# NATCHITOCHES MAGNET SCHOOL

## Student and Family Handbook

### 2026-2027 School Year

Antavious Roberson, Principal
Natchitoches Parish School System

**OUR MISSION**

Natchitoches Magnet School develops scholars of strong character by holding every student to a high standard academically and personally, building a community where achievement and integrity are the expected outcome.

**OUR VISION**

Every NMS student leaves prepared to succeed in high school, pursue higher education, and lead with character in their community.

**OUR SLOGAN**

*Where Every Piece Has Its Place*

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to Natchitoches Magnet School.

NMS is not just a school you attend. It is a school you earn the right to be part of, and that distinction matters. Every student here was admitted because someone believed they were ready to meet a higher standard. We expect you to keep meeting it.

This handbook outlines the expectations we hold for every student and family at NMS. Read it. Keep it. When questions come up, it is your first resource. We hold students and families accountable to what is in these pages, so it is important that you know them.

We are proud to be the Mustangs. Let's make this a great year.

**Antavious Roberson**

Principal, Natchitoches Magnet School

## Section 1: School Information

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|---|---|
| School | Natchitoches Magnet School |
| Grade Levels | PreK-8 |
| Principal | Antavious Roberson |
| School Coordinator | Codie Goings |
| School Secretary | Necaia Solari |
| School Nurse | Laura Mayeaux |
| Master Teacher | Aly Erikson |
| Head Custodian | Albert Gillie |
| School Colors | Navy Blue and Orange |
| Mascot | Mustangs |
| School Hours | 7:40 AM to 3:10 PM |
| Front Office Hours | 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM |

### Contact and Communication

The front office is staffed by Necaia Solari. For general questions, records requests, car tags, and enrollment matters, contact the front office. Disciplinary concerns should be directed to Codie Goings. Instructional concerns should be directed to your child's teacher first. If the issue is not resolved, contact Roberson.

NMS communicates with families primarily through Remind. Make sure your family is signed up for Remind notifications from your child's teacher and from the school. All official school communication also comes through school-approved channels. Staff do not communicate with students or families through personal social media accounts.

## Section 2: Academic Policies

### Grading

Grades reflect what your child knows and can do. They are updated regularly in the Student Progress Center, which families can access at any time. If you have questions about a grade, contact the teacher first.

- Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter.
- Mid-quarter progress reports are issued halfway through each quarter.
- Students in grades 3-8 must earn a minimum of 67 points in each major subject area to be promoted to the next grade level, per the NPSB Pupil Progression Plan.
- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher to remain enrolled at NMS.

### Homework

Homework is assigned to reinforce what has already been taught. It should not require students to master new content independently. If your child is consistently struggling with homework, contact their teacher.

### Academic Honesty

Cheating, plagiarism, and all forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. This includes copying another student's work, using unauthorized materials during a test, and submitting work that is not your own. Violations will result in a zero on the assignment and a disciplinary referral. Repeated violations may result in removal from NMS.

### LEAP and State Testing

Students in grades 3-8 participate in LEAP 2025 state assessments. Test results are one factor in promotion decisions and in evaluating NMS's academic programs. Students are expected to take all required assessments seriously and give their best effort. Any attempt to cheat on a state assessment is a serious violation with consequences that go beyond school discipline.

# Section 3: Attendance

## Compulsory Attendance

Louisiana law requires students to attend school regularly. NMS holds students and families accountable to the state compulsory attendance law. Regular attendance is a condition of continued enrollment at NMS. Louisiana law requires attendance from age 5 through age 18, and kindergarten is mandatory. Elementary students must be in attendance a minimum of 167 days per school year to receive credit, and students who miss more than 11 days of school can be considered for retention. A student is considered truant after the fifth unexcused absence or fifth unexcused late arrival within a semester, which may result in a referral to Families in Need of Services (FINS) or the District Attorney.

## Reporting an Absence

When your child will be absent, call or send a note to the front office on the day of the absence. An absence is considered unexcused until documentation is received. Acceptable documentation includes a doctor's note, a court document, or written notice from a parent or guardian for up to three days per semester.

## Tardiness

Students are expected to be in their seats and ready when school begins at 7:40 AM. Any student arriving after 7:40 AM must check in through the front office. Excessive tardiness is addressed as an attendance concern and may result in disciplinary action.

## Early Dismissal

Early dismissal requests must be submitted in writing or by phone to the front office before 2:30 PM. Students will only be released to authorized adults listed in their enrollment file. Bring a valid ID when picking up a student early.

