

Middle School 101 For Parents

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

2024-25

Providing before and after school care for
students in 6th - 8th Grade

**Morning Only Program at
Garcia Middle School**

\$125/month

All programs require a non-refundable \$50 registration fee

**Students are able to check themselves in
(with parent permission)**

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To register, go to
fortbendisd.reg.eleyo.com



AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

- **Dismissal is at 4:10 pm. If students do not ride a bus, they must leave campus grounds promptly when dismissed. There is no supervision for students after 4:20 pm.**
- **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.**

*****Rainy days: have a packable parka and/or small umbrella.**

CAFETERIA



Students may bring cash or parents may deposit money to lunch account via online system.

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/fbisd>



Breakfast served from 8:20 – 8:45



Lunch times – see Bell Schedule



Free/Reduced lunch applications **MUST be completed **ONLINE** and renewed each year at: <https://www.schoolcafe.com/fbisd>**

Parent lunch with students

- 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



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 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.

Nurse

- Nurse: Mr. Arnett & Mrs. Rose
- 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.

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?

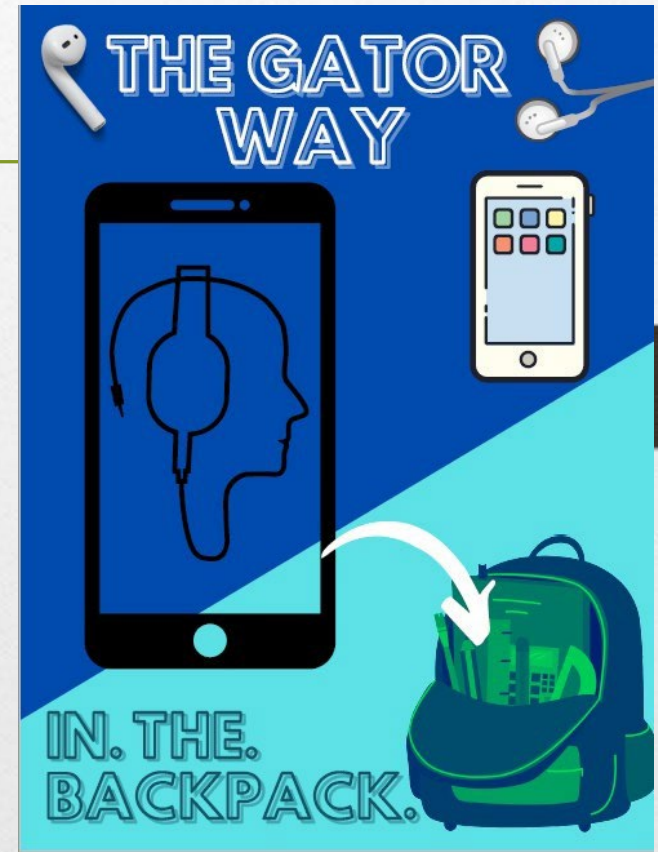
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During class WITHOUT teacher permission?

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Transitioning to classes?

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EquippED – Fort Bend ISD 1:1 Program



