

**2020-2021**  
**THOMAS E. WEIGHTMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**#WildcatStrong**

**Our Mission Statement:**

Thomas E. Weightman Middle School will offer a nurturing and safe environment that provides an academic focus, values diversity, and challenges all students to achieve their full potential with the support of their home, staff, university, and community partnerships.

**The Wildcat ROAR**

**Respect-** Treat others, their beliefs, and belongings with kindness and fairness.

**Ownership-** Be proud when you have done well and take responsibility for when you have not.

**Academics-** Focus on the educational process and allow others to do the same.

**Readiness-** Always be prepared for class, school and life!

Due to COVID-19, changes have been made to our procedures that follows district guidelines. Please refer to our district's reopening website for everything related to COVID. Here is the link: <https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/reopening>

**FACE COVERING & SOCIAL DISTANCING & HYGIENE PRACTICES**

Face coverings include but are not limited to surgical masks, cloth masks, and face shields. All students are required to wear a a mask or other face covering while on school property and/or engaged in school activities. Students needing an exemption, must have their physicians send paperwork to the School Nurse. Once approved, these students will get a "Mask Pass" that they must carry with them at all times. Proper social distancing MUST always be observed to the maximum extent possible. Students must remain six (6) feet away from persons who are not members of their household whenever feasible and possible. All individuals should wash their hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer stations has been placed throughout the school building. Please review additional important information at <https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/reopening>

**STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Each quarter students will have the opportunity to earn "On-Track" status. This will allow students to participate in various activities and privileges on campus. These privileges will include:

- Outside seating at lunch
- Random incentives (i.e., candy, ice cream, hot chocolate, etc.)
- Participation in incentive activities
- Participation in end of semester incentive day
- Participation in TEAM sponsored incentives

In order to qualify for an "On-Track" card, a student must meet a set of three campus wide expectations each quarter (*See page 8*).

1. Attendance - Students shall miss no more than 2 days of school, either excused or unexcused. (Medical Excuses will be exempted. Extended illness or family emergencies will be looked at on a case by case basis.
2. Behavior – Students shall NOT receive any Discipline Referral.
3. Academics – Students shall have a grade of C or better in ALL classes.

If a student believes he/she has an extraordinary reason for an exception to the ON-TRACK requirements, he/she may submit an "On-Track Appeal Form" located on our school website at: [www.tewms.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.tewms.pasco.k12.fl.us). All appeals are reviewed by our MTSS team and communicated through our School Counselors.

Binder cards will be issued to students using this data during quarters 2, 3, and 4 based on the student's success with meeting criteria listed below for the previous quarter. Students are expected to have their On-track card in their binder every day. If a student loses his/her on-track card, a replacement can be purchased from the back office for \$1.00.

**ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

Activities and athletics are scheduled throughout the school year both during school hours and after school, and students are urged to participate. Students who are active in school often do better in their classwork and enjoy school more. To participate in athletics, students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average and have passed five out of six subjects the previous quarter.

TEWMS students participate in the Pasco County Middle School Athletic Conference in the following sports: Football, Girls' Volleyball, Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Girls' and Boys' Soccer, and Girls' and Boys' Track.

Each student must have a current FHSAA physical and have required waivers signed to participate in athletics. The physical is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of evaluation by a physician. Each student must pay an annual, athletic participation fee of \$50.00 before they may take part in any interscholastic sports program. There is no try out fee. Students have 3 days to pay fees after they make the team. Please be aware that the participation fee does not guarantee playing time, only the opportunity to be on the team if selected. All forms can be downloaded and printed from our school's website – under the "Athletics" link.

In addition to the basic curriculum, students can participate in the following activities to enhance their growth:

**Academic Activities**

National Junior Honor Society	Science Fair
Odyssey of the Mind	TEDx Competition
National History Day Competition	CTE Competitions
Opportunity Hall	
Study Hall; Binder Organization & Academic Goal Setting	*Study Hall: Interventions for Mastery of Essential Standards

\* Teachers may assign students to priority days during study hall every other week. During this time teachers will work with small groups of students on essential standards. Students are required to attend any priority day appointments that are made by the teacher. Priority week schedules will take place as follows: Monday- Electives    Tuesday- ELA    Wednesday- Science    Thursday- Math    Friday- Social Studies

**Extra and Co-Curricular Activities**

Band Performances & Competitions	Morning News Crew	Wildcat Idol
Athletic Teams	Student Council: W.A.V.E.	Talent Show
Special Olympics		

**End of Year Activities**

TEWMS students wanting to participate in the End-of-Year (EOY) activities are expected to display a high level of well-mannered behavior at all times. In order to participate, academic and behavioral expectations have been established.

