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**MOUNTAIN**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Preparing Students for High School Success*

## **FAMILY HANDBOOK**

This handbook has been prepared to help you get acquainted with the traditions and expectations at the “Mountain”. Please read this handbook carefully and share the information with your parents. If you use the information that is provided as a guide and take part in all that the “Mountain” has to offer, you should have a very successful and rewarding middle school experience. Please do not hesitate to seek help from any teacher, counselor, or principal. Our reason for being here is to help you be successful!

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## **MISSION**

One Team. One Goal. Student Success.

## **VISION**

Prepare Students for High School Success

## **CORE VALUES**

Empowering students to CLIMB: to be Committed, to Lead, to possess Integrity, to be Mindful, and to be Balanced in all their endeavors.

## **HISTORY**

Pine Mountain Middle School was named for the Civil War battle northwest of the school on the nearby mountain slope. The mountain was believed to be called "pine" because of the stand of pine trees there. Pine Mountain, the highest point between Lost and Kennesaw Mountains was fortified by the Confederates and was used as an outpost of the main Confederate line. General Joseph Johnston led the Confederate troops and hoped to slow the advance of General William Tecumseh Sherman as he neared Atlanta. The Battle of Pine Mountain took place between June 10 and June 14, 1864. General Leonidas Polk had joined General Johnston's troops. While observing the advance of the Union troops from the top of Pine Mountain, General Polk was killed by Union artillery fire on June 14, 1864.

Pine Mountain was one of the few areas used by both the Confederate and Union armies. The Confederate army used the mountain as a fortification. The Union army used the mountain as an observatory during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

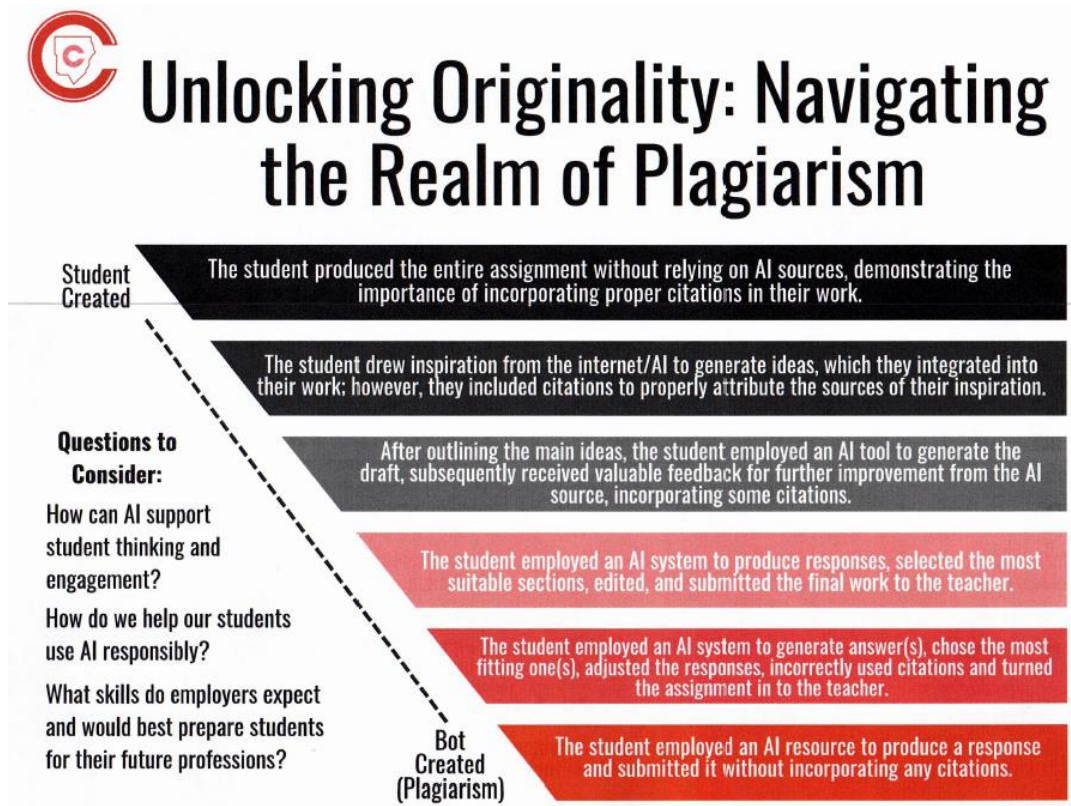
Pine Mountain Middle School opened its doors in 1979 to serve the growing population of northwest Cobb County. The school is located on the site of the Civil War Battle for Pine Mountain.