## Late Pickup Policy

All car rider students must be picked up by 3:30 PM. The front office closes at 3:30 PM. Students who have not been picked up by that time will be supervised by available staff while a parent or guardian is contacted.

- First offense: the parent or guardian must come into the front office and sign the late pickup log acknowledging that pickup occurred after 3:30 PM.
- Continued late pickups: the family will not receive bus company information and the student will be ineligible to become a bus rider. Bus rider eligibility requires that families demonstrate reliable and timely pickup.

## Make-Up Work

Students are responsible for requesting and completing make-up work following an absence. Teachers will provide reasonable time to complete assignments missed due to excused absences. Unexcused absences may not be eligible for full credit on make-up work.

## Section 4: Discipline and the House System

### The NMS House System

Every student at NMS belongs to one of four houses. Your house is assigned when you enroll and stays with you for as long as you are at NMS. Houses compete throughout the year for points, and the standings are updated every week.

| House | Identity |
|---|---|
| Amistad | Spanish for friendship — loyalty, empathy, and unity |
| Altruismo | Italian for altruism — service, compassion, and humility |
| Isibindi | Zulu for courage — courage, integrity, and perseverance |
| Reveur | French for the dreamer — creativity, vision, and curiosity |

House points are earned through positive behavior, academic achievement, attendance, leadership, and school pride. Points are never deducted for behavior. They are tracked in the Housepoints App, where students can see their balance and spend points in the House Store. Discipline is handled separately through conduct marks in the behavior tracker. Every staff member can award points.

### The House Store

Students spend the points they earn in the House Store, built into the Housepoints App. The store offers academic, social, and community privileges, as well as a set of consequence privilege passes. A pass lets a student modify certain Tier 1 or Tier 2 consequences they have received — for example, a Recess Protection Pass, a Lunch Detention Reduction Pass, or a Homework Grace Pass. A pass must be purchased and held before the consequence is given, and the most serious (Tier 3) consequences can never be modified with a pass. This teaches students that consistent positive choices build real value and give them a say in how a consequence is handled. Houses also gather once a month for a House Meeting, and each quarter NMS holds a House Party. To attend the House Party, a student must have no major infractions and no more than one minor infraction during that quarter. Eligibility resets every quarter, so a student who misses one party can earn their spot back the next.

### Discipline: Minor and Major Infractions

NMS uses a restorative, non-punitive discipline system. When behavior falls below expectations, a teacher issues a conduct mark and records it in the behavior tracker as a minor or major infraction. Consequences are organized in three tiers, from a warning or reflection (Tier 1) up to suspension or an SBLC referral (Tier 3). House points are earned for positive behavior and spent in the House Store. Points are never taken away as a consequence.

| Type | Examples | Consequence |
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| Minor Infraction | Disruption, off-task behavior, dress code violation, tardiness, minor disrespect | Teacher redirect, then a conduct mark logged in the behavior tracker (Tier 1: warning, reflection, or similar). 3 or |

| Type | Examples | Consequence |
|---|---|---|
| | | more minor marks in one week become a minor infraction: parent contact that day and a teacher-student conference. Three minor infractions in the same quarter become a major infraction. |
| Major Infraction | Defiance, disrespect toward staff, repeated minor infractions, second cell phone offense, threats | Referral to Goings, parent contact within 24 hours, restorative conference, Tier 2 or Tier 3 consequence. Depending on severity, a major infraction may result in in-school suspension (ISS) or out-of-school suspension (OSS), decided by the Principal and Discipline Coordinator. A second major infraction in the same quarter adds a written behavior plan and SBLC referral. |
| Major Infraction (Serious) | Fighting, weapons, contraband, any NPSB mandatory referral | Immediate referral to Roberson, parent contact same day, possible suspension or expulsion |

## Cell Phone and Personal Device Policy

Students may not have cell phones or personal devices visible or in use during the school day, from arrival through dismissal.

- PreK through 4th grade: offenses are handled at the principal's discretion, per NPSB policy.
- Grades 5-8, first offense: documented verbal warning. The device is seized until the end of the school day and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- Grades 5-8, second offense: device held for three school days. The student receives 1 day of SHORT placement if the phone is surrendered or 3 days of OSS if not. A parent must meet with school administration before the device is returned.
- Grades 5-8, third offense: device held for five school days. The student receives 3 days of OSS if the phone is surrendered or 5 days if not. A parent must meet with school administration before the device is returned.
- Grades 5-8, fourth offense: the device is seized and the student is recommended for expulsion to an alternate site.
- No recording, videoing, or taking or sending of pictures is allowed on personal or school-issued devices at any time.

