

# Eastern Middle School

## Important Student Reminders

### Lunch

All Students have the opportunity to enjoy a 30 minute lunch in the cafeteria. The passing time from class to lunch and lunch to class is FOUR MINUTES. Students are expected to arrive at the cafeteria on time for lunch. Eastern offers THREE lunch periods. We try to schedule students into lunches by grade level but there will be exceptions.



For at least the first WEEK of school students in all lunches will sit in assigned seats. Once the policies and procedures are observed and followed by the students in the lunch period self-selected seating will be permitted.

Students are reminded to be respectful to all of the staff that support our lunches including the cafeteria staff, building services staff, administration and security. Students are reminded to clean up the area around them after they complete their lunch every day.

### Appropriate School Attire

All clothing should be appropriate for a school setting:

- shorts, skirts, and dresses should come to at least the finger tips when standing straight and hands are at one's side
- halter tops, tube tops, or off the shoulder tops are not permitted
- shirt straps must be at least 2 inches wide and cover all undergarments
- shoes will be worn at all times; slippers stay at home
- shirts/blouses will be properly buttoned
- undergarments must always be covered
- low hanging pants that reveal undergarments are not permitted
- clothing that is provocative or promotes or glorifies alcohol, drugs, gangs, or contains sexually explicit or implicit innuendo is not permitted
- backpacks, coats, hats and other head gear stay in lockers during the school day
- wallet chains are not permitted



### CELL PHONES and OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All electronic devices must be turned OFF and OUT OF SIGHT during the instructional day. At Eastern, we define the instructional day to be from 7:30 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. unless a student is staying after school for extended day activities. Then, the instructional day ends at 4:00 p.m. Use of cell phones by middle school students riding to and from school on MCPS buses is permitted as long as it does not impact the safe operation of the school bus.



Students that violate the policy for cell phones and electronic devices will have that device confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Repeated violation of the policy will result in the device being confiscated and held until a parent or guardian claims it.

No student may use a cell phone or other portable communication device on any MCPS property in a manner that is illegal, profane, indecent, or obscene; that constitutes an invasion of privacy; or that violates MCPS regulations regarding academic integrity. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, inappropriate photographs or text messages.