

ASHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBOOK ADDENDUM

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Year-Long Honor Roll Achievement

Students will have the opportunity to earn the Year-Long Honor Roll Achievement Recognition when they earn a 3.0 or higher G.P.A. for each of the four quarters. Students who receive honor roll distinction may be presented with the following: certificates at the end of the year, recognition in the newspaper, and accomplishments posted in the Commons area.

WEB: Where Everybody Belongs

WEB, which stands for “Where Everybody Belongs,” is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th graders to Ashland Middle School and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from our 8th grade class to be WEB Leaders. As positive role models, WEB Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the 6th graders to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to middle school and help facilitate 6th grade success.

More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in middle school, their chances for success increase dramatically. WEB provides the structure for 6th graders to receive support and guidance from 8th graders who have been through the challenges that middle school poses and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming.

WEB also acts as an anti-bullying program for your school by providing it with a cadre of student leaders who look for bullying behavior and help stop it. WEB gives older students permission to be aware of and report any negative behavior they see, creating a safer school for everybody.

The 8th grade WEB Leaders, with the help of the coordinators, will lead the 6th grade Orientation Day, will provide both academic and social follow-ups, and keep in contact with their 6th grade student group.

Any incoming 8th grade student has the opportunity to apply to become a WEB Leader. The applicants must want to make a difference, be willing to lead, be a positive role model, and participate in all WEB events.

Cologne and Aerosol Personal Care Products:

Due to staff and students with allergies, student possession of aerosols and colognes is not allowed on the premises.

Parent Calls To Students:

Contacting students during instructional time is very disruptive to classrooms. Please try to communicate plans with your children before the school day begins. When you call the school, we will take a message and give it to your son/daughter. Calls will not be put through to the classroom teacher while class is in session except in the case of an emergency. Please do not expect your child to take calls or messages on their cell phones during the school day except during the lunch period.

Advanced Math & Science Criteria:

AMS offers advanced math and science courses. Criteria considered when making recommendations for these courses may include state assessment data, universal screening data, grades, and teacher recommendations or other evaluations/assessments. Please encourage your child to always do their best on all assessments.

Summer Science 9 Criteria:

Science 9 may be an offered summer school course for AMS students the summer after their 8th grade year. Criteria for admission in this class includes receiving a letter grade of "A" all four terms their 8th grade year. This is based on middle school grading criteria.

Electronic Devices and Cell Phone

Cell Phone or other WCD's which are confiscated from students may be picked up during school hours by a parent / guardian. Please see board policy 5136.

Inter-District Transfer Students

Student transfers between OPS and AMS will occur before the school year begins or at the semester break. Approval for transfer is dependent on space availability, enrollment numbers and the needs of the student.

To request a transfer outside of the regular enrollment period:

- 1) Meet with student's advisor/teacher to make a plan to best meet student needs
- 2) Meet with Principal/Lead Teacher
- 3) Submit transfer forms or written request by December 15 for mid-year changes