**Any student who incurs the following academic or behavioral infractions during the current school year will NOT be eligible to participate:**

- more than two on-campus referrals or more than two bus referrals
- level two or level three referral in the fourth quarter.
- failing more than one core subject course up to the first semester of the school year, in which the course has not been recovered by the week prior to the event
- danger of failing more than one core content subject for second semester of current year. A grade check will take place one week prior to the event and final determination will be made on the Monday before the event.

These infractions are cumulative for the school year. Please sign and return page 9 to acknowledge that you are aware of our EOY eligibility.

If a student loses the EOY activity in the first, second, or third quarter, points may be earned to regain participation in the EOY activities. A total of 200 points must be earned by the end of Quarter 3 (**March 12**). Points must be documented by student and signed off by a supervising teacher/adult if earning points through participation or volunteering. Student must meet with their grade level administrator to turn in points and verify eligibility at least one week prior to event. Ways to earn points are as follows:

- **Attendance:** If you miss two days or less per quarter during the first, second, third and fourth quarters, you will earn 25 points for each quarter. (100 points total).
- **Participation:** If you participate in a committee, student council, or attend Opportunity Hall and/or Academic Lunch for at least a 9-week period, you will earn 25 points. (Maximum of three can be counted toward points – 75 points total).
- **Volunteer:** For volunteering at Special Olympics, PTSA events, sporting events, or community events, you will earn 20 points. (Maximum of four events can be counted toward points – 80 points total).

**STUDENT SAFETY AND BEHAVIOR**

The faculty and staff have focused on encouraging positive behaviors and have developed a plan of interventions when these expectations are not met. Specific expectations and methods of modifying behavior will be reviewed with students in a team setting. Students who wish to report what they view as a safety issue are welcome to fill out an "Incident Report" at the back office; they will be contacted by a representative of the administration in regard to their written statements.

**Rules of Dress, Appearance and Behavior**

Please see Pasco County Schools District pages (*Code of Student Conduct*) for a full explanation of the dress code policy. In addition, please see page 7 for our school specific dress code policy. Students who are out of compliance with the dress code and are unable to obtain a change of clothing will not be allowed back in the general population of the campus. An alternative setting will be determined and classwork will be sent to the student to complete. Below is the consequence schedule used for all students out of compliance for appropriate school dress:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Warning/Parent Contact/Change of Clothes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – 1 day Lunch Detention/Parent Contact/Change of Clothes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – 3 days Lunch Detention/Parent Contact/Change of Clothes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – After School Detention/Parent Contact/Change of Clothes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Offense – Discipline Referral (ISS/OSS)/Parent Contact/Change of Clothes

Once first period begins, drinks (with the exception of bottled water) and food items should only be exposed or consumed in the cafeteria. Drinks or food items will be confiscated and disposed when removed from noncompliant students. **Gum and candy is not permitted.** Purchases from vending machines can only be done during breakfast and student's designated lunch time.

There is never any need to resort to violence when dealing with others! Problems must be reported immediately to any adult staff member for help. Fighting, bullying, intimidating, threatening or harassing will not be tolerated. Students who engage in such acts will be immediately given consequences and legal authorities will be notified when appropriate. In order to provide a safe environment for all students, horseplay will not be tolerated. Students who engage in this type of behavior will receive consequences based on the school's discipline plan. Students who speak profanely, obscenely or abusively to staff members will receive consequences according to the district behavioral matrix. Students in possession of tobacco products are subject to disciplinary consequences as well as a citation and \$25.00 fine.

### **Rules for Bus Behavior**

Please see Pasco County Schools District's pages for full explanation of rules and consequences governing bus behavior. In addition to District's Bus Behavior, students must adhere to the following rules at Thomas E. Weightman Middle School:

*Students are to ride only their assigned bus and are to board or leave the bus only at their regular bus stop. Permission to ride buses other than one's assigned vehicle will be granted only in cases of serious family emergency (NOT for prearranged supervision situations, social functions, parent convenience or school projects), and then only if a parent has made contact with the Assistant Principal's office prior to 12:00 noon of the same day. School is dismissed at 3:08 p.m. and students who ride a bus must report to the bus loading area promptly. Students who are not bus riders are not permitted in the bus loading area. Due to COVID-19, students must practice social distancing at the bus stop and must wear a face covering while on the school bus.*

**Note:** Students who are suspended off their regular bus will not be able to participate in field trips that fall within that suspension period if they require them to be transported on a Pasco County School Board bus.