## ACADEMIC/EXPLORATORY GRADING SCALE

A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	74 - 79
D	70 - 73
F	0 - 69
I	INCOMPLETE

## ACADEMIC HONESTY

Supporting our school's core value of integrity, students should not engage in academic dishonesty such as cheating, fabrications, making false statements, and plagiarism.



## ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The CCSD standardized assessment program includes both norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests such as the Iowa Assessment (Iowa) and the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment. Seventh-grade students will take the Iowa and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). All grades take the GA Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment toward the end of the year.

Several assessment/screening programs are also conducted throughout the school year. Primary screenings include vision, auditory, speech, and scoliosis screenings.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Student daily attendance is imperative. When a student is absent, a written note or email, including the student's first and last name, stating the reason for the absence, and signed by the parent is required and should be given to the front office. Attendance emails should be sent to [pinemountainmssupport@cobbk12.org](mailto:pinemountainmssupport@cobbk12.org). Notes must be turned in within 3 days after the student is absent. Students missing 5 or more days will receive a letter from the principal and students missing 7 or more days may be referred to the school social worker.

## **BASE CAMP**

Our school store is called Base Camp. Students may purchase items from Base Camp with a CLIMB Card. CLIMB Cards cost \$10.00 and may be purchased from the school bookkeeper, or families may purchase them online through MyPaymentsPlus. If a CLIMB Card is purchased online, students can pick up the physical CLIMB Card from the school bookkeeper.

## **BEHAVIOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Pine Mountain recognizes and acknowledges students who meet our school-wide and classroom expectations. Students will be selected quarterly who have demonstrated the five core values of our school represented in the acronym CLIMB: commitment, leadership, integrity, mindfulness, and balance. These students will be acknowledged on the Mighty Mustang recognition wall.

Students' behavior on school buses is considered an extension of the classroom. Students are expected to follow all bus rules.

## **BUS CHANGE**

Students will not be able to ride a bus that is not their own.

## **BUS CONDUCT**

We aim to provide each student eligible to ride the bus with the most safe and sufficient transportation to our school. We believe that students are citizens of Cobb County and have a right to a secure and comfortable trip to and from school.

Along with these rights are also responsibilities. Safety rules and regulations have been developed to ensure that all students eligible to ride the bus are aware of their rights. PMMS supports the CCSD – Safe Rider Program. Students are provided a copy of the Safe Rider Rules. It is the student's responsibility to follow these rules. We encourage our parents to instill the rules of conduct to bring about an atmosphere of respect and safety for one another. *When rules are broken, the privilege of riding the bus may be removed.*

## **BUYING AND SELLING**

Students are not allowed to buy or sell items from each other at school. That includes, but is not limited to candy, gum, games, and fundraisers not supported by the school.

## **CELL PHONES/ELECTRONICS**

Cell phones/electronic devices should always be kept in a student's locker. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

## **CLIMB BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

Our CLIMB behavior system follows the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) framework and is an important part of our educational program. Our school-wide expectations are built around our school's core values.

The following are general school-wide processes and procedures:

1. Because of the keyless entry system, students may not enter the school building in the morning until 8:30 a.m. unless participating in a school-sponsored activity. Students arriving between 8:30 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. will participate in a study hall inside the cafeteria unless they have a pass from a teacher permitting them to be elsewhere in the building.
2. To promote everyone's safety, students are to walk in all instructional areas and hallways on the right side of the hall.
3. Good citizenship requires honesty in written and verbal communication and school assignments.
4. Food should not be eaten outside the cafeteria or designated area unless instructed by a staff member.
5. Only bottles with water will be allowed in class. All bottles must have spill-proof, non-squirt lids.
6. All Cobb County Board Administrative Rules and Student Code of Conduct will be upheld at Pine Mountain. This information can be found on the Cobb County website at the following link.  
[http://www.cobbk12.org/generalinfo/FamilyInformationGuide/FamilyInformationGuide2020\\_2021.pdf](http://www.cobbk12.org/generalinfo/FamilyInformationGuide/FamilyInformationGuide2020_2021.pdf)
7. Book bags must be kept in assigned student lockers unless a teacher specifically informs otherwise.