## Fighting

Fighting is one of the most serious behavioral violations at NMS and is governed by the NPSB Fight Policy. A fight is a hostile confrontation with physical contact involving two or more individuals. Involvement in a fight, whether as an aggressor or a willing participant, carries the same consequence. Law enforcement is contacted for every fight on campus, on a bus, or at a bus stop, and expulsion proceedings may begin depending on severity. Per district policy, consequences are as follows:

- Grades K-2: fights are addressed on an individual basis by school administration.

- Grades 3-5: first fight, 10 school days of long-term suspension at the Alternative Center. Second fight, 45 school days of alternate placement. Third fight, 80 school days of alternate placement.
- Grades 6-8: first fight, 80 school days of alternate placement with the possibility of a re-entry review at 40 school days. Second fight, 80 school days with no re-entry review. Third fight, recommendation for expulsion for no less than 90 school days.
- Recording or posting a fight: 5 school days of suspension for students in grades 3-5 and 10 school days of automatic long-term suspension for students in grades 6-8.

## Bullying and Harassment

NMS maintains a zero-tolerance policy for bullying and harassment. Bullying includes repeated, intentional acts of physical, verbal, or social harm directed at another student. Harassment includes conduct based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or disability that creates a hostile environment.

- Cyberbullying, including harassment through social media, text, or any digital platform, is prohibited and subject to school discipline even when it occurs off campus if it disrupts the school environment.
- Students who are bullied or harassed should report it to any trusted adult at NMS. Reports are taken seriously and investigated promptly.
- Retaliation against a student who reports bullying is itself a violation and will be disciplined.

## Chronic Behavior

Behavior is tracked so that patterns are caught early. Three or more minor conduct marks in one week become a minor infraction; three minor infractions in the same quarter become a major infraction. Any major infraction may result in ISS or OSS depending on severity, at the discretion of the Principal and Discipline Coordinator. When a student reaches a major infraction, the family is contacted and a behavior plan is developed with the student, family, and school. A second major infraction in the same quarter adds a written behavior plan and an SBLC referral. If behavior continues after a plan is in place, a formal review through the Student Building Level Committee is initiated.

**Continued Enrollment at NMS

Per the NMS discipline policy, a student who receives 3 or more major infraction referrals or is excluded from NMS for any period of time during the school year may not be permitted to return to NMS the following year. Continued enrollment is a privilege that must be earned.

## Section 5: Dress Code

NMS maintains a uniform dress code. Proper dress reflects pride in our school and removes distractions from learning. Students who are not in dress code will be addressed and parents may be contacted.

### Required Uniform

| Item | Requirement |
|---|---|
| Tops | Navy blue, white, or orange polo shirts; no inappropriate graphics or logos; no other school paraphernalia |
| Bottoms | Khaki pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts (no denim, no leggings as pants) |
| Outerwear | Navy blue, gray, or black jackets or sweatshirts; hooded garments must be removed inside the building; no oversized outer garments worn inside classrooms |
| Belts | Required if pants have belt loops; solid color, simple buckle |
| Accessories | No hats or hoods inside the building; no large jewelry that is distracting or a safety concern |
| Footwear | Closed-toe shoes only, properly laced and tied; no Crocs, slides, sandals, house shoes, or shoes with lights or wheels |
| Bags | Book bags must be clear or mesh; purses no larger than 12 by 8 inches; no backpack purses |

### Spirit Days

On designated spirit days, students may wear NMS gear or approved casual attire as announced in advance. Even on spirit days, clothing must be school-appropriate. Clothing that is revealing, offensive, or distracting is never permitted.

### Dress Code Violations

A dress code violation is a minor infraction. A student who arrives in non-compliant dress may be required to call home for a change of clothing. Repeated dress code violations will be addressed through the discipline process.

# Section 6: Technology and iPad Use

## Acceptable Use

NMS provides students with access to technology for educational purposes. Use of school devices, networks, and systems is a privilege and must align with the NMS Acceptable Use Policy and NPSB guidelines.

- School devices are for educational use only. Personal use, gaming, and unauthorized downloads are prohibited.
- Students may not access inappropriate, violent, or adult content on any school device or network.
- Students may not use school technology to bully, harass, or threaten any person.
- Damage to school devices is the financial responsibility of the student and family.

