

# **Middle School 101 For Parents**

**Rule #1**

**DON'T PANIC! 😊**

# Introductions

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# Comings and Goings

- o Garcia Middle School doors open at 8:20 am.
- o There is no supervision for students who are dropped off prior to 8:20 am.
- o Dismissal is at 4:10 pm. There is no supervision for students after dismissal duty (4:30).
- o All FBISD students must wear their issued student ID at all times.



# Club Excel

The Extended Learning Department will offer a morning program at Garcia Middle School in 2021-2022!

## **Hours**

7:00 a.m. until doors open for all students

## **Tuition & Fee Information**

- Tuition - \$100/month
- Registration fee - \$50 per student

## **Registration Information**

Registration is available online through EZChildTrack on the Extended Learning website:

**[www.ezchildtrack.com/fbisdeld/parent](http://www.ezchildtrack.com/fbisdeld/parent)**.

# CAFETERIA

- o Breakfast and lunch will be provided for free
- o Students may bring cash or parents may deposit money to lunch account via online system.
  - o Go to [www.fortbendisd.com/meals](http://www.fortbendisd.com/meals), and click “Online Meal Payments.”
  - o Cash or account credit is required for A la carte, snacks or a second tray
- o Parents are still encouraged to complete the Free/Reduced lunch applications ONLINE at [www.fortbendisd.com/meals](http://www.fortbendisd.com/meals).

# Emergency Information

o 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.

Contact the registrar if you need to make any changes  
[Sandra.Leos@fortbendisd.com](mailto:Sandra.Leos@fortbendisd.com)

# ATTENDANCE

- o Refer to *District Attendance Policy*.
- o Absence notes must be turned in to the **Attendance Office** (not to a teacher) within 5 days.
  - o Or emailed to [attendancegms@fortbendis.com](mailto:attendancegms@fortbendis.com)
- o Students will only be released to authorized adults.
- o Please allow sufficient time when picking up for appointments.
- o Students will not be released after 3:30 pm.

# No Deliveries

- o We will not accept food deliveries on behalf of your child (i.e. door dash, pizza, uber eats, etc.)
- o Food cannot be shared at the middle school level. If you bring food to eat with your child, you may only bring enough for your child.



# **NO Unauthorized Cell Phone Use**

*Teachers may authorize the use of personal electronic devices in class for educational purposes...any other use is subject to confiscation.*

*o Cell phones violations will result in confiscation and appropriate disciplinary actions. (Phones will be returned at the end of the school day for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.) 3<sup>rd</sup> Violation will result in a \$15 Fee and parent notification. Fees must be paid in cash & failure to pay fees will result in revocation of school activities. (i.e. dances, special events).*



What CAN be used...	What IS allowed?	What IS NOT allowed?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tablet</li> <li>• Laptop</li> <li>• Netbook</li> <li>• Kindle</li> <li>• Nook</li> <li>• IPad</li> <li>• PC</li> <li>• Music Device</li> </ul>	<p>Digital devices ARE allowed with permission from a staff member...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For instructional purposes.</li> <li>• As an earned incentive in common areas (i.e. lunch) with earbuds or headphones.</li> </ul> <p>If we can hear your device, it is TOO LOUD!</p> <p><b>Students should have earphones for their device.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping device on your person. Cell phones must be on silent and in your backpack/purse.</li> <li>• Device usage in the halls.</li> <li>• Wearing earbuds/headphones in the hallway or common areas.</li> <li>• Accessing social media.</li> <li>• Texting-friends/family (parents may be called from the office or Clinic ONLY)</li> <li>• Recording students or staff without permission.</li> </ul>

# DRESS CODE

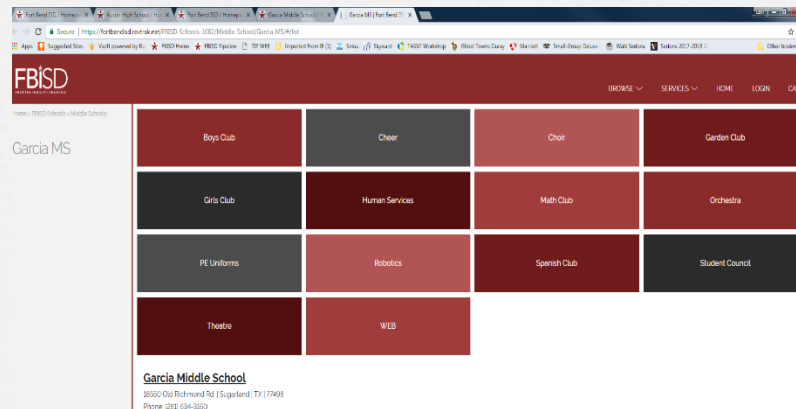
- o NO Sagging pants or excessively tight pants/leggings/jeggings
  - o If leggings are worn, they must be covered by a skirt/dress that is within dress code (<3" above knee)
- o NO halters, spaghetti straps, camisoles, tube tops, tank tops, bare midriffs, bare backs, or bare shoulders
- o NO ripped or torn clothing.
- o All skirts and shorts worn must be no more than three (3) inches above the knee.
- o NO bandanas, hats, and/or visors
- o NO house slippers or sleep attire
- o NO designs may be cut or shaved into the hair or eyebrows
- o NO severe, distracting, or unnatural hair colors or styles
- o NO attire deemed gang-related or inappropriate (as determined by administrative staff)
- o NO sleeveless shirts for boys