### **DISCIPLINE PLAN**

The teachers and staff of Thomas E. Weightman Middle School have the highest expectations for all of our students and have adopted the following general guidelines\* for dealing with those who become disruptive to the educational process:

Warning(s)	Conference with Counselor and/or Administration
Contact with Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	After School Detention
Discipline Letter(s)	On-Team Suspension
Loss of Privileges	Alternative to Suspension
Lunch Detention(s)	In-School Suspension
Work Details(s)	Out-of-School Suspension

\*Please note that some or all of these consequences may be assigned but not necessarily in the order listed above.

### **ATTENDANCE**

We encourage each student to attend school each day. Students who are absent will be marked "unexcused" (U) until the parent/guardian notifies the school in writing within 3 days and justifies the absence. School District policies excuse student absences for personal illness, major illness or death in the immediate family, religious holidays and trips that are prearranged.

If a student has been absent, parents must go to our school's website and report a student's absence with our online form, which can be found at: [http://tewns.pasco.k12.fl.us/?page\\_id=2673](http://tewns.pasco.k12.fl.us/?page_id=2673). This needs to be done within three (3) days in order for the absence to be excused. Any signed medical forms must be scanned and attached to the online form.

Parents should be aware that attendance is critical to successful learning. Trips and vacations should not be scheduled during school time except in the most unusual of circumstances. **It is absolutely essential that the Principal approve any non-emergency student extended absences in advance. If prior permission has not been granted, the absence may be recorded as unexcused.**

Excessive or extended absences are considered five (5) in one calendar month or ten (10) in one semester, or a history of excessive absences per period as defined in the *Pasco County Schools District pages (Code of Student Conduct)*. Absences that meet this threshold as defined above will require a doctor's note. If doctor's notes are not provided, absences will be marked as unexcused.

### **Make-up Work**

Excused absences guarantee students the right to make up any and all assignments assigned on the day(s) of absence at full credit. The student is responsible for asking the teacher(s) for makeup tests, assignments and related work. Students will be given a minimum of two (2) calendar days per day or period of absence to make up all tests, assignments and related work. Students may be given additional time as stipulated on their IEP/504 or based on teacher discretion. Work due to be turned in on the day of the absence will be turned in upon return and be given full credit. The principal or designee shall have the authority to modify these conditions with just cause. Students who have been assigned out-of-school suspension (OSS) may make up all tests, assignments and related work for full credit within the timeframe listed above.

### **TARDIES TO SCHOOL**

When a student is late coming to school, the parent must call the Main Office for an excused tardy to be recorded. Repeated tardies (excused or unexcused) will result in lost academic instruction and consequences for habitual problems.

## TARDY POLICY

TEWMS has a school-wide tardy policy and procedures that is strictly monitored and enforced. Students are highly encouraged to be in attendance daily and on time to all classes – this is also in effect for mySchool students. Students have 3 minutes to transition or log-in from one classroom to another. Students who are not inside the classroom when the late bell rings and do not have a pass from a staff member will be considered tardy and will not be permitted to enter the classroom without a pass.

For students attending school in the traditional model, the tardy students will be sent to the Tardy Table located in the back office, where the tardy will be logged. The student will then receive a pass to enter the classroom. After receiving a tardy pass, the student must return to their classroom with the pass within 3 minutes. Students who are more than 10 minutes late returning to class, will be considered “skipping” and will receive a disciplinary referral. Upon returning to the classroom with a tardy pass, the teacher will mark the student as “Tardy” on myStudent. Tardies are cumulative and not by period or day. Therefore, a student may get up to six tardies in one day, which will result in a more severe consequence. For each tardy, the student will receive a consequence. Consequences are progressive in nature and includes warnings, lunch detentions, after school detentions, in-school suspension, loss of transition time, and disciplinary referrals. For students attending school remotely (thru mySchool), the teacher will document the tardy on myStudent.

### TEWMS Tardy Consequence Schedule – Resets Each Quarter

Tardies	Consequences
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Warning
3	1 Day of Lunch Detention
4	3 Days of Lunch Detention
5	After School Detention (Parent Contacted)
6	1 Day of ISS (Referral and Parent Contacted)
7	3 Day of ISS (Referral and Parent Contacted)
8 and more	We have a problem!!! See an Administrator Immediately (Referral)

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

For safety reasons, no children are permitted to be on campus prior to 8:10 a.m. and must leave campus by 3:20 unless participating in an approved supervised after school event. When students arrive at school, they must go immediately to their classroom. Breakfast can be grabbed on the way to class. Due to COVID-19, students are not permitted to congregate in the commons area. At the end of the school day, all students who are not involved in official after-school activities are to depart the buildings and grounds as soon as possible. The only approved car rider pickup spot is in front of the Administration Building.

