

School Board Workshop:

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Subject:

BCMS Student Handbook

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

review

DESCRIPTION: Changes to the BCMS 23-24 Student Handbook

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NUTRITION SERVICES

- Breakfast and lunch prices removed. Language changed to support the Free Meals for Kids Program:

2022 – 2023 Student Meal Costs: Breakfast – \$2.10; Lunch – \$3.10; Milk Only – \$0.50

Free Meals for Kids Program allows one free breakfast meal and one free lunch meal per student each day. Additional ala carte items will be charged to the meal account.

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TARDINESS

- Updated Tardy Policy - lunch detention changed to morning make-up time:

A top priority at BCMS is student achievement and maximizing instructional minutes. Tardies are a major disruption to the learning environment and student learning.

Students are expected to be in class when the class begins. Students who are tardy at the start of the school day should report to the front desk and sign in. Here is our building-wide process for tardies:

When a student is late for class without a pass:

1. The teacher gives the student a warning.
2. Parents are notified automatically via email.
3. After 3 tardies - students will be assigned a morning make-up time.
4. If the student continues to be late to class after morning make-up time, the teacher will call the parent to discuss a plan.

5. If the student continues to be late after step 4, the teacher will refer the student to administration.

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CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PED's)

- Updated cell phone and personal electronic devices policy to include our building-wide process for students who bring cellphones to class:

Students do not need a cell phone in school. Students who bring a cell phone to school should note the following information:

- Cell phones along with headphones may be appropriately used before school until 8:50am. By 8:50am, all devices & headphones must be properly stowed away in lockers during all class periods.
- Personal devices may be used during passing times, lunchtime, as well as, after 3:25 PM.

Here is our building-wide process for a student who brings a cellphone to class:

1st Incident: The teacher gives the student a warning.

2nd Incident: The teacher gives the phone to the front desk & the student can pick it up at 3:25pm.

3rd Incident: If the student continues to bring a cell phone to class, the teacher will refer the student to administration.

If students choose to bring a phone to school, the school is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft. If technology misuse is an issue, the student's parent may be required to pick the item up at school and the student may lose the privilege of bringing their device to school. Operation of all electronic devices are prohibited in bathroom and locker room areas.

Students are prohibited from photographing, recording or making any electronic record of other students, staff, or visitors without express consent of the individual that is the subject of the recording, photograph, or electronic record. This policy applies to students during the school day, instructional and non-instructional time, or while participating in school events.

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RELEASE OF STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

With the 2023 Legislative session, under Minnesota law, a school district may not designate a student's home address, telephone number, email address, or other personal contact information as "directory information". This has been reflected in the handbook.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **2023-24 BCMS Student Handbook**