## **COBB SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (RTI)**

The Cobb Systems of Support (CSS) comprises faculty members who work with students with academic and/or behavioral areas to address. The purpose of CSS is to review and consider all available information about the student. In addition, the CSS team recommends additional educational strategies and plans to assist the student further. Parents are allowed to be an active member of a problem-solving team for their child.

## **COUNSELING**

Middle school counselors assist students, teachers, and parents with developmental issues common to children in the "tween" years.

Students may meet with a counselor in individual or group counseling sessions. Classroom guidance is typically provided to all students in career/life development and academic achievement.

Counselors may also assist during parent conferences. In addition, counselors maintain and interpret permanent record information. The transition activities between elementary/middle/high schools are also coordinated through the guidance office.

Parents who do not wish their child to participate in counseling group activities should notify the counseling office.

## **CONDUCT GRADE SYSTEM**

The student's conduct grade is determined by his/her behavior. The following standards for determining grades are used school-wide. Each teacher incorporates these standards into their behavior management plans, which are shared with all students at the beginning of the school year. Students must have all satisfactory conduct grades to be recognized for the Honor Roll. Students earn a new conduct grade every nine weeks.

Satisfactory: Conduct that follows classroom and school rules and does not interfere with the learning of others.

Needs Improvement: Conduct that frequently causes class disruptions and/or does not always conform to classroom and school rules.

Unsatisfactory: Conduct that consistently causes a class disruption that interferes with the learning of others and which often does not conform to classroom and school rules.

## **CONFERENCES**

Parents are invited to be an active part of their school. One of the best ways to stay informed about your child's progress is through a parent/teacher conference. Conferences will enlighten you about your child's progress and help keep all lines of communication open. Enrolling adults who desire additional conferences during the year should contact their child's guidance counselor at 678-594-8252 to arrange a conference.

## **CURRICULUM**

The curriculum is differentiated through Advanced Content, Special Education, English Speakers of Other Languages, and General Education courses.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Overview – Language Arts, Mathematics, Earth Science, Social Studies, Reading/Writing

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Overview – Language Arts, Mathematics, Life Science, Social Studies, Reading/Writing

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Overview – Language Arts, Mathematics, Physical Science, HS Physical Science, Algebra I, Algebra I/Geometry, Georgia Studies, Reading/Writing

Through Connections, students can take specific technology courses per grade level, World Language, High School World Language\*, Art, PE/Health, Piano and Music Appreciation, Band\*, Orchestra\*, and Chorus\*.

\*Yearlong courses

## DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

For safety, car riders should be picked up directly in front of the school and should not be expected to walk through the parking lot or be picked up on the sidewalk in front of the school. Unlike elementary schools, the front office does not monitor car riders or walkers. The last checkout of the day is promptly at 3:45 pm. **The enrolling family member must make transportation changes no later than 3:45 pm.**

## DRESS CODE

The Cobb County School District recognizes that the dress and grooming of students, individually and collectively, are significant factors in the successful operations of our educational program. One of the educational responsibilities of the school is to help make students aware that appropriate appearances and hygiene are conducive to the well-being of themselves and others.

Each student will be expected to maintain a standard of dress and grooming consistent with the level of formality of the school situation. We seek the assistance of parents in monitoring their child(ren)'s clothing to ensure that it is appropriate for the classroom.

Clothing that is distracting, disruptive, or creates an unsafe situation may not be worn to school. If a child is not appropriately dressed, a parent may be contacted. The dress code applies to all school functions. These minimum standards should help define appropriate school dress:

- Clothing must be modest and not revealing or provocative. Tank tops and halters are not permitted. However, tank tops may be worn under a jacket or sweater. Cleavage must not show.
- Clothing must be worn as it was intended - overalls secured over both shoulders, pants with both legs down etc.
- Clothing must not reveal underwear. Clothing must not be see-through or reveal the midriff or buttocks.
- No sagging pants: all pants will be worn at the waist.
- No pajama pants or house slippers.
- Bike shorts (like spandex type of shorts) can be worn if the buttocks are covered.
- No hats, stocking caps, do-rags, bandanas, sweat headbands, forehead bands, hoods, etc., can be worn inside the building.
- Students may not wear clothing that displays or advertises obscene slogans or signs, profanity, gang symbols, gang-related materials, or any substance illegal for minors, such as beer, tobacco, etc.
- Clothing or ornamentation advocating, promoting, or suggesting illegal activity is prohibited.
- *Rule of "thumb"*: Look in the mirror just before leaving your home. If you doubt what you are wearing, you should consider wearing something else. *Don't forget*: Clothing must be modest and not revealing or provocative.