## CAFETERIA

The school maintains and operates a clean and orderly cafeteria, serving breakfast and lunch. Reduced prices are available for qualifying families. Free and reduced lunch forms are available in the office. Food and drink are to remain in the lunchroom, and are to be brought on campus only when it is for lunch or approved school functions. Food and drink items prepared from non-school cafeteria sources may be consumed only by the individual student who brought them to school. *Food from non-school cafeteria sources will not be permitted to be dropped off for students.* Due to COVID-19, visitors will not be permitted to have lunch at school.

The cost of breakfast for students is \$1.50 and lunch is \$3.00 depending on food choice. For students who qualify for reduced meals, the cost is .30 for breakfast and .40 for lunch. Students are permitted to charge no more than \$3.00 to their account. These prices are subject to change. For additional information or to pay for meals go to: <http://conuncetplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns/>

- **Breakfast Expectations** - Cafeteria opens for breakfast at 8:10 a.m. Students who want breakfast must report to the cafeteria as soon as they get on campus. Students are to grab breakfast and proceed to class. When the bell rings for the school day to begin, only students with late bus passes will be given an excused late pass to class from breakfast. Walkers and car riders must not be late to class from breakfast as they will not be given an excused pass to class.
- **Lunch Expectations** - Students are expected to go only to their designated lunch seat. The following cafeteria lunch rules apply at all times:
  1. Sit at your assigned lunch table and lunch seat.
  2. Get permission to get up from seat.
  3. Use inside voice.
  4. Clean up.
  5. Respect themselves and others.

## CLINIC

Due to COVID-19, minor first aid treatment will be provided within the classroom or in the back office. If a child's injury is severe or a child is ill, teachers will send students to clinic and parents will be notified. Every accident in the school building or grounds or at a practice session must be reported immediately to the person in charge and to the clinic. Except in extreme emergencies, the student should have a pass signed by the teacher. Only prescribed medicine may be administered in the clinic, and it must be checked in to the Health Assistant before school. Medicine must be in the

original bottle and accompanied by a note from home. Students are not permitted to be in possession of either prescribed or over-the-counter medication while on school grounds. Inhalers are exempt from this provision when a doctor's order is filed with the clinic. By law, the school is limited in treatments for illness or injury. Due to COVID-19, if a student is displaying COVID like symptoms, parents will be contacted so that transportation home may be arranged. We will follow district procedures and guidelines for students who are sent home due to COVID-like symptoms. Please refer to the district's Reopening website for more information: <https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/reopening>

### **CRISIS PROCEDURES & DRILLS**

There will be periodic crisis drills during the school year. These drills are designed to help secure the campus and to protect everyone in the event of an emergency. It is important that students take such drills seriously and listen carefully to instructions. While it is hoped that these procedures never have to be put into effect in response to an actual crisis, it helps to be prepared. Training will be provided for all staff and students.

### **DETENTION**

Thomas E. Weightman Middle School Lunch Detention is held Monday-Friday. Detention is a disciplinary intervention served in room 732 during lunch times. After School Detention is held as needed from 3-4 pm in the back office. Parents must pre-approve the student to stay for afterschool detention.

### **ELECTRONICS POLICY**

Students are allowed to bring cell phones and other Wireless Communication Devices (WCD) on campus. All cell phones and WCD need to be silenced/power off and placed in students' book bag during school hours of 8:30am – 3:08pm. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be able to access cell phones and other devices (WCD) during their lunch time. Teachers may, at their discretion have students use their personal devices and/or head phones for academic reasons. Headphones are not allowed to be used around campus. Upon completion of the lesson, students will be expected to silence/power off the device and place the device back into their book bag. Below is the consequence schedule used for all who violate our policy:

- *1<sup>st</sup> Offense:* Teacher gives the student a warning.
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:* Teacher confiscates the student's electronic device for the entire class period.
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:* Teacher sends student to the office to lock up the electronic device for the entire day.
- *4<sup>th</sup> Offense (and each time afterwards):* Teacher sends student to the office to lock up the electronic device for the entire day. Parents will have to pick up electronic device from the office. Disciplinary referral may be written.

When families need to communicate with their student, they are welcome to call the front office (813) 794-0200, and we will get a message to the student. In addition, if your student needs to contact a family member, students will be permitted to use the school phones, when appropriate.

### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Every family must complete an emergency information card and return it to school. This card must be kept current. If there is a change in home address, home phone number, employment address or phone number, the Main Office should be notified. The parent's placement of other adult contacts on an emergency information card authorizes those persons to check students out of school.

Any person requesting to check out a student must be listed on the emergency card or have prior written parent/guardian permission. In all cases, proper identification of any adult person is required prior to the school's release of a student into that person's custody.

