

Amphitheater Middle School



2021-2022 STUDENT HANDBOOK





We value achievement, caring, creativity, curiosity, diligence, diversity, fairness, honesty, kindness, respectfulness, responsibility, and service to the community.

Our Mission: To empower all students to become contributing members of society equipped with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world.

Our Vision: Amphitheater schools and facilities are places where students thrive academically; places parents want their children to go; places where highly skilled people work; and places community members respect because of the high student achievement, caring environment, and focus on individual needs.

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Amphitheater Middle School
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Tucson, AZ 85705
520-696-6230

Office Hours

7:30a.m.— 4:00 p.m. M, T, TH, F
7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday

School Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
8:15 a.m.-3:35 p.m.
Wednesday
8:15 a.m.-1:35 p.m.

*The Principal and Assistant Principals are not available to take **walk-in** appointments from 7:45-8:45, 11:00-2:00, or 3:35-4:00, as they are supervising the campus. For the most expedited way to meet with an administrator, please call for an appointment.*

School Holidays

September 6	Labor Day
October 11-15	Fall Break
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 25-26	Thanksgiving
December 17-31	Winter Break
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 24-25	Rodeo Break
March 14-18	Spring Break

Open House

August 18, 2021 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences

To enhance communication, conferences with parents will include the presence of the child. School will be **dismissed at 1:05 p.m.** on conference days.

Conference days for the 2020-21 school year will be:

October 4-8
December 13-16
March 7-11

Attendance

- Students are required to be on time to school.
- **Students arriving after the 8:15 a.m. bell are late and must be signed in by a parent/guardian in the office.**
- Parents or guardians must call the office **each day** a student is absent. Please call 520-696-6230 prior to 4:00 p.m. and follow the prompts to report the absence. For your convenience, you may access our absentee voice mail anytime day or night. Please leave your name, your student's name, your student's birthdate, date and reason for being absent. If a phone call is not received before 4:00 p.m., the absence will be marked unexcused.
- The school reserves the right to make decisions as to whether or not an absence will be considered excused.
- More than three (3) consecutive days of absence due to illness may require documentation from a medical practitioner.
- Students who are absent during the school day are not eligible to participate in, or attend any, school or extracurricular activity that takes place the same day. This includes all sports, dances, award assemblies, and promotion activities.
- Students are dropped from our enrollment after 10 consecutive unexcused absences. Please be prepared to re-enroll your child.

In order to be successful in school, it is imperative that students attend school on a regular basis. When a child is gone any part of a school day, they miss vital instructions that cannot be regained through make-up work. We understand that illnesses will occur, but hope that, unless they are truly ill, they will attend school every day, arriving on time, and staying until the end of the day.

Arizona law requires that a parent or legal guardian must ensure that their minor child between the age of six (6) and sixteen (16) is in school for the full time school is in session unless otherwise legally excused pursuant to A.R.S. 15-802 or 15-803. **Please make sure that your child is at school by 8:05 to ensure they are in the classroom by 8:15 a.m. Failure to do so may result in a report being filed with the appropriate legal authorities.**

Excessive Absences

Amphitheater Middle School believes that the attainment of academic excellence requires a student to attend school on a regular basis.

- **Absence Defined** - An absence is defined as a student's non-attendance in his/her classroom for more than ½ of the school day.
- **Excused Absence** - Any absence due to illness, vacation, death in the family, religious observance, accidents, or other unusual circumstances may be excused, provided a telephone call or note from the parent/guardian is received by 4:00 p.m. the day of the absence. School personnel may require further documentation, e.g. a doctor's excuse, to substantiate the reason for the absence.
- **Unexcused Absence** - Until determined otherwise, through a parent/guardian telephone call to the school and/or a written excuse from parent/guardian, every absence will be considered unexcused. If a student leaves school during the school day and fails to check out through the attendance or nurse's office prior to leaving school, and the absence is not otherwise permitted, such absence will be an unexcused absence.

