

Middle School 101 For Parents

Rule #1

DON'T PANIC!



MORNING ARRIVAL

- Doors open at 8:20 am.
- There is no supervision for students who are dropped off prior to 8:20 am.
- 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.

CLUB EXCEL

2022-2023

Garcia Middle School

Morning Program: 7:00 AM-8:20 AM

\$110/Month

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

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

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CAFETERIA

- Students may bring cash or parents may deposit money to lunch account via online system.
 - Go to <https://www.schoolcafe.com/fbisd>,
- **Breakfast served from 8:20 – 8:45**
 - Breakfast - Students \$2.00
 - Reduced Price - \$.30
- **Lunch times – see Bell Schedule**
 - Lunch - Secondary \$3.00
 - Reduced Price - \$.40
- **Free/Reduced lunch applications MUST be completed ONLINE and renewed each year at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/fbisd> The online application opens on August 1st.**

Emergency Information

- 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.

Front Office notes

- No deliveries for students
 - Exceptions (glasses, hearing aids)
- Leave messages for teachers/staff so they may return your call
- Refer to Skyward Family Access for your child's schedule and teacher email
- Listen to messages and check email before calling the school saying you missed a call
- Lunches may not be delivered. Student can charge lunch to their account and account must be paid in timely manner

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?

IN THE BACKPACK

During class WITHOUT teacher permission?

IN THE BACKPACK

Transitioning to classes?

IN THE BACKPACK



DRESS CODE

Students must comply with the following dress and grooming standards:

Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests

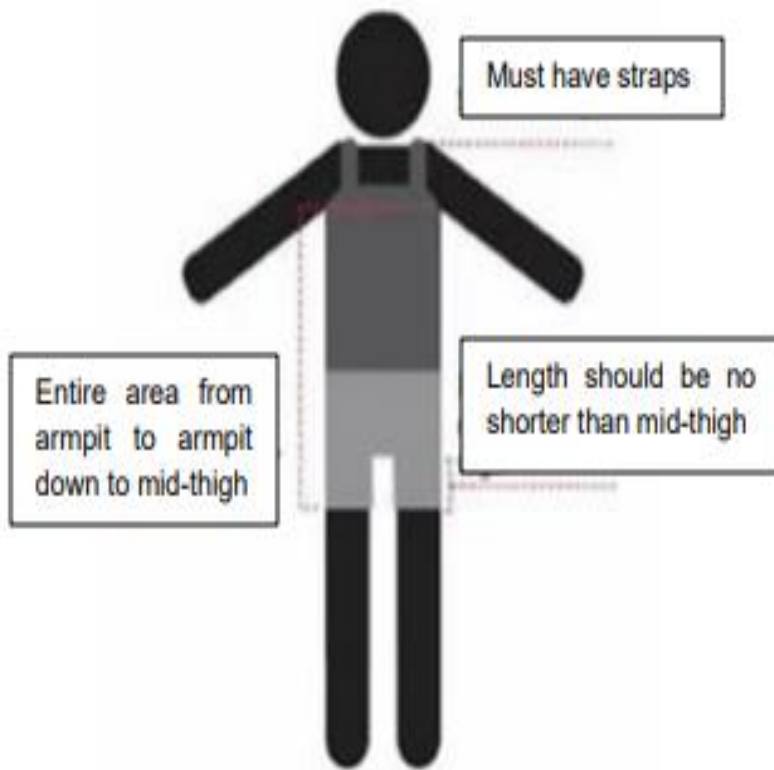
- Shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, sweaters, vests that expose undergarments and/or midriff are prohibited;
- Shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, sweaters, vests must not depict or reference alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, nudity, gang affiliation, death, violence, vulgar or obscene language or images, and/or 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

- 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.

PE Uniforms

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



LOCKERS

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- 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 (delayed)

- Students will be issued a picture ID that contains a *scholarship*.
- Students are required to wear the ID at all times
- The ID will be used to purchase lunch and check out library books
- Students may be assigned lunch detention if they forget/lose their ID
- Replacement IDs will cost \$5

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

First Day of SCHOOL...

- Students only need a pen/pencil
- Send a sack lunch the first week if possible
- Make sure your child knows his full address and phone number
- 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
- 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
- 6th graders will be directed to report to the gym and be assisted by **WEB Leaders** in finding their **1st Period** teacher's name and taking a seat in that teacher's section.
- The middle school campus is a NO PARENT zone 😊

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”

GMS PTO

Please get involved!

- Membership
- Spirit Gear
- Committees