



2022-2023 THOMAS E. WEIGHTMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



Our Mission Statement:

Thomas E. Weightman Middle School (TEWMS) 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!

STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

All students will have the opportunity to earn PBIS points for showing positive academic and social behaviors that support our ROAR expectations. Earning points will allow students to purchase items from our PBIS store and 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

Students can view their earned points thru the PBIS app that is accessed thru myPascoConnect.

ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

Activities and athletics are scheduled throughout the school year both during school hours and after school, and students are encouraged 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, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Basketball Soccer and 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. Once a student is selected for a team, they have 3 days to pay fees. 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

*Priority Days during study hall is a time when teachers assign students to their classrooms for additional instructional time. 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 days will take place every Tuesdays and Thursdays, with different subject areas assigned each scheduled day.

Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

Band Performances & Competitions	Morning News Crew	Student Council: W.A.V.E.
Future Farmers of America	Athletic Teams	Special Olympics
Talent Show	Theater Performances	

End of Year Activities

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- 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 10**). 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:

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Rules of Dress and Appearance

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 8 for our school specific dress code policy and consequences for all students who are out of compliance.

Rules for Behavior

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 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 or tobacco-like products are subject to disciplinary school consequences as well as the involvement of our School Resource Officer.

The faculty and staff have focused on encouraging positive behaviors and have developed a plan of interventions when the behavioral 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 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 regularly assigned 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 2:40 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.

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 students and have adopted the following general guidelines* for dealing with those who become disruptive to the educational process:

Warning	Conference with Counselor and/or Administration
Contact with Parent/Guardian	Before and/or After School Detention
Discipline Letter	On-Team Suspension
Loss of Privileges	Alternative to Suspension
Lunch Detention	In-School Suspension
Work Details	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 report the student’s absence with our online form, which can be found at: http://tewms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?page_id=2673. This needs to be done within three (3) days 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 may 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

School starts at 8:20 a.m. When a student is late coming to school, the parent must sign the student in at the front office or send a note 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. Students have three minutes to transition 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.

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.

TEWMS Tardy Consequence Schedule – Resets Each Quarter

<u>Tardies</u>	<u>Consequences</u>
1	1 st Warning
2	2 nd Warning
3	1 Day of Lunch Detention
4	3 Days of Lunch Detention
5	1 Day of After School Detention (Parent Contacted)
6	1 Day of Alternative to Suspension (Referral and Parent Contacted)
7	1 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 8:00 a.m. and must leave campus by 3:00 p.m. 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. 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 or at <https://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns/?features=free-or-reduced-price-meal-application>. Food and drink are to remain in the cafeteria 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.* If a parent/guardian chooses to bring food to school from a non-school cafeteria source (i.e. fast food, restaurant purchased meals, etc...), it can only be for their student and the parent must stay to have lunch with their student in the designated area (outside tables).

For additional information regarding cost of breakfast and/or lunch or to pay for meals go to: <http://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns/>

- **Breakfast Expectations** - Cafeteria opens for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Students who want breakfast must report to the cafeteria as soon as they get on campus. 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 table/area. 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.

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.

CLINIC

The clinic is located inside the Administration Building. Minor first aid treatment will be provided within the clinic or classroom. 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 Clinic 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. We will follow district procedures and guidelines for students who are sent home due to COVID-like symptoms.

FACE COVERING & SOCIAL DISTANCING & HYGIENE PRACTICES

Face coverings are optional while on school property, school bus, and/or engaged in school activities. Proper social distancing should always be observed to the maximum extent possible. Students should 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.

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

Detention is a disciplinary intervention assigned to students. We will offer before school detentions and lunch detentions for behavior infractions. After school detention is assigned as an intervention/consequence for continual tardies. In the event a student is assigned before or after school detentions, parents will be notified by a staff member and will be given specific information pertaining to date, time, and location.