Tardies

Teachers will record a student as tardy when they arrive to class after the bell has rung. If a teacher detains a student after class, that teacher will write a pass for the student. Students with more than 3 tardies (excessive) will be assigned detention and may be excluded from extra-curricular activities, such as field trips and ceremonies. Excessive tardies will result in escalated consequences. Please work with us to ensure that your student is on time and prepared to work in each and every class.

Arrivals and Departures

Campus supervision is available for students Monday-Friday beginning at 7:50 a.m. **Students are to arrive no earlier than 7:50 a.m. unless arrangements have been made through individual teachers for tutoring. Those students must have the appropriate pass.**

Arrival Procedures

- If arriving by bus, students will enter through the bus gate on Prince Rd.
- Students who arrive by car are dropped off in the parent drop off zone in the west parking lot off Prince Rd.
- Bike and scooter riders must wear a helmet and walk their bikes or scooters on school campus and should park their bikes and scooters in the bike rack near the west parking lot. Please lock bikes and scooters.
- **Student IDs will be checked at each gate when entering campus.**

Departing Procedures

- If leaving by bus, walk to the buses, do not run. Follow directions of the monitor while boarding the bus.
- If leaving by bike or scooter, exit through the gates, wear your helmet and walk bikes and scooters while on campus.
- Students going to parent pick up should exit through the gates and wait on the sidewalk. When your parent or guardian has pulled forward, you may enter your car.

Early Departure

- When it is necessary for your student to leave early, you will need to come to the office to sign him/her out. **Please be prepared to show a picture ID.** The office will call the teacher and your student will be sent to the office to leave.
- Due to the loss of instructional time, students **will not be sent up** to the office before the parent/guardian arrives. Please do not call the office and ask that your child be waiting.
- If the student's departure plans have changed during the school day, please call the office.
- If a student is being picked up during lunch time or during a special event, such as an assembly, our staff will make an effort to locate the child. It may be necessary for parents to wait until the next class period/end of activity as our primary role during these times is student supervision and safety. It is recommended to avoid picking up students early during these times.

Parent Drop Off & Pick Up

- For the safety of your children, students are **not to be dropped off in the bus loading zone on Prince Rd.**
- You should enter the parent drop off /pick up area in the west parking lot from the east entrance.
- Please pull forward to drop off your child.
- Do not park or leave your vehicle at any time. Drivers should never leave their vehicle.
- Exit the parking lot using the west exit.

Custody

- Copies of legal custody documents must be on file with the school in order for us to enforce the courts' decision. Notify the school office immediately of any changes.

Counselor and Social Worker

Staff are available for students to discuss a range of issues including academic difficulties, future plans, social concerns, and other general concerns. Parents are urged to contact the counseling office on any matter concerning their child.

Health Office

The Health Office at AMS is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is staffed by a registered nurse.

- **Ill or injured students are never sent home unless a parent or designated person comes to school and signs the student out.**
- Emergency name and phone numbers are kept in the Health Office. Please keep these updated.
- Students will only be released to individuals on the Health/Emergency card.
- Immunizations– Arizona state law requires all students attending public school to be immunized against preventable diseases. **PRIOR** to registration, all students must provide documented proof of proper immunization or exemption. **Students not in compliance with the state immunization requirements will be excluded from school until proof of immunity is presented.**

Medicine

- Medicine must be prescribed by the child's doctor.
- Prescription drugs must be in the original pharmacy container, labeled with name, date, medication, and dosage. The pharmacist can prepare an extra pharmacy container for school use.
- **Students are not allowed to share their medication with other students under any circumstances.** Any over the counter (OTC) medication must be in original, unopened container and permission slip signed by parent/guardian. This includes Tylenol and Motrin.
- Students may carry an inhaler **only if** the Permission to Administer Medication form is signed by the parent/guardian **AND** a note from the doctor is on file in the Health Office.

Change of Address/Phone

Notify the school office of any changes in address, home phone, or work phone numbers. Change of address requires new proof of residence.