*The preceding dress code list is not inclusive.* We reserve the right to determine whether clothing is appropriate for school. The principal or his/her designee shall be the final judge on the apparel's appropriateness, neatness, and cleanliness and whether it is disruptive or violates the dress code.

*Enforcement Guidelines Dress Code Violations:*

- First Offense –Administrative Conference and parents contacted to bring appropriate clothing. Students violating the school dress code will be separated from others while awaiting appropriate clothing for the day.
- Subsequent Offenses – Administrative Referral and parents contacted to bring appropriate clothing. Students violating the school dress code will be separated from other students while awaiting appropriate clothing to change into for the day.

Parents may be contacted to bring appropriate clothing. If a student cannot correct the offensive/inappropriate dress, he/she will be assigned to ISS for the remainder of the school day. Shirts with inappropriate language or graphics will be turned inside out, and the dress code violation will be administered as stated.

*It is not acceptable for students to argue with teachers or administrators.* Students will be referred for defiance/insubordination if they argue or behave in an otherwise disruptive manner when the dress code is enforced.

## **DRIVER'S PERMITS**

State Law stresses the importance of school attendance and behavior. The school system is required by law to report non-compliant students to the Department of Education. The Department of Education will notify the Department of Driver Services (DDS).

A parent 's/ guardian's permission for the student to withdraw from school will no longer be an acceptable reason to rescind the suspension of the permit or license

Detailed Information may be found in Georgia Code Section 40-5-22, the Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA).

## **EARLY CHECKOUT**

Your student will be called to the front office upon your arrival. Parents/guardians will sign out their students at the front office. If someone other than the enrolling guardian is to check the student out, this person must be listed by the enrolling adult on enrollment forms. The enrolling adult may update the names of individuals allowed to check out students using the ParentVUE system. Anyone checking out a student must provide a picture ID. Students must remain in school until 12:45 to be counted present for the day. No students will be allowed to check out after 3:45 pm.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Virtual and/or physical field trips to enrich our curriculum will be planned throughout the school year. Families will be informed of the event, the cost per student, and the planned trip date. All checks are to be made payable to Pine Mountain Middle School.

The full participation of students in all classroom activities is provided, and no student is ever denied these opportunities because of the inability of his/her parents/guardians to donate financially to support those activities. Our field trips are funded through parent/guardian donations, which are requested and collected to enable every student to participate. All school rules apply on field trips;



students are expected to behave appropriately. Payments made for field trips are not refundable unless the planned trip is canceled.

## **FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES**

Our school café offers several choices within each food group to provide variety and encourage eating a balanced meal. Our menu features 4 entrée choices, 4 fruit/vegetable side dishes, bread, and dessert, along with milk or calcium-fortified fruit drink. Our menus are developed by our Food and Nutrition Services staff of Registered Dietitians to satisfy Federal School Lunch Program requirements while also meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

In addition to the traditional lunch, we offer bottled water, non-carbonated fruit drinks, and chips for purchase in the café. Students are encouraged to prepay lunches for the week, month, quarter, or year. Payments can be made at the time students pick up their lunch. Students are required to use their 6-digit Cobb County Student Identification number for all purchases made in the café. Your child can ask the cashier how much they have on their account.

Mypaymentsplus provides easy access to the child's account balance and payment history. You can even be notified by email when the account balance is low. Parents do not have to make prepayments to utilize these features; they simply must register with Mypaymentsplus.com

Free and reduced lunches will be provided for those families who qualify and complete the proper Federal application form. The applications are given to each student at the beginning of the school year. All applications are confidential. Additional applications may be obtained either through the café manager or our front office.