## iPad Care and Responsibility

iPads assigned to students are school property. Students are responsible for keeping their device charged, protected, and in working condition. A damaged or lost iPad must be reported to the front office immediately. Intentional damage will result in disciplinary action and a repair or replacement cost.

## Social Media

Students are strongly discouraged from posting content about school, classmates, or staff on social media. Content that is harmful, threatening, or harassing posted online — even from a personal device and outside of school hours — is subject to school discipline if it disrupts the school environment. Students should never post identifying information about other students without their consent.

## Internet Safety

NMS teaches students to be responsible digital citizens. Students should never share personal information (full name, address, phone number, passwords) online and should report any uncomfortable or suspicious online interaction to a trusted adult immediately.

# Section 7: Health and Medication

## School Nurse

Laura Mayeaux serves as the NMS school nurse. The nurse's office is the first stop for any student who feels ill or is injured during the school day. Students must have a pass from their teacher to visit the nurse's office except in emergencies.

## Medication Administration

NMS staff may not administer any medication — prescription or over-the-counter — without a completed Medication Authorization Form on file. This form must be signed by both the parent or guardian and the prescribing physician for prescription medications. All medications must be delivered to the nurse's office in the original labeled container by a parent or guardian, not by a student.

Students may not carry or self-administer any medication during the school day without prior written authorization from a physician and approval from the school.

## Student Illness

Students who become ill during the school day will be seen by Nurse Mayeaux. If a student has a fever of 100.4 or higher, a parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up the child. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school.

## Emergency Medical Information

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to keep emergency medical information current in the student's enrollment file. This includes allergies, medical conditions, emergency contacts, and physician information. Please contact Solari in the front office to update any medical information.

## Mental Health

NMS takes the mental health and emotional wellbeing of every student seriously. If you or your child is struggling, please reach out to any trusted adult at NMS. Students may also access support directly:

- Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- NPSB Support: helpishere@nat.k12.la.us

## Section 8: Bus Conduct

Riding the school bus is a privilege extended to students who demonstrate safe and respectful behavior. Bus conduct is subject to the same discipline standards as on-campus behavior.

### Bus Expectations

- Students must be at their bus stop on time. The bus will not wait.
- Remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
- Keep voices at a respectful volume. Shouting, profanity, and harassment of other students or the driver are not tolerated.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects inside the bus at all times.
- Electronic devices on the bus are subject to the same cell phone policy as on campus.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is not permitted without driver permission.

### Bus Discipline

Bus conduct violations are documented and communicated to school administration. Minor violations are addressed by the driver and school staff. Serious or repeated violations may result in suspension from bus transportation. Parents will be notified of any bus incident resulting in a referral. The school bus is an extension of the school, and fighting on the bus is not tolerated. A first offense results in suspension of bus privileges for 10 days in addition to consequences under the fight policy. A second offense results in suspension of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year. Loss of bus transportation does not excuse absence from school. Families are responsible for getting the student to and from school if bus privileges are revoked.

## Section 8b: Hallway, Classroom, and Dismissal Expectations

NMS runs best when students move through the building with purpose and order. These expectations apply from the moment you enter the building to the moment you leave.

### Hallway Expectations

- Always walk in a single file line. No side-by-side walking during transitions.
- Keep your hands to yourself. Do not touch walls, lockers, or display cases.
- Hallways are silent during transitions unless your teacher tells you otherwise.
- No running, skipping, or horseplay in hallways, stairwells, or common areas at any time.
- You must have a pass to be in the hallway during class time. If you are stopped without one, you will be escorted back to class and a minor infraction will be documented.

### Classroom Expectations

Your classroom is a learning environment. Treat it that way from the moment you walk in.

- You must ask for permission before getting out of your seat for any reason.
- Stay in your seat and engaged unless your teacher has given you a specific task that requires movement.
- Respect all classroom materials, furniture, and displays. You are responsible for anything you damage.
- Follow your teacher's instructions the first time they are given.
- Electronic devices are stored and out of sight during all instruction.

### Lunch Expectations

Lunch is a quiet, orderly time. Students eat, clean up after themselves, and wait to be dismissed by staff.

- Sit in your assigned area and remain seated until staff dismiss your table.
- Keep noise at a level where staff can hear and communicate without raising their voices.
- Clean your area before leaving. Leave the table and floor the way you found it.
- Food stays at the table. No throwing food under any circumstances.

### Dismissal Expectations

Dismissal is a coordinated process. Bus riders report to the gym. Car riders are released through the cafeteria and hallway. Both areas must remain quiet so that staff can hear walkie talkies and coordinate your release safely.