### **FEES**

Fees will be collected at TEWMS at registration time. This money is used for the purchase of supplementary materials and other instructional aids. Parents can use the electronic payment system to pay all fees. Please visit our school website at: [www.tewms.k12.fl.us](http://www.tewms.k12.fl.us) and click on the parent link to access the ACORN system (replacing School Pay).

### **FIELD TRIPS**

When students attend field trips which require transportation by school bus or charter bus, all students must ride the bus to and from the destination. Parents may not transport their child or any other student to or from these events, and no students may be checked in or out of school from an off campus location. For parents to chaperone on a field trip, they MUST be approved Pasco County volunteers for the current school year. To get approved, go to: <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/comm/volunteer/> Due to COVID-19, field trip will be very limited this school year. We will follow all district guidelines and no field trips will be scheduled for semester 1.

### **GRADES**

Letter grades are earned each quarter and semester, and a final grade at the end of the course is based on the numerical average of the semester grades (A = 100-90, B = 89-80, C = 79-70, D = 69-60, and F = 59 and below). Students also receive S (satisfactory), N (needs improvement) or U (unsatisfactory) citizenship grades.

### **HONOR ROLL**

Students with a semester weighted GPA at or above 3.2000 based on grades documented in the myStudent will earn honor roll status. Students must have a minimum of six grades or a number of grades equivalent to three (3) credits posted for the current semester to be eligible. Students cannot have earned a grade of D or F in any of their semester courses to be eligible.

### **INSURANCE**

The school board does not carry insurance to cover student accidental injury. To relieve the students and parents of financial burden, insurance is available to all students for purchase. In case of an accident, claim forms may be secured from the Main Office for insured students only.

### **LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Thomas E. Weightman Middle School has a closed campus. Once arriving on campus, a student may not leave the school grounds before dismissal time without permission from the Administration. Unauthorized departure from campus shall be considered skipping, a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Please note that the grounds of Wesley Chapel High School and Wesley Chapel Elementary School are included in the areas considered to be "off campus."

Due to COVID-19, we need to restrict the amount of individuals entering our school. When a student is picked up before dismissal time, the parent/guardian must call the Main Office and wait in their car in order to sign the student out. As capacity allows, staff will open the front door to main office to allow parents to enter to check out their child. Release of a student to someone other than a parent or guardian requires permission from the parent and proof of identification for the person checking the student out. Without such evidence, a student shall be released only to properly identified persons listed on that student's emergency card.

#### **myLearning**

Student will regularly access myLearning to complete assignments at school or remotely. Most assignments can be completed and submitted utilizing this platform. It is highly recommended that parents create a "Parent Observer Account" in myLearning, which will allow parents to see what is going on in the course.

#### **myStudent**

Student grades, attendance, Progress Reports, and Report Cards can now be checked online for all TEWMS students at: <https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us> Click on the PARENT link, then on the link listed in the section titled "Parent Access to myStudent." You will be prompted on how to create your account. We have found that this is a very helpful tool. Attendance is updated daily and grades are updated every time a teacher enters a grade (which could be daily or weekly depending on the course). Grading codes for myStudent are listed in detail at the end of this student binder.

#### **OPPORTUNITY HALL**

Students needing academic assistance are invited to take advantage of tutoring on a designated day from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Teachers, parents, and/or students can initiate the process. A form must be completed to indicate a need and parents must provide transportation. The form can be found at [www.tewms.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.tewms.pasco.k12.fl.us)

#### **ONLINE COURSES**

Students choosing to take online course(s) will have an off-campus placement period either at the beginning or at the end of the school day. Parents will be responsible for bringing students into school after their off-campus placement period(s) or picking their student up before their off-campus placement period(s).

#### **PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parents are encouraged to confer regularly with the teachers concerning their child's progress. Parents may make arrangements for conferences by contacting their child's teachers via e-mail, telephone, or written note. Due to COVID-19, all conferences will be held virtually.

#### **PASSES**

Students are not permitted in the halls or on the grounds during class periods unless they are accompanied by a staff member or have a lanyard pass. Passes must be used for its intended purpose and only to/from the designated locations.

#### **PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION/LOST AND FOUND**

Students are to identify all notebooks, billfolds, purses, P.E. clothing, jackets, etc. by writing their names on them. Students who have lost items should check the Lost and Found in the Cafeteria during their lunch period. All items not claimed at the end of each semester will be disposed of. Prohibited items are not to be brought to school.