Lost & Found

Items such as jackets, lunch boxes, books, etc., should be labeled with your student's name. Recovered items are placed in Lost & Found bins located in the office. Any items left in the Lost & Found bins at the end of each month will be donated to the Clothing Bank. Students are responsible for replacement of school property that is lost or stolen, which has been assigned to them by the school.

Field Trips, Dances, After School Events

Students must meet a certain criteria in order to attend field trips, dances, and after school events. Students must have good behavior, attendance, and passing grades. **Students must return permission slips and fees one week before the field trip in order to attend.** Please do not "surprise" the class by choosing to meet the class at the field trip site. Although many of the locations are open to the public, only pre-selected chaperones will be allowed to interact with the students. Please remember that, to most students in the class, you are a stranger. Thank you for your cooperation.

Withdrawals

If you move out of our attendance area during the school year, please come to the office so withdrawal forms can be prepared and signed.

Schedule Changes

Classes will move quickly through their assigned content. Parents and students should be aware that there are limited opportunities for making changes to a student's schedule. Schedules may be changed upon availability during the first ten days of the school year. AMS reserves the right to change student schedules for administrative reasons at any time.

General Classroom Questions/Concerns

If you have a question or concern in regards to your child's classroom, teacher, homework, etc., please contact the classroom teacher directly. After the teacher has been contacted, should the issue remain unresolved, school administrators and counselors are available to meet with your family **and** the classroom teacher to resolve the issue.

Visiting and Volunteering

- Out of respect for teacher preparation time, only those who have a scheduled appointment will be admitted before or after school. Please sign in upon your arrival in the front office.
- Prior arrangements must be made with the teacher when visiting/volunteering in your child's class.
- **When visiting or volunteering at the school, you will need to check in at the office, sign in and wear a visitor or volunteer badge while on campus.**
- When leaving campus, please exit through the office and sign out.
- All visitors/volunteers are required to abide by all school and district policies.
- Classroom observations by parents/guardians are not permitted.

School News

Amphitheater Middle School is a green school! School information and announcements will be posted on our website at www.amphi.com/AmphiMiddle. Information can also be found on our Facebook page.

Make-Up Work

Illness:

Students who are absent due to illness two days in a row may request homework on the second day. Students are responsible to complete and turn in all missed work within the number of days absent. If a student is absent two days, they have two days to turn in the missed work after they return. Any hands-on, cooperative learning groups, or direct instruction will not be made up. Students will still be responsible for the skills and concepts taught while absent. With this in mind, parents are encouraged to assist their child in successfully maintaining academic requirements. Make-up work will be graded according to teacher discretion. Long-term assignments are expected to be turned in on the original due date.

Other absences:

Students absent for reasons other than illness will still be responsible for content. Long-term assignments are expected to be turned in on the original due date. Classroom teachers are not required to gather assignments in advance for these absences. Missed assignments will be graded according to teacher discretion.

Library

Students have the ability to visit the library before school, during lunch, and after school. Students will not be able to check out books if they have an overdue book. No overdue fines are charged, however, if a book is lost or damaged, it will be necessary to pay to replace the book.

Student ID Cards

Students will be issued ID cards during the first few days of school. ID cards are required in order to attend all school functions, to ride the school bus, check out library books, and to access lunch in the cafeteria.

- **Students are required to wear their ID cards at all times on a lanyard around their neck on campus.** ID cards will be checked before students are admitted onto campus each morning.
- Students without an ID card will be assigned lunch detention. After three lunch detentions, students will be assigned after-school detention. Progressive discipline will occur for additional offenses.
Lost ID cards can be purchased in the office before school, during lunch, or after school for a fee of \$5.00.

Personal Property

Amphitheater Middle School is in no way responsible for the loss or theft of any personal property belonging to a student or any other person when such property is brought or left on school premises. This includes cell phones. Please put your child's name on all items brought to school. Items deemed inappropriate for school will be confiscated by a staff member and will be released only to a parent or guardian. A staff member may confiscate any item considered dangerous or disruptive to the educational process. Headphones/ear buds may not be worn unless given permission by a staff member. Skateboards are not to be used on campus. Students are required to arrange storage of their skateboard in a class or the office before school starts.