We aim to have the best lunch possible for our students at a reasonable cost. School lunches are a bargain compared to a home-packed lunch of equal nutritional value. For information on our weekly menu and the current lunch prices please refer to the County Food and Nutrition Services web site: <http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/foodservices/>. Meal prices can be found on the CCSD website.

A nourishing lunch significantly affects a child's readiness to learn. We thank you for supporting our school café. **Food delivery services such as UberEats are not permitted on our campus. In addition, students are not allowed to have quests at lunch.**

## **GRADE REPORTING SYSTEM**

PMMS breaks the school year into four, nine-week grading periods. Report cards are issued electronically at the end of each quarter. Progress reports are available between report cards. ParentVUE allows parents/guardians and students to access grades and attendance 24/7. Weekly updated grades will be available each Thursday. As a result, progress reports and report cards are not printed and distributed to families. A hard copy of the final report card will be available for pick up by the enrolling parent at the end of the school year.

## **HEALTH**

Health Education in Cobb County is designed to provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to make decisions, become advocates of healthy living, and choose healthy behaviors for life. Human Growth and Development is part of the health curricula, and an alternate unit will also be offered if parent consent is not given for this unit.

## **HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR ADVANCED MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES**

Our curricular program offers Four high school courses: Spanish, Physical Science, Coordinate Algebra, and Visual Arts.

[Administrative Rule IHF-R:](#)

(a) Upon completing high school courses taken at the middle school level with a final grade average of 70 or above, a student will receive a "P" for Pass on his/her high school transcript.

(b) Courses awarded "P" for "Pass" will count toward graduation but will not be calculated into the student's Grade Point Average (GPA).

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

Homework may be given to reinforce class work or as an extension of class assignments.

Homework may also be appropriate for enabling absentees to catch up, for assisting those who have fallen behind, for preparation of the next day's assignment, for preparation of tests, or for enrichment purposes.

Homework policies may vary between departments. Refer to the syllabus provided by your child's teacher for specific homework policies.

## **HONOR ROLLS**

The Principal's Honor Roll comprises students who earn all A's in class work. The Honor Roll comprises students who earn all A's and B's. Don't forget, everything counts. Connections grades are included in Honor Roll eligibility along with satisfactory conduct in all classes. Grades are determined by the grading scale set by the CCSD.

The Wall of Honor is recognition for eighth-grade students who have completed their entire Middle School careers with all A's on every report card.

## **INTERNET USE**

We intend to provide an internet environment that is safe and appropriate; however, students must presume personal responsibility for the acceptable use of this resource. All Cobb County School District Network/Internet service users must maintain strict compliance with all applicable ethical and legal rules and regulations. Cobb County Board of Education Policy IJNDB will be strictly enforced.

## **INTERRUPTION OF CLASS**

Out of respect for classroom instruction time, students are called out of class only for emergencies as deemed by the school administration. Also, please remember that students will not be called out of class in advance for checkout or to receive deliveries and messages. Cell phones and electronic devices will also not be allowed in classes to reduce the distractions caused by sending/receiving texts, alert notifications, calls, etc.

## **INTRAMURALS**

The Intramural Program is an extension of the Physical Education program. It provides additional time for not only competitive games and sports, but also for individual practice and instruction. Intramural activities are varied in order to provide as many experiences as possible. Because intramurals are an extension of the Physical Education program, students must exhibit good behavior to participate. Intramurals begin at 8:15 a.m. and are held Monday through Thursday.

Intramurals do not begin on the first day of school; students will be informed of the beginning date for the program.

### **IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)**

ISS is where a student attends school but is isolated from other students. Work is assigned to the student and credit is given for all work completed while in isolation. Refusal to attend an assigned In-School Suspension or removal from In-School Suspension will result in an Out-of-School Suspension. A student cannot attend a CCSD event or PMMS related function on the day of an assigned ISS.

### **LOCKERS**

Students will be able to use lockers. Specific locker access times will be provided. Students must use school-issued combination locks. Lockers are school property. Students should not share a locker nor share the combination to their locker. Cell phones and electronic devices should be kept in a student's assigned locker, with backpacks, lunch boxes, etc.