#### **PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Please see the Pasco County Schools District pages of the Student Code of Conduct. In addition to the District's Student Code of Conduct policies, students are not permitted to be in the possession of (this includes the items being inside book bags):

- a. Toys, trading/playing/gaming cards
- b. Gambling devices
- c. Speakers
- d. Rubber bands or pins.
- e. "Celebration" flowers and/or balloons.

If any of these items are discovered, they will be confiscated and returned only to a parent/guardian of the party from whom they were taken. This includes any electronic devices which are discovered being used during school hours without permission (see Electronics Policy on page 4).

#### **PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS**

According to the State of Florida rules, middle school students must successfully complete Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies **each year (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) to be promoted to high school.** Successful completion of these courses require the earning of a grade of "D" or higher. Students who do not meet this requirement will be retained in 8<sup>th</sup> grade until requirements are met through course recovery.

**I have received and read the Student Planner which includes the school's Vision Statement, Calendar, and the Code of Conduct which includes Rules of Dress Appearance and Behavior.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature      Date

# Thomas E. Weightman Middle School 2020-2021 Wildcat Dress Code

The DSBPC has determined that failure to follow these guidelines will result in disciplinary action!



**Students shall wear modest clothing.** Sexually implicit or explicit clothing, bikinis, tank tops, sleepwear including pajamas, tight-fitting sweat pants, yoga pants, spandex clothing (kinds of clothing usually worn at beaches and while engaging in recreation activities) are not appropriate for school.



Students may wear shorts, skirts, and dresses as long as they are **no more than 4" above the knee**. Jeans cannot have any holes above the knee. **Leggings can ONLY be worn if it's covered by a dress, shorts, or skirt that is no more than 4" above the knee.**



Students' clothing shall be worn appropriately with **pants worn securely at the waist** and with **no abdomen skin or underwear exposed**.



Blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit. **Muscle shirts, see through shirts, tank tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, and strapless tops are not acceptable.** Due to latest fashion, we will allow sleeveless shirts to be worn if it covers the entire shoulder and no undergarment is visible.



Tops must be long enough to **clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in** during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.



**Students shall not wear hats or head coverings to include hoodies** on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities by the Principal.



**Students shall wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons** while on school grounds or on school transportation. **Slippers are not acceptable.**



Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body or clothing which are **offensive to good taste** or the maintenance of decorum, or which **advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs**, or which identify them as members of secret antisocial groups or gangs shall not be worn to school or school functions.




**Wallet chains, dog collars, or costumes shall not be permitted.** Bandanas will not be permitted - not even as a hair accessory.

The Principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance. The Principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. **The Principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.**

**Special Note:** A student in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing before returning to class. If necessary, the student will contact parents to provide the appropriate clothing. Failure to do so may result in a discipline referral. Repeated violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary interventions.



# At-Risk / Early Warning System: What matters for staying on track and graduating?

Middle School EWS Indicators				
	Course Performance	GPA*	Attendance	Office Discipline Referrals
<b>On-Track</b> Per Quarter _____ Per Year _____	C's or better in all classes	2.5 or higher	0 to 2 absences in a quarter 4% or less absences in a year	0 ODR's in a quarter 2 or fewer ODR's in a year
<b>At-Risk for Off Track</b> Per Quarter _____ Per Year _____	1 or more D's in any class	2.0 to 2.49	3 to 4 absences in a quarter 5% -9% absences in a year	1 ODR in a quarter 3 ODR's in a year
<b>Off-Track</b> Per Quarter _____ Per Year _____	Failing 1 or more classes (F's)	Less than 2.0	5 or more absences in a quarter 10% or more absences in a year	2 or more ODRs in a quarter 4 ODR's per year OR 2 ODR's in a semester

\*Note(s): GPA is an overall average of current course grades (sum of grade values / #classes) (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0)  
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## Emoji Bingo

Pick the emotion that best describes your current state.

- \*How does this affect the way you learn?
- \*How does it affect the way you treat your peers?
- \*How does it affect the way you think of yourself?
- \*How does it affect your ability to accomplish tasks?

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**2020-2021 THOMAS E. WEIGHTMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**End-of-Year Activity Expectations**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

TEWMS students wanting to participate in our End-of-Year (EOY) activities are expected to display a high level of well-mannered behavior at all times. In order to participate, academic and behavioral expectations have been established.

Any student who incurs the following academic or behavioral infractions during the current school year will **NOT** be eligible to participate:

- more than two on-campus referrals or more than two bus referrals
- level two or level three referral in the fourth quarter.
- failing more than one core subject course up to the first semester of the school year, in which the course has not been recovered by the week prior to the event
- danger of failing more than one core content subject for second semester of current year. A grade check will take place one week prior to the event and final determination will be made on the Monday before the event.