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/powered off and placed in students' book bag during school hours of 8:20am – 2:40pm. Students in 8th grade will be allowed to access their electronics during lunch. Teachers may, at their discretion have students use their personal devices and/or headphones 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:

- *1st Offense:* Teacher gives the student a warning.
- *2nd Offense:* Teacher confiscates the student's electronic device for the entire class period.
- *3rd Offense:* Teacher sends student to the office to lock up the electronic device for the entire day.
- *4th 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 update their emergency information thru the parent portal on myStudent (<https://launchpad.classlink.com/dsbpc>). This information must be kept current. If there is a change in home address or phone number, the Main Office should also be notified. The parent's placement of other adult contacts on the emergency information authorizes those persons to check students out of school. Any person requesting to check out a student must be listed on the emergency information page on myStudent 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 (<https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>)

Fees will be collected for TEWMS through the RYCOR system. This money is used for the purchase of supplementary materials and other instructional aids. PE lockers are also available for a fee. Parents must use the district electronic payment system to pay all fees, this can be done by logging into your myStudent Parent Portal.

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/>

GRADES

Grades are earned each quarter and semester. A final grade recorded at the end of the course is based on the numerical average of semester one and semester two grades (A = 100-90, B = 89-80, C = 79-70, D = 69-60, and F = 59-50). Students also receive S (satisfactory), N (needs improvement) or U (unsatisfactory) conduct rankings.

SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

All grades posted for the first semester will be used in the honor roll calculation. Students enrolled in one or more courses through Pasco eSchool or virtual courses may be eligible for honor roll recognition provided that grades are received and entered into the student information system by the time report cards are issued for brick and mortar courses. Students must have at least six (6) grades or several grades equivalent to three (3) credits posted for the current semester to be eligible for the semester honor roll designation.

Schools will award honor status each semester to students who qualify for one of the following three levels of honor roll designations.

1. Straight A Honor Roll
2. A/B Honor Roll
3. Honor Roll (semester weighted GPA of 3.2000+ based on grades documented in the student information system. Students cannot have earned a grade of D or F in any of their semester courses to be eligible.

INSURANCE

As a service, Pasco County Schools provides a group plan (policy) through Bollinger that is underwritten by Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company to assist families with some of the medical expenses that may result from a school sponsored and supervised activity. This coverage is available for all students/athletes and is subject to policy conditions, exclusions and maximums. This plan pays in excess of any in force insurance plan for the student and does not cover students if injured outside of school.

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."

When parents or guardians pick up a student before dismissal time, they must come to the Main Office in the Administrative Building to sign the student out. 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 in myStudent.

myStudent

Student grades, attendance, Progress Reports, and Report Cards can be checked online for all TEWMS students at: <https://launchpad.classlink.com/dsbpc>. 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 after school on a designated day. Teachers, parents, and/or students can initiate the process. A form must be completed to indicate a need and parents must provide transportation. Forms are available in the back office and/or online.

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 team conferences by contacting their child’s teachers via e-mail, telephone, or written note. Conferences may be held in person, by phone, or thru zoom.

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 or in the back office during their lunch period. All items not claimed at the end of the school year 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 (<https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/page/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
- 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.

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

According to the State of Florida rules, middle school students must successfully complete Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies **each year (6th – 8th) to be promoted to high school**. Successful completion of these courses requires the earning of a grade of “D” or higher. Students who do not meet this requirement will be retained in 8th 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.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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

Middle School EWS Indicators				
	Course Performance	GPA*	Attendance	Office Discipline Referrals
On-Track 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
At-Risk for Off Track 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
Off-Track 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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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

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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: _____



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DRESS CODE

In order to promote an orderly learning environment in our schools while preparing all students for later success in the world of work, the District School Board of Pasco County has established the following guidelines for student dress:

- ✓ The principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school, school board policy and guidelines contained herein. 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 as long as it does not contradict official district policy listed herein or elsewhere.
- ✓ These guidelines are in effect while on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function or on any school-sponsored transportation.
- ✓ Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the learning environment (F.S. 1006.07).

These guidelines are in effect while on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function or on any school-sponsored transportation.

- Students must wear clothing that has fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms) and shoes.
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms).
- Shirts must have straps.
- Clothing must cover undergarments (this includes straps and waistbands).
- Fabric covering chests, genitals and buttocks must be opaque.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

The following types of clothing, items, accessories and apparel are considered inappropriate for the school environment:

- Any clothing that exposes underwear, body parts and/or skin in an indecent or vulgar manner.
- Any clothing that substantially disrupts the school environment or causes safety concerns.
- Any clothing that depicts profanity, drugs, violent images or vulgarity in any form.
- Any clothing that depicts sexually implicit or explicit images.
- Any clothing that depicts gang-related images, indicates gang affiliation or antisocial group affiliation.
- Wallet chains, spiked jewelry, dog collars or similar items.
- Slippers or similar shoes.
- Pajamas or costumes (unless approved by school administration for special events, etc.).
- Hats, bandanas, or head coverings (unless preapproved administratively for medical, religious reasons and/or for special school activities)

Wearing clothing or accessories that depict a firearm or weapon or express an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution is not grounds for disciplinary action or referral to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system under this section or F.S. 1006.13.