At no time should cameras, camcorders, **portable speakers**, water balloons, toys, etc. be brought to school. If your child does not need it for class, leave it at home.

Cell Phones

Students with cell phones must have a signed cell phone agreement on file in the front office. **Student cell phone use is prohibited at Amphitheater Middle School.** Cell phones must remain in the student's backpack unless given permission by a staff member. Students who do not comply will have their phones confiscated and may require a parent/guardian to come pick it up. Any cell phone used to record inappropriate activities, such as a fight, may be confiscated for evidence and the owner held accountable following the Amphitheater Student Code of Conduct.

School Telephones

School phones may be used with permission from the office staff. **Messages will be taken for students only in case of an emergency. Please make arrangements with your student before school.** If you need to communicate with a teacher, please call the teacher and leave a message. The teacher will return your call after instructional time.

Safety Drills

Safety drills are required by law and are an important safety precaution. It is essential that students follow the appropriate procedures. The teacher in each classroom will give the students instructions. Students are not permitted to leave campus during a safety drill.

**It is against the law to initiate a false fire alarm.
Students who do will be referred to the police.**

Closed Campus Policy

Students may **NOT** leave campus during the school day for any reason unless a parent or designee comes to the school and signs the student out with the attendance clerk. Once students have arrived to school they cannot leave campus. Once students have arrived to school either by school bus or by parent drop-off, they must stay at school.

Cafeteria

Meals are available free or at a reduced price to those in need. Applications are in the front office and online.

- Students are required to eat lunch inside the cafeteria or under the ramada.
- Students should walk while inside the cafeteria and they should clean up after themselves, throwing away food, papers, and other items into the garbage cans.

2021-2022 Lunch Schedules

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

6th Grade Lunch 11:33 a.m.-12:03 p.m.

7th Grade Lunch 12:26 p.m.-12:56 p.m.

8th Grade Lunch 1:19 p.m.-1:49 p.m.

Wednesday

6th Grade Lunch 10:38 a.m.-11:11 a.m.

7th Grade Lunch 10:14 a.m.-11:37 a.m.

8th Grade Lunch 11:50a.m.- 12:23 a.m.

Outside Food/Beverages

- All students are served a free breakfast during their first period class.
- Outside beverages such as **Starbucks**, Polar Pops, drinks from restaurants, etc. are not allowed on campus.
- Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle.
- **Students are not allowed to order pizza or other food for delivery.** Companies cannot guarantee delivery during your child's lunch time.
- Gum is not permitted on campus.
- Glass containers are not permitted on campus.
- Students should not share food/drink

Student Dress Code

The following list is offered as a guideline to use in determining what is appropriate at school. For a comprehensive explanation, please see the Amphitheater Student Code of Conduct.

- Shirts must have straps that are at least two (2) inches wide.
- Shirts must have a front, back, and sides and cover the stomach/midriff area at all times.
- Shoes must be worn (slippers are not shoes).
- Shorts must cover the buttocks and extend down to cover three (3) inches of the leg.
- Pants must be secured around the waist and must not reveal undergarments.
- Clothing and jewelry must be free from vulgar, obscene, or profane words/phrases/pictures, sexual innuendoes or sexually suggestive pictures or words, tobacco, alcohol, legal or illegal drugs, and gang-related articles of dress or adornment.

Grades and Report Cards

Student grades may be accessed online by a parent/guardian. Report cards are issued every nine weeks and will be sent home by mail.

The subject grade should be based upon pupil mastery of the content of the course. The teacher will establish a reasonable standard for average achievement in each of the subjects. If at any time the teacher is in doubt that this standard is either too high or too low, the teacher should discuss the matter with the principal.

The teacher will establish a uniform system of grading. This system is based upon attainment of what the teacher requires. Content of the course shall be set up to be measured by numerical percentages which are then transferred to letter or numerical equivalents. The following scale will serve as a guide for the distribution of grades:

A = (90 - 100%) Excellent

B = (80 - 89%) Above Average

C = (70 - 79%) Average

D = (60 - 69%) Below Average

F = (50%-59%) Failing

I = Incomplete

NM = No Mark

*Students receiving an “incomplete” in any subject will have two (2) weeks to make up the grade. After two weeks, the grade automatically becomes an F.