These infractions are cumulative for the school year. If a student loses the EOY activity in the first, second, or third quarter, points may be earned to regain participation in the EOY activities. A total of 200 points must be earned by the end of Quarter 3 (**March 12**). Points must be documented by student and signed off by a supervising teacher/adult if earning points through participation or volunteering. Student must meet with their grade level administrator to turn in points and verify eligibility at least one week prior to event. Ways to earn points:

- **Attendance**: If you miss two days or less per quarter during the first, second, third and fourth quarters, you will earn 25 points for each quarter. (100 points total).
- **Participation**: If you participate in a committee, student council, or attend Opportunity Hall and/or Academic Lunch for at least a 9-week period, you will earn 25 points. (Maximum of three can be counted toward points – 75 points total).
- **Volunteer**: For volunteering at Special Olympics, PTSA events, sporting events, or community events, you will earn 20 points. (Maximum of four events can be counted toward points – 80 points total).

I understand the behavior expectations for the EOY activities. I also understand that if I lose my privilege of participating in the EOY activities during quarters 1-3 of this school year, I may earn a total of 200 individual points in order to regain participation. I also understand that my points must be documented and signed off by a supervising teacher/adult if earning points through participation or volunteering. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my behavior.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We have read and we understand the requirements as set forth for my student to be eligible to participate in the EOY activities planned for the students at T. E. Weightman Middle School. We also understand that these are school-sponsored activities and the Code of Student Conduct will be strictly enforced. **We also understand that if we pay for any of the activities, but then my child does not attend due to disciplinary, academic, or personal reasons, the amount paid toward the field trip will be NON-REFUNDABLE.**



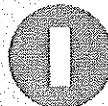



Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# myStudent Gradebook Codes

In an attempt to promote consistency and clarity in communication of student achievement using the myStudent gradebook, below are the codes to be used when entering grades in myStudent starting Spring 2019.

CODE NAME	CODE (Keyboard Shortcut)	IMPACT ON GRADE	USE
EXEMPT		No impact on grade.	There is no expectation that the student completes the assignment.
MISSING		A zero is used in the calculation of the student's grade. *If the teacher is using a 50-point grading scale, the teacher needs to manually input the equivalent of 50% on the assignment (ie. 10/20). A comment should be used to communicate the expectation of completion.	The student was expected to turn in an assignment or complete an assessment and did not. The expectation is that the student completes the assignment or assessment remains.
INCOMPLETE		No impact on grade.	The student was expected to turn in an assignment or complete an assessment and did not. The expectation is that the student completes the assignment or assessment remains.
0		A zero is used in the calculation of the student's grade.	The student earned a true zero on the assignment or assessment.
DROPPED		If there are other grades in the category where this code is used, this grade is not used in the calculation of the student's overall grade.	A comment should be added when manually dropping a grade to communicate the student's original score on the assignment or assessment. The manual drop of a grade should be used when the teacher feels it is appropriate to not include the score in the calculation of a student's overall grade.
COLLECT (Collected, In Progress)		No impact on grade.	Teachers should use this code when they have collected an assignment but have not yet graded it.
NOT GRADED		No impact on grade.	This code is automatically generated when a teacher creates an assignment but has not input any grade or code for that student on that assignment. Once an assignment is collected, the CIP code or another grade should be entered.

