

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

What are the school hours? The school day is from 7:40 a.m. to 2:16 p.m. You will be allowed in the main building at 7:30 a.m. Please do not arrive before 7:15, unless you are eating breakfast, which begins serving at 7:10 a.m. On bad weather days, everyone will be allowed in the cafeteria to wait for the bell.

How many classes will I have? There are six classes in the school day—English, Math, Reading, Geography, Science, and one elective.

What do I do if I get lost? There will be adults in the hallways. Look for one of them to help you. Also, we have three main buildings all labeled by street signs and building numbers. Campus maps are available in the main office for your convenience. The center building has the rooms numbered in the 200s. The building on the north has the 100 numbered rooms, and the building on the south (with the media center) has the 300 numbered rooms. The metal buildings in the back are numbered in the 400s. The large brick building in the back holds the gym, the student store, the band room, and the new gym.

How will I know what school supplies to get? We have a consolidated school supply list that will work for all your classes. This list, along with other important information, is listed on our website. We will also have our school ide tool kits available to purchase at open house as well as throughout the year in the school Media Center

Will my teachers count me tardy the first day or two? No. Teachers will give you a chance to learn where your classes are before counting you tardy. After that time, every two tardies you get in a class counts as one full absence against your attendance record. Best policy is to always communicate with your teachers to insure they are aware of your location.

When will I get my locker? Lockers will be assigned after the first few days of classes by your sixth hour teacher. A combination lock will be checked out to you for your locker. If you have a locker problem, be sure to let your sixth hour teacher know first. **YOU CAN'T USE ANY PERSONAL LOCKS.**

What about lunches? We have two lunch times. The first one is our 8th grade lunch from 10:45 - 11:10 a.m. and the second one is our 7th grade lunch from 11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Money can be put on your account either online or in person in our cafeteria. This money can be used in the cafeteria only to purchase a full tray or items from the snack bar. We also offer a third option for lunches. The Student Store area is in the front of the old gym that serves items such as water, healthy drinks, chips, fast food vendors, etc. These items are priced individually, and cash is required for the Student Store.

Will I be able to change classes if I don't like the teacher, or I don't have any friends in the class? Unfortunately, no. We have a large school and our classes are full. If you have an issue in any class, please stop by the Counseling Center and we will do our best to help you, though.

What are the rules about cell phones? Realizing the undeniable benefits, Moore Public Schools has adopted the policy of acceptable cell phone usage at school while creating reasonable expectations for limits of use that do not provide a benefit to the school environment. **We ask that you please refrain from texting your son/daughter during class.** Please refer to the student handbook for the more comprehensive listing of proper usage guidelines, but some of the more basic rules are listed below:

1. Teachers have the authority to allow or ban cell phone use during their respective class times.
2. Cell phones must be on silent upon entering the building, unless directed by the teacher, and remain on silent throughout the remainder of the day.
3. Cell phone cameras and audio recorders may only be used for specific educational benefits and only with prior permission of the teacher or administrator. Students may not take pictures or videos of other students while on school property.

What is the dress code? Any attire which disrupts the educational process is prohibited. The student dress code applies at school, on school vehicles, and to participants at school-sponsored or authorized activities. Students who are dressed inappropriately will be asked to change and may be counted absent from any classes they miss.

Please refer to the student handbook for the more comprehensive listing of proper usage guidelines, but some of the more basic rules are listed below:

1. Halter tops, off-the-shoulder tops, bare midriff tops, tank tops, backless garments, mesh shirts, muscle shirts, or outer garments that have the appearance of underwear or sleepwear are prohibited. Clothing that is too tight or loose (including "sagging") is not to be worn. The student's torso, chest, or undergarments should not show at any time, including while sitting, bending, or leaning. Sleeveless blouses must cover most of each shoulder. Necklines should be modest and appropriate.
2. Headgear may not be worn in or around the school buildings. Examples include, but are not limited to: caps, hats, bandannas, and sunglasses. Hoods on sweatshirts, or sweaters may not be worn over the head inside the buildings at any time.

What sports can I participate in? Seventh graders may participate in volleyball, fast and slow pitch softball, football, basketball, cross-country, track, wrestling, cheer, archery, and golf. Listen for announcements to sign up for sports. You can check in room 108 with Mr. Scott Hunter, our athletic facilitator, for more information or he can be emailed at scotthunter@mooreschools.com

What should I do if I'm having trouble with a student in a class or the halls? The first thing you should do is let your teacher know. You may also sign up to see your counselor. There is a sign-up clipboard on the middle shelf on the right in the counseling center. The counselors are available to help you with any kind of problem. Remember, they can't help you if you don't let them know. ☺

What's the difference between a non-exempt and an exempt absence? A non-exempt absence is one where your parents have contacted the school, you take a family vacation, you're home ill, etc. It still counts against your absence total. You may not miss more than 10 times per semester. An exempt absence does not count as one of your 10 permitted absences. Examples of exempt absences are those you can furnish a doctor's note for, attendance at a funeral, a school activity, etc. If you have more than 10 non-exempt absences in a class for a semester, you will be given a NO CREDIT grade for that class, which counts as an 'F' for grading purposes.