



# MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

*It is important that everyone is familiar with the policies, procedures, and expectations at Meeker Middle School. An extended version of this handbook is available online.*

### SCHOOL HOURS

8:15 - 2:55

Meeker Middle School is a closed campus. Once students have arrived at Meeker, they are not to leave during the day. Students are required to leave after school is over unless attending a staff - supervised activity.

All visitors must check in to the main office. Classroom visitors must be approved by administration.

Any area unsupervised by staff is consider "out of bounds."

#### REGULAR DAY

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| 1st     | 8:15 - 9:12   |
| 2nd     | 9:16 - 10:15  |
| 3rd     | 10:19 - 11:16 |
| 4th     | 11:20 - 12:53 |
| LUNCHES |               |
| A       | 11:20 - 11:50 |
| B       | 12:23 - 12:53 |
| 5th     | 12:57 - 1:54  |
| 6th     | 1:58 - 2:55   |

#### EARLY DISMISSAL (WEDNESDAYS)\*

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|---------|---|
| 1st     | 8:15 - 8:49                                   |
| 2nd     | 8:53 - 9:29                                   |
| 3rd     | 9:33 - 10:07                                  |
| 4th     | 10:11 - 11:39                                 |
| LUNCHES |   |
| A       | 10:11 - 10:41<br>(Pioneer time 10:45 - 11:05) |
| B       | 11:09 - 11:39<br>(Pioneer time 10:11 - 10:31) |
| 5th     | 11:43 - 12:17                                 |
| 6th     | 12:21 - 12:55                                 |

### **MEEKER BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

Meeker Middle School students are held to the same standards and expectations in order to help everyone be safe and successful. Students who meet expectations, without issues, are considered "in good standing" and enjoy all of the privileges of being a Meeker student. Students who struggle to meet expectations may lose certain privileges or face other disciplinary consequences.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

- Students should be in class, on time, every period, every day. Exceptions to this should come with a note from a parent/guardian or staff member.
- Student absences should be reported to the attendance office by a parent/guardian by contacting [MKattendance@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:MKattendance@kent.k12.wa.us) or calling 253-373-7284.
- Students who are absent or arrive at school two hours after school starts are not eligible for after-school activities or sports that day.
- Planned absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals should be arrived ahead of time, when possible.
- Being tardy means a student is NOT in their seat when the bell rings. Dropping off a backpack then heading to a locker or the bathroom does NOT count as being in class on time.

#### **DRESS EXPECTATIONS:**

- All clothing must be modest with NO indecent exposure.
- No inappropriate messages (e.g., tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances, weapons, vulgar words/slogans, confederate flag, sexual innuendo.
- Gang related attire is prohibited.
- No hoods may be worn during the school day
- Sunglasses may not be worn (covering students' eyes) during the
- Ski masks (including balaclavas) are not to be worn at any time on campus.
- Cloth, surgical, and K/N-95 masks designed to protect against viruses are permitted.

#### **CELL PHONES & PERSONAL DEVICES**

- Cell phones and personal electronic devices (earbuds, Switches, etc.) may NOT be used during class or instructional time.
- Cell phones and personal electronic devices MAY be used during a student's assigned lunch - IN THE CAFETERIA - and before/after school.
- Meeker Middle School is NOT responsible for lost or stolen cell phones or personal electronic devices and may NOT redirect resources to find personal student items. We STRONGLY discourage students from bringing cell phones and personal items of value to school and encourage students to store them in individual lockers if they do.
- Parents may contact students through the main office by calling 253-373-7284



## ***Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB)***

Meeker Middle School is committed to a safe and civil environment for ALL that is free from harassment, intimidation, and bullying. HIB is defined as any intention message and/or verbal or physical act that is motivated by race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, mental/physical ability, distinguishing characteristics, etc. that:

- 1) Physically harms a student or damages property
- 2) Substantially interferes with a student's education
- 3) Creates an intimidating/threatening environment
- 4) substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school

### **How to Report Incidents of HIB:**

- Student Counselor
- Safety Officer (253-373-6379)
- Vice Principal (253-373-6377)
- Principal (253-373-6444)
- KSD HIB Compliance Officer (253-373-7235)

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- No item that resembles ANY type of weapon may be brought to school or on a student's person. This includes water guns, fake knives, laser pointers, rubber-band guns, Nerf guns, etc. Any student with items such as these may face stern disciplinary consequences for disrupting the learning environment.
- Skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, etc. should be locked and stored away during the school day.
- No food deliveries (including UberEats or DoorDash) are permitted during the school day. This includes special events such as Valentine's Day and birthdays.
- Students must have an eHall Pass or signed pass anytime they are out of class during instructional time.
- Students may not buy or sell food or other items, or fund-raise, while at school, unless it is part of an approved school activity.

### **Kent School District Standard Application for Student Athletes**

All necessary Athletic Forms are available in the main office.

All students may turn out for all sports. We have 7th and 8th grade teams in football, boys basketball, girls basketball, gymnastics, wrestling, volleyball, boys soccer, girls soccer, and track & field.

There will be no activity bus available for athletics. Parents/guardians will be responsible for picking up their athletes after athletic events.

All students must register for the activity before they may participate, which includes the following:

- Turn in correctly completed athletic registration/physical forms (available in the main office).
- Register on FamilyID for athletics.
- Have a physical exam by a doctor after June 1, 2022. Physicals for middle school are valid for the current school for two years.
- Students must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA to participate.

### **Athletic & Activities Code of Conduct**

All Meeker athletes will comply with the rules and regulations found in the KSD Student Athletic Handbook as well as all WIAA eligibility requirements. Meeker athletes are considered student leaders and are always expected to represent Meeker with honor and respect.

### ***Academic Honesty And Plagiarism***

*Plagiarism is using someone else's work and passing it off as your own. This includes sharing answers between students without teacher permission to work in groups.*

*"In doing research, you will be consulting the work of others and using the ideas in your own work. Academic Honesty demands that when you quote directly, or you want to use another person's idea, you must give them credit by citing the original source. Copying or simply rewriting without acknowledging the source constitutes plagiarism."*

*~from the Ontario School Library Association, 2002*

*Plagiarism may result in a zero for the assignment and/or disciplinary action to all parties involved.*

### **Important Numbers**

Attendance (253) 373-7284

Cashier (253) 373-6381

Counseling (253) 373-7284

District Administration (253) 373-7000

Main Office (253) 373-7284

Health Room/Nurse (253) 373-6384

Registrar/School Records (253) 373-6388

Transportation (253) 373-7442