Citizenship and Work Habits

O = Outstanding N = Needs Improvement

S = Satisfactory U = Unsatisfactory

Students that receive a “U” will be excluded from the Honor Roll.

Progress Reports

Progress reports are done the 4th week of each 9-week grading period. Every student will receive a progress report. Additional reports can be requested throughout the quarter by contacting individual teachers. Progress is available to parents at all times through the Parent Portal.

Report Cards

Report cards are mailed home within seven (7) school days after the end of the grading period.

Retention

Students who do not pass at least three (3) of the core subjects (i.e., Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies), or do not pass at least four of the total classes for the year, will be considered for retention.

Last day to turn in work for 8th graders is Friday, May 13, 2022

Honor Roll

Academic Honor Roll-A grade point average of 3.5. No “U”s in Citizenship or Work-Habits.

Principal’s Honor Roll- A grade point average of 4.0. No “U”s in Citizenship or Work-Habits.

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal provides access to your child’s class progress (overall current grades), assignments (individual assignments, grades), attendance, and/or other important information. The Parent Portal should allow you to see the above information for all of your children enrolled in the Amphitheater Public School Districts. The Parent Portal works best when using the Internet Explorer browser. The Mozilla Firefox browser is also compatible with the Parent Portal.

To obtain access to the Parent Portal, email Mrs. Wichers at awichers@amphi.com. Once you have been given an account username and password, you may access the link to the Parent Portal at: https://sisportal.amphi10.org/tsi_live/login.aspx.

Your username and password will remain the same throughout your child's enrollment at AMS.

School Discipline

The following definitions are intended to clarify disciplinary actions used with the Amphitheater Student Code of Conduct. Parent or guardian contact either by telephone or mail will be made in every incident in which a student violates one or more of the listed rules. Consequences will vary depending on the severity of the infraction. Consequences for general classroom misbehaviors will intensify if misbehaviors continue.

After-School Detention

After-school detention is held from 3:35p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Students must report to the Behavior Intervention Room immediately after school. Students are required to bring homework or reading materials to detention. A late bus will leave the school at 5:30 p.m. If the student does not attend assigned after-school detention, further disciplinary action will be assigned.

Behavior Intervention Room/In-School Suspension (ISS)

An administrator may refer students who need to be removed from class due to the disruption of the educational environment, violent behavior, or zero-tolerance offenses (threats and intimidation, endangering others, fighting, assault, drugs/alcohol, arson, or severe defiance) to the Behavior Intervention Room. Lunch will be eaten in the Behavior Intervention Room.

An uncooperative attitude may lengthen the duration or result in more severe consequences. Every effort will be made to contact a parent prior to a student's assignment to the Behavior Intervention Room.

Long-Term Suspension/Expulsion

Long-Term Suspension may be up to 180 days. Expulsion is permanent exclusion from Amphitheater School District. The Governing Board, and its Hearing Officer on recommendations from school administration, determine both consequences.

Mandatory Disciplinary Actions

In most matters of discipline, schools are given the authority to determine disciplinary consequences. However, violations of the Student Code of Conduct involving weapons, drugs or alcohol, assault, extortion, and arson pose a serious threat to the safety and welfare of students and/or staff. Therefore, the Governing Board has directed mandatory consequences for violations in those areas.

At Amphitheater Middle School, any student involved with weapons, drugs, alcohol, assault, extortion, and arson will be referred for a Long-Term Suspension hearing and a police report will be made. There are circumstances which may also require that a police officer remove a student from school premises and take him/her to juvenile detention.

Office Referrals

Students will be removed from class for continued disruptive, disrespectful behavior and disruption of the educational process. When a student needs to be removed from a class, an administrator will facilitate the disciplinary action. The severity of the misbehavior will determine the consequence.