# WILDCAT ROAR

	HALLWAYS	CLASSROOMS	CAFETERIA	OTHER AREAS
<b>R</b> ESPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Walk.</li> <li>➤ Open doors carefully.</li> <li>➤ Use appropriate language &amp; volume.</li> <li>➤ Line up against walls waiting to go into classes</li> <li>➤ Keep hands, feet, etc. to self.</li> <li>➤ Graffiti free zone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Speak when it's your turn.</li> <li>✓ Take care of your surroundings.</li> <li>✓ Let all students learn.</li> <li>✓ Keep hands, feet, etc. to self.</li> <li>✓ Graffiti free zone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eat food quietly.</li> <li>• Dispose of food properly.</li> <li>• Food is for eating only.</li> <li>• Follow adult instructions.</li> <li>• Graffiti free zone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Use sidewalks</li> <li>★ Walk.</li> <li>★ Listen for information.</li> <li>★ Dispose of gum, trash properly.</li> <li>★ Honor the privacy of others.</li> <li>★ Follow the rules of the space.</li> </ul>
<b>O</b> WNSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Be in assigned area.</li> <li>➤ Keep hallways clean.</li> <li>➤ Help others in need.</li> <li>➤ Encourage others to show pride.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Do your own work.</li> <li>✓ Actively participate in discussions, group work, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep your table &amp; floor clean.</li> <li>• Report messes.</li> <li>• Pick up trash whether or not it's yours.</li> <li>• Recycle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Graffiti free zone</li> <li>★ Keep it clean.</li> <li>★ Report messes.</li> <li>★ Have a proper pass.</li> <li>★ Recycle.</li> </ul>
<b>A</b> CADEMICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Focus on upcoming class – get mentally ready.</li> <li>➤ Remind friends of due dates, directions, etc.</li> <li>➤ Read the bulletin boards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pay attention &amp; take notes.</li> <li>✓ Bring materials.</li> <li>✓ Read &amp; follow directions.</li> <li>✓ Follow all rules.</li> <li>✓ Check MyStudent frequently.</li> <li>✓ Ask thoughtful, relevant questions.</li> <li>✓ Do your work to the best of your ability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study with a friend.</li> <li>• Finish homework.</li> <li>• Discuss a lesson</li> <li>• Ask a friend for help.</li> <li>• Read.</li> <li>• Organize a study group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Use commons time before school to study.</li> <li>★ Use media time for research.</li> <li>★ Check MyStudent.</li> <li>★ Study at home.</li> <li>★ Complete all homework.</li> </ul>
<b>R</b> EADINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Walk with a purpose.</li> <li>➤ Know the rules for the hallway.</li> <li>➤ Take care of personal needs during passing time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Arrive on time.</li> <li>✓ Have all materials and assignments ready.</li> <li>✓ Know the expectations.</li> <li>✓ Check MyStudent and other online resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be seated immediately after entering.</li> <li>• Know the expectations.</li> <li>• Know your student number.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Always have a pass.</li> <li>★ Walk with a purpose.</li> <li>★ Be alert.</li> <li>★ Know and follow the dress code.</li> <li>★ Pay attention.</li> </ul>

## 2020 - 2021 TEWMS BELL SCHEDULES

### Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:25	55
SH	9:28-9:55	27
A Lunch	9:58-10:28	30
2	10:31-11:24	53
3	11:27-12:20	53
4	12:23-1:16	53
5	1:19-2:12	53
6	2:15-3:08	53

### ACTIVITY Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:19	49
A Lunch	10:14-10:44	30
2	10:47-11:36	49
3	11:39-12:28	49
4	12:31-1:20	49
5	1:23-2:11	49
Activity Pd	2:14-3:08	53

### EARLY RELEASE Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:09	39
A Lunch	9:54-10:24	30
2	10:27-11:06	39
3	11:09-11:48	39
4	11:51-12:30	39
5	12:33-1:08	38

### Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:25	55
SH	9:28-9:55	27
2	9:58-10:51	53
B Lunch	10:54-11:24	30
3	11:27-12:20	53
4	12:23-1:16	53
5	1:19-2:12	53
6	2:15-3:08	53

### ACTIVITY Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:19	49
2	10:14-11:03	49
B Lunch	11:06-11:36	30
3	11:39-12:28	49
4	12:31-1:20	49
5	1:23-2:11	49
Activity Pd	2:14-3:08	55

### EARLY RELEASE Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:09	39
2	9:54-10:33	30
B Lunch	10:36-11:06	39
3	11:09-11:48	39
4	11:51-12:30	39
5	12:33-1:08	38

### Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:25	55
SH	9:28-9:55	27
2	9:58-10:51	53
3	10:54-11:47	53
C Lunch	11:50-12:20	30
4	12:23-1:16	53
5	1:19-2:12	53
6	2:15-3:08	53

### ACTIVITY Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:19	49
2	10:14-11:03	49
3	11:06-11:55	49
C Lunch	11:58-12:28	30
4	12:31-1:20	49
5	1:23-2:11	49
Activity Pd	2:14-3:08	55

### EARLY RELEASE Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:09	39
2	9:54-10:33	30
3	10:36-11:15	39
C Lunch	11:18-11:48	39
4	11:51-12:30	39
5	12:33-1:08	38

### Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:25	55
SH	9:28-9:55	27
2	9:58-10:51	53
3	10:54-11:47	53
4	11:50-12:43	53
D Lunch	12:46-1:16	30
5	1:19-2:12	53
6	2:15-3:08	53

### ACTIVITY Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:19	49
2	10:14-11:03	49
3	11:06-11:55	49
4	11:57-12:46	49
D Lunch	12:49-1:19	30
5	1:23-2:11	49
Activity Pd	2:14-3:08	55

### EARLY RELEASE Bell Schedule

Period		Minutes
1	8:30-9:09	35
2	9:54-10:33	35
3	10:36-11:15	35
4	11:18-11:57	36
D Lunch	12:00-12:30	30
5	12:33-1:08	38