- Go directly to your dismissal location when released from class.
- Remain quiet and seated until your name or bus is called.
- Do not wander, visit other areas, or attempt to leave with anyone other than your authorized adult.
- Students who cannot follow dismissal expectations will have their dismissal time delayed.

## Section 9: Student Rights and General Policies

### Student Rights

Every student at NMS has the right to:

- A safe, respectful learning environment free from bullying, harassment, and discrimination
- Access to their education records and a process to request corrections
- Be treated with dignity and fairness by all school staff
- Due process in any disciplinary action that could result in suspension or expulsion
- Receive instruction that is aligned to Louisiana state academic standards

### Student Responsibilities

Every student at NMS is responsible for:

- Coming to school prepared and ready to learn every day
- Treating all students and staff with respect
- Following all school rules and the expectations in this handbook
- Representing NMS with pride at all times, on and off campus
- Reporting concerns, threats, or unsafe situations to a trusted adult

### Visitors

All visitors to NMS must sign in at the front office and receive a visitor badge. Students may not bring guests to school without prior administrative approval. Unauthorized visitors will be reported to law enforcement.

### Lost and Found

NMS maintains a lost and found near the front office. Students are encouraged to label all personal belongings. NMS is not responsible for lost or stolen personal items. Students should not bring valuable items to school.

### Search and Seizure

School administrators have the authority to search students and their belongings when there is reasonable suspicion of a policy violation or safety concern. This includes lockers, bags, and personal devices while on school property. Law enforcement may be involved in searches when circumstances warrant.

### Tobacco, Vaping, Alcohol, and Drugs

The use, possession, or distribution of tobacco products, vaping devices, alcohol, or any controlled substance is strictly prohibited on school grounds, on school transportation, and at all school-sponsored events. NMS is 100% tobacco-free and vape-free. Violations will result in a major infraction referral and may involve law enforcement. For students in grades 6-8, district consequences for vaping or use of any tobacco product are: first offense, 3 days of in-school suspension and a mandatory online course. Second offense, 5 days of out-of-school suspension and in-school counseling. Third offense, 45 school

days of automatic alternate placement at the Alternative Center. Any vape or vaping product found in a student's possession will be confiscated and discarded.

## Weapons

Weapons of any kind, including firearms, knives, and any object used to threaten or harm another person, are strictly prohibited on school grounds and at all school events. A student found in possession of a weapon will be referred to law enforcement and is subject to expulsion proceedings under NPSB policy.

## Safe School Reporting

If you know about a threat to the safety of any student or staff member, report it immediately. Do not wait. You can tell any trusted adult at NMS, call the front office, or in an emergency call 911. You can also report threats anonymously through the Louisiana tip line. Your safety and the safety of your school matter.

## Student Organizations and Extracurricular Programs

NMS offers the following student organizations and extracurricular programs. Participation is open to eligible students and requires maintaining academic standing and behavioral expectations.

| Organization | Sponsor | Open To |
|---|---|---|
| Beta Club | Jonathan Parish | Grades 6-8 meeting eligibility requirements |
| Student Government Association | Willis | Grades 5-8 |
| Student Activities Council | Mims/Raggio | Grades 5-8 |
| Cheerleading | Sheila Simmons | Grades 6-8 |
| Robotics Club | BriAnna Raggio | Grades 3-8 |
| 4-H Club | Kathleen Brown | Grades 4-8 |
| Clover Buds | Wilson | Grades K-3 |
| Good News Club | McCurry | All grades |
| Band | Aleisa Hudlow | Grades 5-8 |
| Orchestra | Evan Korn | Grades 5-8 |
| Art | Erin Parish | All grades (elective) |

## Athletic Programs

NMS sponsors the following athletic programs. All sports require maintaining eligibility standards including academic standing and behavioral expectations.

| Sport | Coach | Status |
|---|---|---|
| Girls Basketball | Stephanie Sowell | Active |
| Boys Basketball | Derion Porchia | Active |
| Baseball | Mike Sesvold | Active |
| Softball | Ashley Sesvold | Active |
| Cheerleading | Sheila Simmons | Active |
| Cross Country | TBD | Proposed |
| Soccer | TBD | Proposed |
| Volleyball | TBD | Proposed |
| Tennis | TBD | Proposed |

For athletic program information, contact Athletic Director Stephanie Sowell.