### **LOSS OF PRIVILEGE SYSTEM**

Students can participate in many events and activities throughout the year. We will call those "privileges" which means when students receive a minor discipline infraction, one of the consequences we will implement is "LOP" (loss of privilege). The LOP consequence will be in lieu of a suspension for the first offense for a minor infraction. Repeat offenses will eventually result in suspensions. With any consequence we give, our goal is to change student behavior, and we hope that students will want to participate in these privileges. Therefore, they will make the right choices and decisions that will allow them to participate. Examples of events that will qualify as LOP are, but are not limited to, 8th-grade dance, CLIMB Behavior celebrations, school dances, school Olympics, and other school-related events.

### **LOST/DAMAGED TEXTBOOKS**

Teachers will communicate online textbook access at the beginning of the school year. Textbooks are available for students to use in classrooms and are available online. Should a textbook be lost or damaged, fines will be assessed.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

A lost and found area is maintained at the school. All items unclaimed by the end of each nine weeks are donated to charity.

### **MAKE-UP WORK**

If a student is absent, he/she should check CTLS for missing assignments and email his/her teachers if there are questions.

Assignments should be made up within the same number of days as the student was absent unless exceptional circumstances exist. It is the student's responsibility to complete and turn in work missed. Please refer to the syllabus your child's teachers provided for specific make-up work policies.

## **MEDIA CENTER**

The mission of the Pine Mountain Media Center is to provide a quality media program that supports the needs of the academic program at Pine Mountain Middle School. The Media Center is the hub for information and technology services for the students and staff at Pine Mountain. We provide various resources including books, magazines, networked computers, and audiovisual materials for patrons. In addition, Cobb County students have access to several Internet resources available at school and home.

The Media Center is open daily from 8:55 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Students are welcome to visit the Media Center at any time during the regular operating hours with a signed pass from the classroom teacher. Students may check out books for three weeks, with the option of renewing once. No fines are charged if a book is not returned on time, but we require overdue materials before allowing additional checkouts. If a book is lost or damaged, we must charge the cost of replacing a "library-bound" copy.

We are dedicated to providing an open and positive source of enrichment and pleasure during your education here. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you need any assistance on projects or assignments.

## **MEDICATION**

An adult must bring all prescription and non-prescription medication in the original container. All medication taken at school requires a medical form signed by a parent or guardian. Medical forms may be obtained from the school office or [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org). *Under no circumstances will medication be furnished by school personnel.* For questions regarding medication, please get in touch with the school nurse at 678-594-8252 ext. 1602.

## **ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Student clubs and organizations are recognized as excellent learning opportunities. All activities shall be limited to those of clubs and organizations sponsored and recognized by the school. Club and organization information will be available on the Pine Mountain website.

## **OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (OSS)**

OSS is where a student cannot be on school property or attend any school sponsored function. A parent conference may be requested before the student is readmitted to school.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

The Physical Education program addresses students' physical, mental, and emotional needs through activities designed to develop physical skills and coordination, increase fitness levels, and build knowledge of various team and individual sports.

A parent may request that his/her child be excused from participation on a particular day due to an illness or injury. A doctor's notice is required if the student must be excused for over five days.

## **PROMOTION POLICY**

For students in grades 6-8, Cobb County School District's promotion and retention policy indicates that to earn promotion to the next grade level, the student must meet all the following criteria:

- (1) Pass math, English/language arts and one additional core subject for the year or demonstrate minimum proficiency on the appropriate state-adopted assessment in math, English/language arts and one additional core subject.
- (2) Earn a combined overall passing average for all scheduled courses for the year; and
- (3) Demonstrate an appropriate level of reading comprehension as measured by Lexile score.

## **PTSA**

Our school's activities and programs could not exist without the PTSA volunteers. Being a member of this organization provides you a way to stay informed about school events, offers a variety of programs designed for parents and students, and provides parental support through sharing ideas, concerns, and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. Plan to join and volunteer for this valuable organization as soon as possible.

## **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

If you have doubts about whether the school is open due to inclement weather, please listen to your local television or radio station or check the district's website.

## **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Recognizing the great work of our students is important to us. With input from our students, staff, and PTSA, our school has created the following student recognition opportunities.

### ***Student of the Week***

Each week, the staff will select two students per grade as the student of the week based on his/her demonstration of our school's core values of commitment, leadership, integrity, mindfulness, and balance.

