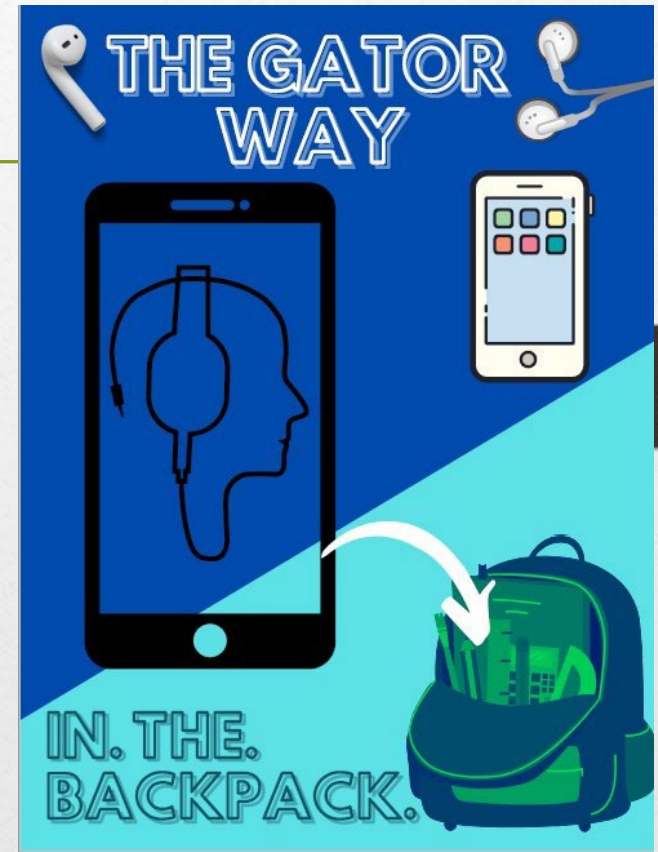
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During class WITHOUT teacher permission?

IN THE BACKPACK

Transitioning to classes?

IN THE BACKPACK



# Misuse of Technology Device Policy

- Cell phones/devices may be confiscated when students have them out without permission.
- Confiscated phones/devices are turned into the front office and can be picked up by the student at the end of the day.
- The student receives an office referral each time the phone is confiscated.
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> time the phone is confiscated, the parent must pick up the phone and there is a \$15 charge. (Cash Only; Exact change)



**Update:** The Texas Legislature has passed new laws that will impact student device use on campus...pending FBISD board policy/procedures.



# DRESS CODE

Students must comply with the following dress and grooming standards:

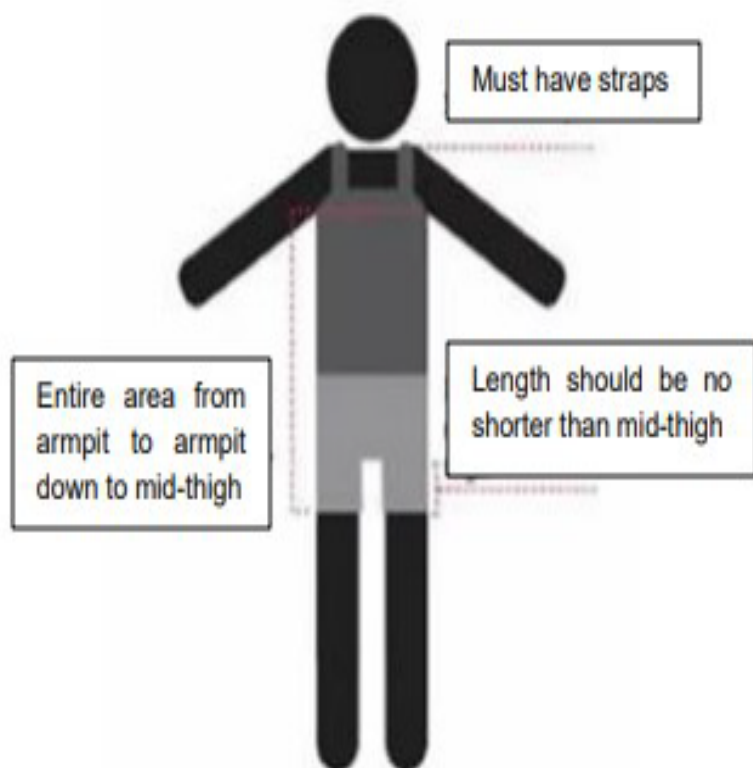
## **Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests**

- Shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, sweaters, vests that expose undergarments and/or midriff are prohibited;
- Shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, sweaters, vests must not depict or reference alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, nudity, gang affiliation, death, violence, vulgar or obscene language or images, and/or insults to race, religion, gender, or ethnicity, or other emblems or writing that may be expected to cause a material or substantial disruption of, or inference with, normal school operations.

## **Dresses, Jumpers, Skirts, Shorts, Skorts, Pants, and Jeans**

- Dresses, jumpers, skirts, and skorts may be worn at a length that is slightly above mid-thigh;
- Shorts, jeans, and all pants shall be worn at the hip or higher and must cover undergarments;
- Shorts may be worn at a length that is slightly above mid-thigh;
- Athletic wear, which may include yoga pants, stretch leggings and fitness tights, are permissible as long as they do not reveal undergarments, have sections of see-through material, are worn with a shirt that covers the posterior, or are disruptive to the school environment.

## ALL STUDENTS



Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.



# Consequences for Dress Code Violations

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- Student given opportunity to phone home for a change of clothes.
- Campus will loan shirt/shorts on the first offense so that instructional time is maximized.
- A referral is entered into Skyward for documentation.
- Student MAY NOT wear PE Uniform outside of gym class.

