

BUFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
2017-18 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When is BMS 101 – 6th Grade Orientation?

A: July 25th (9 am – 12 pm)

Q: When is Open House?

A: August 1st (4 – 7 pm)

Q: When is the first day of school?

A: August 3rd

Q: What are the school hours?

A: Supervision of students begins at 7:00 a.m. Students are released to class at 7:15 a.m. Students are counted tardy after 7:30 a.m. The dismissal process begins at 2:50.

Q: Are there locker and agenda fees?

A: Yes, students can pay for their lockers and agendas at Open House or at the beginning of the school year to homeroom teachers. The combined fees for both are \$20.00.

Q: Are students allowed to bring book bags?

A: Yes, students are allowed to bring a book bag, but it must be kept in their lockers during the school day. Rolling book bags are **NOT** allowed.

Q: Can students bring winter coats?

A: Coats in the winter are encouraged; however they will be kept in student's locker during the school day. We encourage students to have a sweat shirt for cooler rooms. Please refer to the dress code for acceptable sweatshirts.

Q: Are students allowed to bring cell phones?

A: Yes, students are allowed to bring cell phones to school. They may be used for instructional purposes **ONLY**. Devices should be turned off and placed in book bags before entering the school building. Devices should remain in the book bag for the entire day unless directed by a teacher for a specific period. If a phone is taken up due to non-instructional use, a parent must make arrangements to pick up the phone before or after school. Office hours are from 7:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Q: May I drop off items for my student?

A: Parents are discouraged from bringing items such as lunches or projects to school. Office personnel will not interrupt instructional time to deliver items to students.

Q: I need to leave a message for my student. Who do I call?

A: You may call the front office, however, please be aware that we do **NOT** call students from class to speak to a parent on the phone or give students messages; unless it is a dire emergency.

Q: How do I make transportation changes?

A: To make transportation changes, parents/guardians must come by the school in person or send a written note with a contact number included. Please ensure your child knows how he/she is getting home from school.

Q: What's the latest I can check my student out from school?

A: To avoid interruption and the loss of instructional time, checking out from school should be limited. If a parent wishes to check a child out before dismissal, the parent must come to the office to sign the student out. Anyone checking out a student must be named as a contact on the Student Information Sheet or in PowerSchool as well as provide picture identification. Please note: Students should not be checked out during the last 30 minutes of the school day.

Q: Who do I contact for scheduling a parent-teacher conference?

A: Please contact the teacher directly. You may email all employees using the same format (first.last@bufordcityschools.org)

Q: Where can I find a calendar?

A: We have a calendar on our school website homepage. If you already have a Gmail account, you can simply click on the event to add it to your own calendar. Just select "Copy to my calendar."

Q: How can I find out more about our PTO?

A: Visit our PTO page on our school website for officers, email address, and this year's happenings.

Q: How can I find out more about our Title I plan?

A: Visit our Title I page on our school website for more information. If you still have questions, feel free to email our Assistant Principal, Laura Beth Short.

Q: Where can I get information about the fingerprint process?

A: Visit our BCSS Fingerprint page on our system website.

Please visit our webpage: www.bufordcityschools.org and click on the Buford Middle School icon for more general information. Online information includes: calendar for school year, dress code, summer reading and supply lists for each grade level, registration information; first day school forms, and agenda information.

We here at BMS hope you have a wonderful summer, see you in August.

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