## School Events

NMS hosts the following major events each school year. Student and family attendance is encouraged and celebrated.

| Event | When | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Open House | August | Meet your teachers and tour the school before the year begins |
| Fall Carnival | October | PTO-hosted fundraiser with games, food, and house competition |
| Mardi Gras Parade | February | School-wide celebration and community parade |
| Field Day | Spring | Outdoor activities and house competition |
| Spring Awards Banquet | April/May | Formal recognition of academic and house achievement; silent auction |

## Cafeteria

Lunch is a quiet time. Students eat without excessive noise and remain seated until they are dismissed by staff. Throwing food, leaving a mess, or being disruptive in the cafeteria is a discipline matter. Students who cannot follow cafeteria expectations will lose cafeteria privileges.

## Section 10: District and Legal Notices

The following notices are required by federal and Louisiana state law and must be communicated to all NMS families.

### Non-Discrimination Notice

Natchitoches Parish School Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices. This applies to all students at NMS. Any student who believes they have been subjected to discrimination should report it to Roberson or directly to NPSB's district office.

### Title IX: Sexual Harassment

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school program or activity. Sexual harassment of students by other students or by staff is prohibited. Any student who experiences or witnesses sexual harassment should report it to Roberson immediately. NPSB has a designated Title IX Coordinator. Contact the district office for that information.

### Section 504 and Students with Disabilities

NMS provides equal access and appropriate accommodations to students with qualifying disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you believe your child may qualify for a 504 accommodation plan, contact Codie Goings to begin the process.

### FERPA: Family Rights to Education Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) gives parents and guardians the right to inspect and review their child's education records, request corrections to records they believe are inaccurate, and control the disclosure of their child's information. NMS does not share student records with outside parties without written parental consent except as permitted by law.

To request access to your child's records, contact Necaia Solari in the front office.

### Title I Parent Rights

NMS participates in Title I, Part A programming. As a parent or guardian of a child in a Title I school, you have the right to request information about the professional qualifications of your child's teachers, to be notified if your child is assigned to a long-term substitute for more than four consecutive weeks, and to participate in school improvement processes. Contact Roberson for more information about Title I programs and family involvement opportunities.

### Student Privacy: Photography and Video

NMS may photograph or record students for educational, news, and promotional purposes. If you do not want your child's image used in school publications, on the school website, or on NMS social media, submit a written opt-out request to the front office at the start of the school year.

Staff and outside parties may not photograph or record students without prior administrative approval. Any unauthorized recording of students on school property should be reported to Roberson immediately.

## Annual Notice of Student Records

In compliance with FERPA, NMS notifies families annually that student education records are maintained by the school and are available for review upon request. Records are maintained for the period required by NPSB policy. Families wishing to inspect records should contact Solari to schedule a review.

## Pesticide Notification

Louisiana law requires schools to notify parents before applying pesticides on school grounds. NMS will provide advance notice through school communication channels prior to any pesticide application. If you have concerns about your child's exposure, contact the front office.

## McKinney-Vento: Students Experiencing Homelessness

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to immediate enrollment, school stability, and access to all school programs. If your family is experiencing a housing crisis, contact Roberson or Goings confidentially. NMS will work to ensure your child's education is not disrupted.

**Crisis and Mental Health Resources
988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988 (24/7)
NPSB Student Support: helpishere@nat.k12.la.us
In a life-threatening emergency, always call 911 first.

## Acknowledgment and Signature Forms

Please complete all forms below, detach this page, and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by the end of the first week of school.

### Form 1: Handbook Acknowledgment

We have received and reviewed the 2026-2027 NMS Student and Family Handbook. We understand that students are expected to follow all policies and expectations described in this handbook.

_____ Student Name (Print)

_____ Student Signature

_____ Date

_____ Parent or Guardian Name (Print)

_____ Parent or Guardian Signature

_____ Date

### Form 2: Discipline Policy Acknowledgment

We have reviewed the NMS discipline policy. We understand that a student who receives 3 or more major infraction referrals, or who is excluded from NMS for any period of time during the school year, may not be permitted to return to NMS the following school year.

_____ Student Name (Print)

_____ Student Signature

_____ Date

_____ Parent or Guardian Name (Print)

_____ Parent or Guardian Signature

_____ Date

### Form 3: Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

We have reviewed the NMS Technology and iPad Use policy. We understand that school devices are for educational use only and that the student is responsible for the care of any device assigned to them. We understand that misuse of school technology may result in loss of device privileges and disciplinary action.

_____ Student Name (Print)

_____ Student Signature

_____ Date

_____ Parent or Guardian Name (Print)

_____ Parent or Guardian Signature

_____ Date