# Vaping

- **HB114**

Mandatory DAEP placement for selling, delivering, or in possession of e-cigarettes, marihuana, controlled substance or dangerous drug.

If DAEP is at capacity, the student can be placed in ISS for the duration of the of the time to be served.





# Making Smart Choices

- Refrain from phrases that can be perceived as threatening or harmful.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- If there is a problem, students should report it to the counselor or assistant principal by filling out a Statement Form.
- Your words or actions can lead to disciplinary actions that may include criminal charges.
- Think before you react!!!

# PE Uniforms

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- Visit GMS website
- Click the RevTrack icon:
- Select PE Uniforms
- Uniforms delivered to students after the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school.
- We suggest you write your child's name inside of the uniform, in case it is lost.
- **The link will open once school starts.**





# LOCKERS

- Academic Lockers will not be used this year. Students will carry their backpacks.
- Students will need to **purchase** a combination lock for use in PE
- If students are in BAND, they will need a second combination lock for their BAND locker.
- Check Target or Wal-mart for a TWIN pack, 2 locks with the same combination!
- YouTube videos to teach kids how to use lock.

# TARDIES

- Tardies accumulate for all classes throughout the 9-week grading period.
- Consequences begin at 4 tardies and escalate if tardies persist.
- Review your child's schedule and help him/her find the best route to/from classes.
  - WEB Leaders will be helping with this
  - Encourage your child to plan a bathroom routine



# Student IDs

- Once IDs pictures are taken and distributed, students will be required to wear the ID as part of the dress code.

# ***Stay Informed***

- **Family Access through Skyward**
  - Check grades, cafeteria balances, tardies, attendance
  - Set notifications based on preferences
  - Contact teachers via e-mail
- **Weekly Smore Newsletter**
- **Campus Website:** [www.fortbendis.com/gms](http://www.fortbendis.com/gms)
- **Schoology**
- **Follow us on Twitter:** @MGMS\_Gators



# First Day of SCHOOL...

## **What to bring:**

- Packed lunch if possible
- Backpack with paper/pen/pencil
- Home address & parent phone number written down or saved in phone
- Smile, Listening ears, & Patience

# 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School: Gator Camp

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The first day of school will be a revised bell schedule.

Each class period students will learn and practice different rules and procedures to get acclimated to the “Gator Way”



# Bell Schedule

## 2025-2026 BELL SCHEDULE- GARCIA MIDDLE SCHOOL



### REGULAR SCHEDULE

1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:50-9:50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:55-10:45
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	10:50-11:40
A Lunch 11:45-12:15	4 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:45-12:50 B Lunch 12:20-12:50 4 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:55-1:25
4 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:20-1:25	C Lunch 12:55-1:25
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:30-2:20
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:25-3:15
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	3:20-4:10

### AM Block

1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	8:50-10:15
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5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:30-2:45
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:50-4:10

### ADVISORY SCHEDULE

1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:50-9:45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:50-10:35
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	10:40-11:30
A Lunch 11:30-12:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:35-12:05 B Lunch 12:05-12:35 4 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:40-1:05
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Advisory	1:10-1:40
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# Campus Contacts & Communication

- **Teacher:** class related questions, assignments, grades
- **Grade level counselor:** schedule, relationships, resources
- **Grade level admin:** serious issues or concerns and for unresolved issues addressed with teacher/counselor
- **Attendance:** absence notes

**Pro Parent Tip:** Begin teaching your student to initiate communication with campus staff.



# Campus contacts continued

- **6<sup>th</sup> grade counselor:** Regina Titus
- **6<sup>th</sup> grade admin:** Carla Sweeney
- **7<sup>th</sup> grade counselor:** Malaika Easton
- **7<sup>th</sup> grade admin:** Susan Bakus
- **8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor:** Rolanda McKyer
- **8<sup>th</sup> grade admin:** Tyesha Beller
- **Associate Principal:** Susan Chacko
- **Campus Principal:** Cory Collins



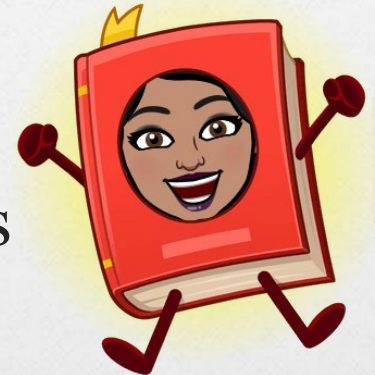
# YOUR 6TH GRADER & THE LIBRARY



# Physical Books

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- Your child will visit the library with their ELA class
- Students may check up to 3 physical books at a time
- Their books are due back in 2 weeks



# E-books on Sora – No fines, no forgetting

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- FBISD has access to e-books and audiobooks on Sora
- Log in through 1Link
- Digitally check out up to 3 books at a time





# **GARCIA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **2025-2026**

### **PTO BOARD**



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# PURCHASE SPIRIT WEAR TODAY!



ATHLETIC GRAY HOODIE  
WITH NAVY BLUE DISTRESSED INK FRONT

**\$30**



100% POLYESTER  
YOUTH LARGE - ADULT 3XL  
**\$20**



100% cotton  
YOUTH LARGE - ADULT 3XL  
**\$15**

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**SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> : DEADLINE TO ORDER**  
**SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> : FIRST SPIRITWEAR DAY**

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# JOIN THE MGMS PTO TODAY!



**\$10/FAMILY  
\$10/STAFF**