Out-of-School Suspension

During the suspension period, the student is not to be on the campus or attend any school activities. The Attendance Clerk should be contacted at 696-6320 to arrange for homework. Out-of-school suspension may be assigned for up to nine school days.

Restitution

Offenses dealing with destruction, theft, or loss of property may require that the student make payment or replace the item. A police report will also be made.

Behavior Expectations

It is impossible to list all expectations that address every situation. We expect AMS students to use good judgment and common sense during the decision-making process. Students should avoid any activity that would unnecessarily endanger themselves or others. practicing respect and responsibility on a continual basis is everyone's job. Any Amphitheater staff member has the authority and responsibility to address the behavior of any student. The administration and staff have the responsibility to handle cases involving student conduct, regardless of when or where such actions take place. Classroom expectations have been developed by teams, individual teachers, and their students. Responsible behavior should occur in specific areas that include but are not limited to the following: fields, office, halls, learning areas, restrooms, buses, cafeteria, library, labs, and special events.

Amphi Pirates AARRG!

Active
Respectful
Responsible
Resilient
Goal Oriented

PIRATE PRIDE!

Students who follow school-wide expectations are recognized with a Pirate Pride! Slip and are entered into a weekly drawing for school-wide recognition.

Bus Conduct

RIDING ON SCHOOL BUSES IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT

School buses and other district vehicles are provided as a service to district students and persons responsible for the students. In order to ensure the safety of all passengers, proper conduct is required. Video taping will occur at random during the school year on your students' route. A summary of expected behaviors on school buses, other district vehicles, and disciplinary rules is available in the Amphitheater Student Code of Conduct. Remember, school bus transportation is a privilege, not a right; school bus transportation can be suspended for willful misconduct or endangering the overall safety of the school bus or its occupants.

PE LOCKERS

Students are assigned a locker and a lock in the physical education area for PE clothing. The locker will be assigned during the student's PE class. **Valuables should be kept locked up in the locker at all times.** The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items that are not locked in lockers. Students should not share lockers or combinations with friends. The fine for lost locks is \$4.50.

Athletics

	Season I	Season II	Season III	Season IV
Grade				
6th	Cross Country Tennis		Wrestling	Track & Field
7th	Cross Country Tennis Football Girls Softball	Boys Basketball Girls Soccer	Wrestling Boys Soccer Girls Basketball	Track & Field Boys Baseball Girls Volleyball
8th	Cross Country Tennis Football Girls Softball	Boys Basketball Girls Soccer	Wrestling Boys Soccer Girls Basketball	Track & Field Boys Baseball Girls Volleyball

Purpose of the Athletic Program

Amphitheater Interscholastic Participants are known for their positive determination, hard work, and competitiveness. Over the years, Amphitheater Public Schools has developed one of the state's finest interscholastic activity programs and traditions. Many of our teams have been recognized at the local, state, and national level for their outstanding interscholastic achievements.

Interscholastic activities play an integral part in a student's overall educational experience. The Amphitheater Public School District has taken great pride in producing a quality educational experience and a "Tradition of Excellence." In building upon this tradition, the District supports continuing professional development through coaching education.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Amphitheater Public Schools Interscholastic Program is to provide an opportunity for all students to develop and use interscholastic participation in an environment that provides meaningful positive competition, enhances physical and mental well being, and teaches those values that are found within the Six Pillars of Character...

TRUSTWORTHINESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

FAIRNESS

CARING

CITIZENSHIP

Philosophy

Our philosophy is to encourage a high level of excellence through the emotional, physical, and intellectual development of each student. The Amphitheater Public School District shall establish a comprehensive interscholastic program of student activities. Student participation in a variety of activities should be encouraged

Beliefs

We believe that:

Interscholastic participation encourages a healthy lifestyle by enhancing the physical and mental well-being of a student.

Interscholastic participation is an integral part of our educational program.

Interscholastic programs must teach positive values.

Life-long learning is an important component of interscholastic participation.

Interscholastic programs provide opportunities for all students.

Interscholastic competition provides students an appropriate place to develop and use their skill in a structured environment.

