

Middle School Handbook Recommendations - June 2023

The following areas of addition, modification, and deletion are based on recommendations from the MSHSL, updated MN Statutes, and current patterns of student behaviors. Upon approval, the handbook would be updated with the designated information and formatting and page numbers would be adjusted. Please note, some areas are subject to change based on developing legislation.

- Cover Page - Mission statement “Developing self-directed learners to thrive in a changing global community.”
- Table of Contents - change page numbers and formatting will be updated once 2023-2024 handbook is confirmed by School Board.
- P. 5 - Updated building wide schedule
- P. 8 - Updated Programs of Study
- P. 8 - Added - *Once the Summative for the concept has been completed, Formatives can no longer be turned in for credit.*
- P. 9 - Added - **Practice** [0%] - Work graded on completion. This is the practice work that prepares students for both Formative and Summative assessments and provides the opportunity to try the concepts and learn from mistakes before being assessed for a grade. Usually self graded or graded as “done” or “not done”.
- P. 9 - Removed ~~Students in grades 7-8 have 6 week Exploratory Courses. Students ending the 6 week Mid-Tri course or Trimester course with any missing assessments will be graded as “Incomplete”, and must be made up within 2 weeks. Assessments not completed within this timeframe will be converted to zero and the final grade will be assigned for the 6 week Exploratory Courses.~~
- P. 10 - Removed ~~DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION – The content presented in the Google Meets is for educational purposes only. By accessing this material, you agree not to share this content with anyone not enrolled in the class or assisting an enrolled student. Unauthorized distribution of any distance learning content, including sharing video recordings or screenshots on the internet or social media, is strictly prohibited and could result in disciplinary action and/or the suspension of a student’s access to certain distance learning materials. Students are subject to the same attendance policies on Distance Learning days.~~
- P. 11 - Added - *Artificial Intelligence: Utilizing artificial intelligence to complete assignments is considered cheating when the instructor indicates it should be the student’s original work.
- P. 11 - Removed Citing Requirements under Plagiarism.
- P. 14 - Added - “Staying home to babysit or care for a sibling” under Unexcused Absences.
- P. 14 - Added - When extracurricular activities cause a late return to town, the coach or advisor should contact the activities director or building principal to discuss attendance expectations for the next day.
- P. 15 - Added - Make Up Work: Students are permitted one day of make-up time for each excused absence.
- P. 26 - Added - BMS PBIS Matrix and following statements. GENERAL SCHOOL CONDUCT:
- Becker Middle School expectations are clearly defined and taught to all students. Our behavior matrices detail the expected behaviors from all of our students. Becker Middle School is a public space and common sense rules of public behavior apply on school property. It is expected that students will treat other students as well as adults with respect in class, in the halls, on school buses, at all school activities, and District 726 property. GENERAL SCHOOL RULES
 1. Follow the 3 R’s (Respect, Responsibility, positive Relationships)
 2. Respect other people’s property and feelings.
 3. Conduct yourself in an appropriate physical and verbal manner. Careless behavior can result in injury or property damage.
 4. Keep traffic flowing in the halls. Do not loiter, congest, or block others in the hallway. Use your time wisely.
 5. Follow classroom matrices/expectations established by each teacher.

6. Report harmful, threatening, suspicious, or frightening situations to an adult immediately.

[SCHOOL WIDE MATRICES LINK HERE](#)

- P. 20 - Added - Students have an expectation of dress within Becker Middle School. We encourage students to exercise good judgment so as to establish a productive school climate. It is not the intent to thwart self expression or exercise unreasonable control over students. However, current trends seem to favor certain modes of dress which may be considered inappropriate for school. If there is a concern, students will be addressed and may be asked to change.
- P. 20 - Removed - ~~Students should be dressed and groomed in a clean, neat, and appropriate manner. Student appearance is the responsibility of the individual and his/her parent/guardian. Students must dress in accordance to the weather [e.g. Winter: winter coats, hats, etc.]. Certain apparel is not appropriate for school based upon the guidelines of health, safety, and potential disruption.~~
- P. 21 - Added - Metal detectors may also be used in a search. Becker schools have a managed system for things such as document creation, document sharing and communication. If reasonable suspicion exists for violation of the student handbook, student electronic accounts managed by the school may be subject to search.
- P. 21 - Added - “Tennessee Warning” - Modified to “Data Practices Notice” and “The Data Practices Notice states . . . “
- P. 23 - Added/Condensed USE OF PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES AT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
- P. 25 - Added - Sherburne County Crisis Line - 763-765-4000 and 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provide free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. Per Legislative update requirements.
- P. 25 - Added - Activity Nights - as determined by administration.
- P. 26 - Updated Activity Costs - 2023-2024 Ticket Prices: Adults \$7 Students \$5 Punch Card \$75 Student Pass \$50
- P. 26 - Updated Food Costs - First Breakfast - \$0.00/free, First Lunch - \$0.00/free, Extra Milk - \$0.55 per carton
- P. 28 - Removed - ~~Students should be dressed and groomed in a clean, neat, and appropriate manner. Student appearance is the responsibility of the individual and his/her parent/guardian. Students must dress in accordance to the weather [e.g. Winter: winter coats, hats, etc.]. Certain apparel is not appropriate for school based upon the guidelines of health, safety, and potential disruption.~~
- P. 28 - Added - Additional PE Curriculum notifications will be posted throughout the school year (ie: Grade Level specific - swimming, skiing, outdoor activities)
- P. 28/29 - Condensed Media Services & Media Center
- P. 34-39 - Added iPad information
- P. 40-44 - Added Local Standardized Testing Information