### ***CLIMB Points***

All faculty and staff members are encouraged to give CLIMB points out to students who they witness demonstrating our CLIMB core expectations.

### ***Mighty Mustangs***

The "Mighty Mustang" wall signing event occurs every nine weeks. By focusing on the five core values of our school (commitment, leadership, integrity, mindfulness, and balance), teachers are allowed to recognize students for one of the five core values. Parents are invited, and students are given refreshments, a certificate, and the opportunity to sign their name on a "Mighty Mustang."

### ***CLIMB Cards***

Each month, every teacher will select 2 students to send a notecard. These cards will be mailed by the school to the student's home addresses. Grade-level chairs will be responsible for ensuring cards are collected and mailed.

### ***Honor Roll Ceremony***

The honor roll ceremony recognizes students with all A's and B's for each quarter. The Honor Roll ceremony will occur during the CLIMB period following the posting of grades to ParentVue. Students will receive an Honor Roll certificate and a celebration. Student names are shared on the "Honor Roll" celebration wall.

### ***Principal's Honor Roll***

The Principal's Honor Roll recognizes students with all A's for each quarter. The Honor Roll ceremony will occur during the CLIMB period following the posting of grades to ParentVue. Students will receive an Honor Roll certificate as well as a celebration. Student names are shared on the "Honor Roll" celebration wall.

### ***Wall of Honor Ceremony***

8th-grade students earning all A's for each quarter during their entire 3-year middle school career will be recognized by having the opportunity to leave their handprint on the Wall of Honor. Regardless of where a student attended school during their middle school years (6,7,8), as long as all A's have been earned, they will be honored for making all A's on our Wall of Honor.

### ***End-of-the-Year Award Ceremonies***

At the end of the year, we will host an awards ceremony for each grade level. A list of the awards can be found on the school website.

### **Eighth Grade CLIMB Awards**

The CLIMB Awards are awarded to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students based on votes by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student body at the end of the year. These are the following categories:

- **Fresh Off the Shelf**- This award is for a rising freshman who shows great promise to be a rising leader at their perspective high school.
- **UpGRADed**- This award goes to a PMMS eighth grader who mentors and guides peers as they actively work to better our school.
- **The "C-Mix Award"**- This award goes to an artist whose creativity knows no bounds! They actively strive to make groundbreaking innovations with their crafts.
- **Classic Young Lady**- This award goes to a young lady who carries herself with class and is involved inside and out of school. She excels academically and actively strives to create a positive student environment.
- **Classic Young Man**- This award goes to a young man who carries himself with class and is involved inside and out of school. He excels academically and actively strives to create a positive student environment.
- **Hidden Gem**- This award goes to a student or staff member who has worked behind the scenes and has not received the recognition they deserve.
- **Faculty/Staff Award**- This award goes to a teacher or staff member in our building who fully supports PMMS students! The recipient of this award will serve on the Principal's Advisory Council.
- **Ultimate C.L.I.M.B Award**- This award goes to a student who consistently displays our 5 Core Values of Commitment, Leadership, Integrity, Mindfulness, and Balance.

## **TARDINESS**

Students are expected to be in class on time. All students tardy to first period must report to the main office for a tardy pass. All students who are tardy to class will be recorded by the teacher.

### **Tardy Policy for Each Nine-Week Grading Period Per Each Class**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tardy – Teacher communicates tardy with family, student informed of consequence for

3<sup>rd</sup> Tardy

3<sup>rd</sup> Tardy - Loss of Privilege for Fresh Air Friday, Teacher communicates tardy with family, Student Informed of consequence 4<sup>th</sup> tardy

4<sup>th</sup> Tardy –Office Referral, Teacher communicates tardy with family, administrative conference

5<sup>th</sup> Tardy – Office Referral, Teacher communicates tardy with family, ISS

### **TELEPHONE CALLS**

Students will be allowed to use the telephone in the front office for emergency purposes only. Students cannot use their devices to accept or make texts, calls, or notifications once inside the school building. This is important to prevent disrupting classroom instructional time and ensure students' safety. If a parent needs to contact a student (emergency only), the parent can call and leave a message, and the front office will relay it to the student.

### **VISITING**

Students are not allowed to have visitors during school.

High school students will not be able to come to campus to visit former teachers during the school day or as determined by the principal.