Meaningful positive competition is healthy.

Participation

A \$37.00 fee is required for participation in sports. Those students who qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program are able to request a fee waiver when completing their Food Program Application. All students who participate in after-school sports must have on file a current physical form filled out by a doctor and an emergency card signed by a parent. These forms are available in the office.

Students may not attend a game or practice if they have been absent from school that day.

Students must be picked up after practice no later than 5:00 p.m., so that coaches and staff know all students are safely on their way home.

Students may not attend a game or practice if after-school detention has been assigned.

Eligibility

Student-athletes who are involved with weapons, drugs, alcohol, assault, fighting, extortion, tobacco, and/or arson will automatically be dismissed from the team for the rest of that season or the following nine weeks if the offense occurs during the last season. If there is a second offense, the student will not be allowed to participate on a team for an entire calendar year.

Students who are in-school or out-of-school suspended will not be eligible to participate in school athletic contests during the time of suspension.

Before a student's initial participation in a specific activity, eligibility of that student shall be based upon the student's grade average from the prior semester prior to that initial participation. Thereafter, a student's academic eligibility shall be determined using the cumulative grade average from each nine-week grading period.

A student who has a grade average below 2.0, or who receives a failing grade in any class in which the student was enrolled the previous grading period, is ineligible.

If an "F" is earned on a report card, the student cannot compete in games for five weeks. However, he/she may practice. An academic check will occur during the fifth week. A student regains eligibility on the Tuesday following reevaluation, provided that the student: 1) has achieved a grade average of 2.0 or better; 2) has received passing grades in all classes in which the student is enrolled, and 3) has maintained attendance and disciplinary standards as described above. Grades received on the final report card for the year determine eligibility status for the following school year.

HARASSMENT/BULLYING/INTIMIDATION

SO WHAT IS BULLYING?

A lot of young people have a good idea of what bullying is because they see it every day! Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another person on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying happens repeatedly.

- Punching, shoving, and other acts that hurt people physically
- Spreading bad rumors about people
- Keeping certain people out of a “group”
- Teasing people in a mean way
- Getting certain people to “gang up” on others

Bullying also can happen online or electronically. Cyber bullying is when children or teens bully each other using the internet, mobile phones, or other cyber technology. This can include:

- Sending mean or threatening text messages, email, or instant messages.
- Posting nasty pictures or messages about others in blogs or on websites.
- Using someone else’s username to spread rumors or lies about someone.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can help STOP BULLYING NOW by talking to adults about bullying!

Think about times you have seen bullying happen and write down as much as you can remember using the questions below as a guide.

- Where does it take place?
- Who does the bullying?
- When does it happen?

Amphitheater Middle School does not tolerate bullying! You should tell an adult if you are bullied or see someone being bullied. If you haven’t been bullied but are close to someone who has and is willing to discuss it, talk to him or her about what could have been done differently. Here are some questions you could ask:

- Did you tell a parent or teacher?
- Did an adult help stop the bullying?
- Did any students help you?
- What would make you feel safer?

Be a leader by telling adults that you want to “lend a hand” to stop bullying. Talk with adults inside and outside of school who can help stop bullying everywhere. Many adults you know understand the effects of bullying and can help plan ways to keep kids safe whether in-or out-of-school. So, ask for their help. Suggest that they visit the Campaign Web site at www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov to learn about bullying and the National Bullying Prevention Campaign.

WHY DO KIDS BULLY?

There are all kinds of reasons why young people bully others, either occasionally or often. Do any of these sound familiar to you?

- Because I see others doing it
- Because it's what you do if you want to hang out with the right crowd
- Because it makes me feel, stronger, smarter, or better than the person I'm bullying
- Because it's one of the best ways to keep others from bullying me

Whatever the reason, bullying is something we all need to think about. Whether we've done it ourselves, or whether friends or other people we know are doing it, we all need to recognize that bullying has a terrible effect on the lives of young people. It may not be happening to you today, but it could tomorrow. Working together, we can make the lives of young people better.

DO YOU BULLY OTHERS?

