

## What to Expect... when you're in middle school

### **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible!**

**Arrival:** Prior to 7:30 go to cafeteria. Parents drop off students at the front entrance. Bus students will enter on the cafeteria side. Students must be in class at 8:10.

**Attendance policy:** Truancy begins at three (3) unexcused events and loss of privileges occurs at six (6) unexcused events. Your child may be absent 5 **EVENTS** using a valid parent excuse (sick, appointment, court, etc.). Overslept, car problems, going out of town, missed the bus will not be valid parent excuses. Your child may use up to 10 doctor excuses for the year. After 10 doctors excuses a Medical Excuse Form is required. If you check in your child late or check them out early that counts as an 'event'.

**Infinite Campus-Parent portal:** instant access to accurate and current information about attendance, grades, class assignments, and more. (you must have obtain login info in person) <https://infinitecampus.kyschools.us/campus/portal/lawrence.jsp>

**Cell phones:** You are permitted to have cell phones at school, but they are not to be used during class. All electronics may only be used before homeroom, during open seating lunch, teacher directed instruction, and during dismissal.

In the event that an electronic device is confiscated, the following actions will be taken

1. First offense-The device will be left in the office for the student to pick up at the end of the day.
2. Second offense-Parent/guardian will be able to pick up the phone at the end of the instructional day.
3. Third offense-The student will lose usage privileges of electronic devices.

**Dress code:** (See Lawrence County School District Code of Conduct-Violation of dress code will require student to change into appropriate attire.

1. Revealing, low-cut (cleavage-baring) or see through shirts, blouses, tank tops, halter tops or spaghetti strap tops are not permitted. Sleeveless tops must cover the shoulder and have sides from the underarm to the waistline.
2. All pants, shorts, skirts or dresses must be worn no more than two inches above the knee.
3. When arms are fully extended above the head, no skin should show about the middle of the body. Blouses and shirts must be tucked into or come down below skirts and slacks/pants. The midriff must be covered at all times.
4. No pajamas, lounge wear/sleep wear or house shoes allowed.
5. No shoes with Heelies.
6. No ripped or torn clothing (No holes above the knee without being patched).
7. No alcohol, tobacco, drug, sexually suggestive or inappropriate slogans on any apparel.
8. Baseball style caps, hats, bandanas, sunglasses or sweatbands cannot be worn by boys or girls in the school building except for designated events. Exceptions will be made for medical conditions.
9. No wording/slogans on seat of pants except for original (brand) label.
10. Undergarments must not be visible.
11. Students are to wear shoes at all times.
12. Shirts, blouses and slacks/pants must be properly buttoned, zipped, fastened, etc.
13. Leggings are permitted, but tops must cover the buttocks.

Louisa Middle School

**Literature:** Reading logs are sent home each week for points.

**Accelerated Reader:** AR 80 points required for the year. 20 points each 9 weeks

**Locker:** Each student will have an assigned locker and lock for the school year. If the student loses their lock they will be responsible for \$5 fine.

**Behavior: ISS-**Students that have infractions during the day will be sent to ISS (In-school suspension) **Alternative-** Long term placement for student that continue with behavior/academic issues in regular class.

**Health Requirements:** School physical, immunization update (include new Hep A requirement)

**Athletics:** We offer the following at LMS: football, boys soccer, girls basketball, boys basketball, volleyball, girls soccer, baseball, softball, and cheerleading. Any student that participates in a sport must have a sports physical on a middle school KHSAA sports form.

**Clubs:** We have FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) which meet weekly.

**Activity classes:** We offer 3 activities each year: Music, PE/Band, PLTW (Project Lead the Way).

**Hard Work Café:** Students in each grade will be selected each week to eat in the Hard Work Café where they will be rewarded with slushies based on attendance for week/good behavior.

**Google Classroom:** Google classroom will be used for NTI days and during regular school days.

Welcome to the LMS family, Where Learning Means Success and Character Counts Everyday!  
We are excited to have you.

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