# DRESS CODE (cont'd)

- o **Consequence for Dress Code Violations:**
  - o Student given opportunity to phone home for a change of clothes.
  - o Campus will loan shirt/shorts so that instructional time is maximized.
  - o A referral is entered into Skyward.
  - o Repeated offenses may result in additional consequences.
  - o Student MAY NOT wear PE Uniform outside of gym class.
    - o *PE Uniforms will be sold during the first week of school for \$30 (\$15 each for shirt/shorts)*

# PE UNIFORMS

- Purchase PE Uniforms online beginning August 11th.
- Go to our campus website at [www.fortbendisd.com/gms](http://www.fortbendisd.com/gms)  
Look under *RevTrak Web Store* and select **PE Uniforms**
- Uniforms will be distributed during class the first week of school



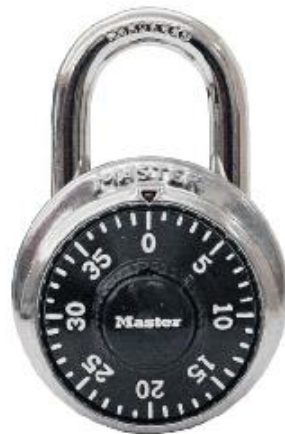
# LOCKERS

- o We will not be issuing academic lockers.
- o **Backpacks will be carried during the day**
- o Students will need to purchase a combination lock for use in PE
- o If students are in BAND, they will need a second combination lock for their BAND locker.

# LOCKERS

## HOW TO USE A MASTER LOCK COMBINATION LOCK

Step-by-Step Instructions!



To view a brief  
instructional video

[Click Here](#)

Note: Instructions in this tutorial apply to  
locks with the body design shown above

**Master**  
Lock.

# TARDIES

- o Tardies accumulate for all classes throughout the 9-week grading period.
- o Consequences begin at 4 tardies and students with tardies will receive disciplinary action including: lunch detention, morning detention, extended after school detention, Saturday Detention, and/or in school suspension.
- o Consequences will escalate if tardies persist.
- o Review your child's schedule and help him/her find the best route to/from classes.
  - o WEB Leaders will be helping with this...
  - o Encourage your child to plan a bathroom routine



# *“How can I stay informed?”*

## o Family Access through Skyward

- o Need Access??
  - o If you had access in elementary, the information rolls over.
  - o If you registered this summer, it was part of your registration.
- o What can I see in Family Access?
  - o Check grades, cafeteria balances, tardies, attendance
  - o Set notifications based on preferences
  - o Contact teachers via e-mail

## o Campus Website

- o [www.fortbendis.com/gms](http://www.fortbendis.com/gms)

## o Schoology

## o Follow us on Twitter

- o @GarciaMS\_Gators
- o @GarciaAthletics

*“How can I stay informed?”  
continued*

- o BlackBoard (auto email/phone call system)  
[www.fortbendisd.parentlink.net](http://www.fortbendisd.parentlink.net)
- o Facebook: *Garcia Middle School PTO*
- o Weekly SMORE newsletter

# Safety Protocols

- o Refer to the [Fort Bend ISD Website](#) for Updates on district Health and Safety Protocols

# First Day of SCHOOL...

- o Students only need a pen/pencil
- o Send a sack lunch the first week, if possible
- o Make sure your child knows his full address and phone number
- o If he/she is a bus rider, please have him/her ride the bus to and from school on the first day to help us establish routines & procedures
- o Be aware that bus routes will be running a little slower than usual on the first few days as drivers/students get used to new routes

# First Day continued

- o Arrival the first day:
  - o 6<sup>th</sup> graders will report to the BOY'S GYM and be assisted by **WEB Leaders** in finding their **1<sup>st</sup> Period** teacher's name and a seat in that teacher's section.
  - o 7<sup>th</sup> graders report to GIRL'S GYM
  - o 8<sup>th</sup> graders report to Commons
- o The campus is a NO PARENT zone 😊

# Car Riders

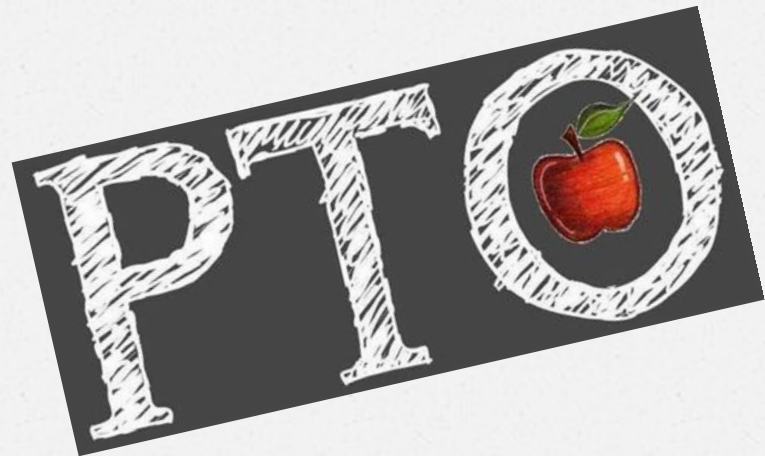
- o We will use a QR Code program to scan car rider tags for dismissal.
- o For the first few days, if you are picking up your child from school, print their first/last names neatly on a sheet of paper to post in your front window.
- o If your child is normally a bus rider, PLEASE have them ride the bus to and from school starting on the first day.

# GMS PTO

Please get involved!

<https://garciamsppto.membershiptoolkit.com/>

- o Membership
- o Spirit Gear
- o Committees



# Questions

(Post in the CHAT)