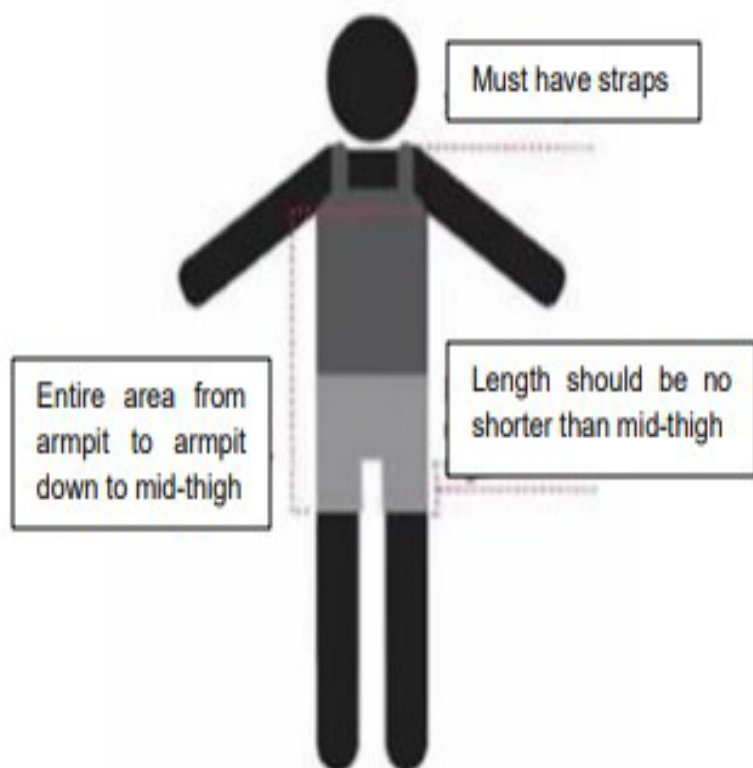
- All students will be assigned their own laptop computer.
- They are responsible for bringing it to school daily. Computers may NOT be left at school.
- There will be 4 Inventory Checks each year.(Fall Back to School, End of First Semester, STAAR Readiness, End of Year)
- Students will keep their same computer until the end of their 8th grade year. *With the exception of the 1st two years of the program*, they will be given a new laptop at the end of their 8th grade year. They will keep this laptop until the end of their 12th grade year. This will allow them to have computer access throughout each summer.



Computer Distribution:

- Laptops will be distributed to each student during the school day, through their ELA class between **August 12th – August 23rd**.
- Parents must complete the online verification process in Skyward. Go to the “**Lending Library Parent Agreement**”. **Deadline is August 3rd**.
- Decide whether you want to purchase the optional insurance and follow the prompts to make the payment.
- Be sure to click the “**Submit Enrollment Verification**” button so we receive all forms.
- Students will not receive their computer until ALL forms are completed.

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.

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

- Visit GMS website
- Click the RevTrack icon:
- Select PE Uniforms
- Uniforms delivered to students after the 1st 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.

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
- **Schoology**
- **Follow us on Twitter:** @GarciaMS_Gators

Gator Camp

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”

Campus Contacts

- **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

Campus contacts continued

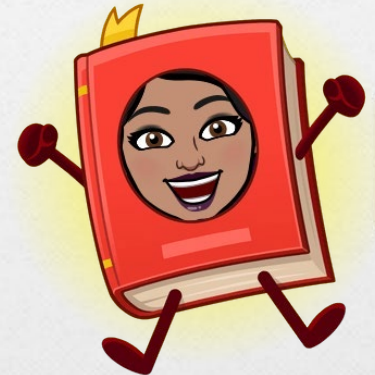
- **6th grade counselor:** Malaika Easton
- **6th grade admin:** Nadia Riggs
- **7th grade counselor:** Rolanda McKyer
- **7th grade admin:** Danielle Krantz
- **8th grade counselor:** Regina Titus
- **8th grade admin:** Carla Sweeney
- **Campus Principal:** Dr. Cory Collins



YOUR 6TH GRADER & THE LIBRARY

Physical Books

- 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

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



Before and After School

- Open 8:20 a.m. – 4:20 p.m.
- Each morning, we will have a different focus activity
- Your child is allowed to study, read, use makerspace materials, or participate in the morning activity



Scholastic Book Fair

- August 30 – Sept 6
- Preview books with ELA classes
- Open during Open House
- Cashless e-wallet option available



Volunteers

1. Apply on the FBISD website
2. Fill out the Microsoft Form for GMS

GMS Library Volunteers Form



GMS PTO

President - Adrienne Baldwin

Vice President – Ankit Shah

Treasurer - Bernadette Nwaozo

Co-Treasurer - Neelima Potta

Secretary – Hadeel Azzam

Volunteer Coordinator - Michelle Atanu

Media Coordinator – Sharon Sassen

Fundraising Coordinators – Hajra Siddiqui & Tina Patty

Hospitality Coordinator – Jennifer Davis, Danya Jabr, & Amreen Patel

Campus Programs Coordinator – Avion Sylvester & Sabina Awoyode

Membership & Spirit Wear Coordinator - Jennifer Segee

Get involved!

- **Membership**
- **Spirit Gear**
- **Committees**