Okay, time for the truth. Or at least time to consider if you have a confession to make! Take this quiz to find out if you've ever bullied someone. Put a check in the boxes if you've done these things before.

- There is a boy or girl (or maybe more than one) whom you've repeatedly shoved, punched, or physically pushed around in a mean way just because you felt like it.
- You had someone else hurt someone you don't like.
- You've spread a nasty rumor about someone in conversation, in a note, or through email or instant messaging.
- You and your friends have regularly kept one or more kids from hanging out or playing with you. Examples: at your lunch table at school, during sports or other activities, or activities that are a part of a club or other kind of group activity.
- You've teased people in a mean way, calling them names, making fun of their appearance, or the way they talk or dress or act.
- You've been part of a group that did any of these things – even if you only wanted to be part of the crowd.

If you checked any of these boxes, you're not alone. All over the country, in all types of neighborhoods and schools, there are all types of young people who bully others. Bullying is serious business. It causes young people a lot of pain, and it can affect their ability to do well in school and their general happiness.

Bullying is against our Pirate ARRRG! and can have disciplinary consequences.

Report Bullying

A student who is experiencing bullying, or believes another student is experiencing bullying, is to report the situation to the principal or another school administrator. A school employee who becomes aware of or suspects a student is being bullied shall immediately notify the school administrator. School personnel shall maintain confidentiality of the reported information to the extent permitted by law.

The initial notification of an alleged incident may be provided orally. A detailed written description of the incident and any other relevant information must be provided on form(s) made available by the school and submitted to the principal within one (1) school day of the oral report.



Amphi Middle School Bell Schedule 2021-2022

6th Grade Schedule

1	8:15 AM-8:54 AM
2	8:57 AM-9:47 AM
3	9:50 AM-10:40 AM
4	10:43 AM-11:33 AM
Lunch	11:33 AM-12:03 PM
5	12:06 PM-12:56 PM
6	12:59 PM-1:49 PM
7	1:52 PM-2:42 PM
8	2:45 PM-3:35 PM

7th Grade Schedule

1	8:15 AM-8:54 AM
2	8:57 AM-9:47 AM
3	9:50 AM-10:40 AM
4	10:43 AM-11:33 AM
5	11:36 AM-12:26 PM
Lunch	12:26 PM-12:56 PM
6	12:59 PM-1:49 PM
7	1:52 PM-2:42 PM
8	2:45 PM-3:35 PM

8th Grade Schedule

1	8:15 AM-8:54 AM
2	8:57 AM-9:47 AM
3	9:50 AM-10:40 AM
4	10:43 AM-11:33 AM
5	11:36 AM-12:26 PM
6	12:29 PM-1:19 PM
Lunch	1:19 PM-1:49 PM
7	1:52 PM-2:42 PM
8	2:45 PM-3:35 PM

6th Grade Wednesday Schedule

1	8:15 AM	8:50 AM
2	8:53 AM	9:26 AM
3	9:29 AM	10:02 AM
4	10:05 AM	10:38 AM
Lunch	10:38 AM	11:11 AM
5	11:14 AM	11:47 AM
6	11:50 AM	12:23 PM
7	12:26 PM	12:59 PM
8	1:02 PM	1:35 PM

7th Grade Wednesday Schedule

1	8:15 AM	8:50 AM
2	8:53 AM	9:26 AM
3	9:29 AM	10:02 AM
4	10:05 AM	10:38 AM
5	10:41 AM	11:14 AM
Lunch	11:14 AM	11:47 AM
6	11:50 AM	12:23 PM
7	12:26 PM	12:59 PM
8	1:02 PM	1:35 PM

8th Grade Wednesday Schedule

1	8:15 AM	8:50 AM
2	8:53 AM	9:26 AM
3	9:29 AM	10:02 AM
4	10:05 AM	10:38 AM
5	10:41 AM	11:14 AM
6	11:17 AM	11:50 AM
Lunch	11:50 AM	12:23 PM
7	12:26 PM	12:59 PM
8	1:02 PM	1:35 PM