Regulations Regarding the Wearing of Items and/or Clothing that Conceal Identity

- A student's identity must be readily recognizable by school staff at all times, during the school-day, or when the student is engaged in a school-sponsored activity.
- No items or clothing, or any combinations of such, may be worn in a manner that conceals the wearer's face. Face coverings such as ski masks, gas masks, Halloween masks, costume masks, ninja masks, pantyhose, full face masks, hoods (including hoods from sweatshirts or jackets commonly referred to as "hoodies") or other face coverings that obstruct a wearer's vision or face or identity are not allowed absent a legally protected right that has been approved in writing by the school's Principal or the District's Equity Officer.
- Students may utilize an appropriate face-covering (such as a medical mask, surgical mask, scarf, bandanna, fishing buff, and other items made of a suitable and safe material that will cover the wearer's nose and mouth and prevent or reduce the release of respiratory droplets from the wearer's mouth or nose) for the purposes of health-related concerns.
- Student's must comply with the directive of all school staff members to remove any and all items or clothing set forth above so that the student's identity can be readily revealed and recognized. This would include the temporary removal of an appropriate face covering being utilized for health concerns so that a student's identity can be confirmed.
- During times of inclement weather, a principal, may modify or suspend application of these provisions when doing so is in the best interest of the student body's health, safety, and welfare.
- Failure to comply with the above policy and provisions may result in disciplinary action as detailed herein and/or elsewhere in district policy.

Students in violation of the dress code:

- Will be required to change into appropriate clothing, contacting the parent/guardian as needed.
- Students may be required to remain in the front office until the above condition is met per principal discretion.
- May receive a discipline referral and receive consequences as appropriate for repeated breaches of the policy.

First Offense: The student shall be given a verbal warning and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian.

Second Offense: The student shall receive 2 days of before school detentions and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian.

Third or Repeated Offense: The student shall receive an in-school suspension for a period not to exceed 3 days, in which the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity during those day(s) and the school principal or designee shall meet with the student's parent or guardian.

22-23 TEWMS BELL SCHEDULES

WILDCAT ROAR

Bell Schedule

Period	Minutes
1	8:20-9:11
SIH	9:14-9:38
A Lunch	9:41-10:11
2	10:13-11:04
3	11:07-11:58
4	12:01-12:52
5	12:55-1:46
6	1:49-2:40

EARLY RELEASE Bell Schedule

Period	Minutes
1	8:20-8:55
6	9:58-9:33
A Lunch	9:36-10:06
2	10:09-10:44
3	10:47-11:22
4	11:25-12:00
5	12:05-12:40

Bell Schedule

Period	Minutes
1	8:20-9:11
SIH	9:14-9:38
2	9:41-10:32
B Lunch	10:35-11:05
3	11:07-11:58
4	12:01-12:52
5	12:55-1:46
6	1:49-2:40

Bell Schedule

Period	Minutes
1	8:20-8:55
6	9:58-9:33
B Lunch	10:14-10:44
3	10:47-11:22
4	11:25-12:01
5	12:04-12:40

Bell Schedule

Period	Minutes
1	8:20-9:11
SIH	9:14-9:38
2	9:41-10:32
3	10:35-11:26
C Lunch	11:29-11:59
4	12:01-12:52
5	12:55-1:46
6	1:49-2:40

Bell Schedule

Period	Minutes
1	8:20-8:55
6	9:58-9:33
C Lunch	10:52-11:22
4	11:25-12:01
5	12:04-12:40

Bell Schedule

Period	Minutes
1	8:20-9:11
SIH	9:14-9:38
2	9:41-10:32
3	10:35-11:26
4	11:29-12:19
D Lunch	12:22-12:52
5	12:55-1:46
6	1:49-2:40

Bell Schedule

Period	Minutes
1	8:20-8:55
6	9:58-9:33
D Lunch	11:31-12:01
5	12:04-12:40

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