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STUDENT HANDBOOK

SAFETY TIPLINE, ONLINE PREVENTION
S.T.O.P!
Bullying · Violence · Risky Behavior

6 weeks
vs.
9 weeks

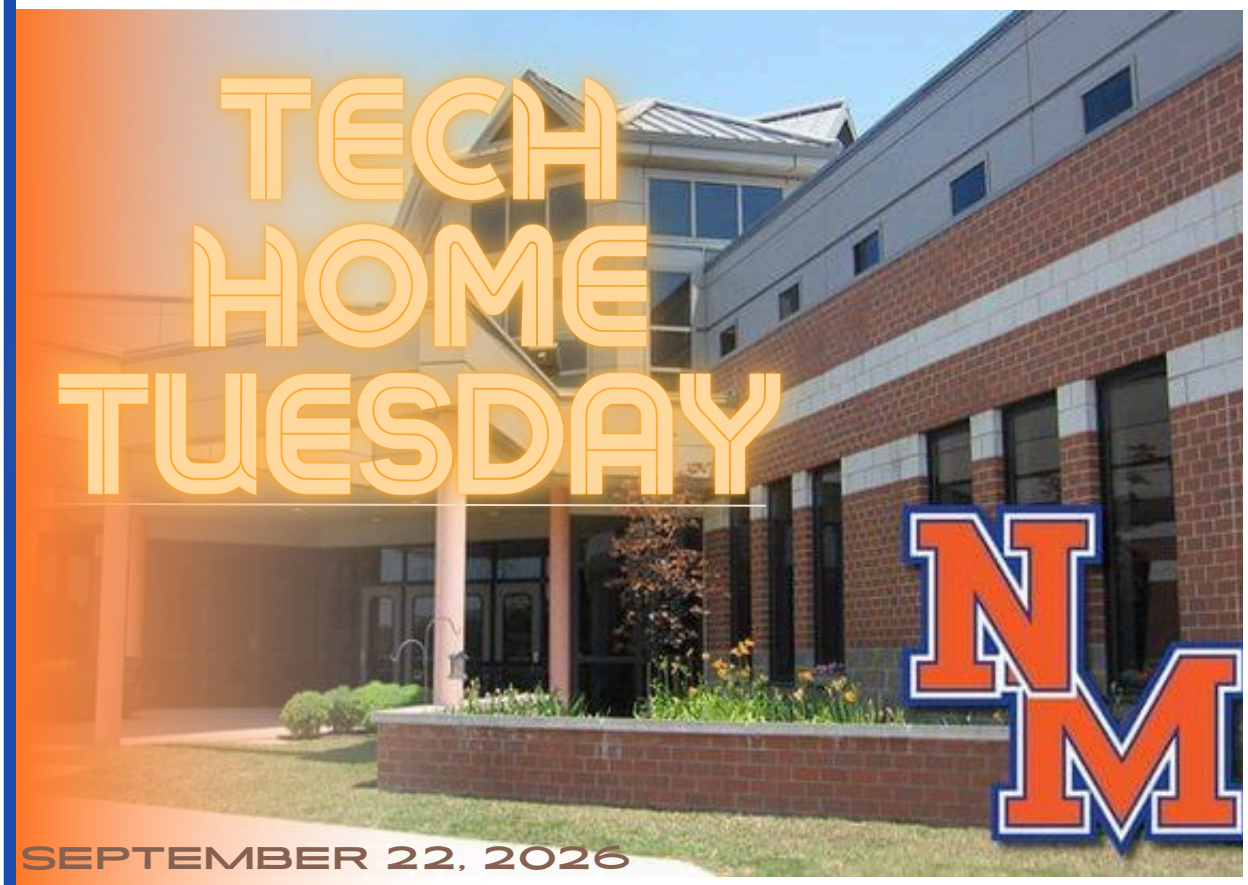
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2026-2027
MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS
CODE OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE



UPCOMING DATES

EXTENDED SCHOOL SERVICES (ESS) WILL BE EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 3-4PM. PLEASE ARRANGE TO PICK UP YOUR STUDENT.

September 23: *Report Cards will be sent home today! Can be seen electronically in Otus and IC Parent Portal.*
September 25: *Deadline to have an interview with YSC for Christmas Assistance, glenda.byers@marshall.kyschools.us or call 270.395.7108 x3058*
September 23: *7:40 AM, See You at the Pole! Students must go through normal bag check procedures first*
October 1: *Archery Informational Meeting, 5:30, NMMS Cafeteria*
October 2: *PJ Day and Hat Day Fundraiser*
October 2: *End of 1st 9-week behavior period AND Deadline to complete Parent Survey*
October 5-12: *Fall Break, No School*

'26-'27 District Calendar ***More Upcoming Events***

Terroristic Threatening Letter from Mr. Bill Thorpe sent home 8/6/26
Religious Beliefs Excusal and Sexual Extortion letter sent home 8/19/26



We have a mental health counselor back in our building full-time! He is available for appointments, so feel free to reach out!

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Office: 270.395.7108 FAX: 270.395.5449

Please be aware of the changes to these traffic areas that will keep our buses safe and running on time.



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school supplies & bag info

6th grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

Please review the bag size requirements, Chromebook sleeve size, and locker expectations found at the top of each supplies list!

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6 weeks vs. 9 weeks

Students have 8 Class Periods a day:

- 2 English Language Arts
- 1 Math
- 1 Science
- 1 Social Studies
- 2 Enrichments (rotate every 6 weeks, except band), and
- Flex (middle of day), not graded

Grading periods are every 6 weeks and enrichments change every 6 weeks. The blue classes listed above are core classes, and the grading is cumulative. The enrichment class grades reflect the current 6-week classes.

Report Cards are sent home every 6 weeks following this schedule.

Behavior Points reset every 9 weeks and rewards occur about a week later. This is that schedule:

- 1st 9-Weeks ends Friday, October 16
- 2nd 9-Weeks ends Friday, December 18
- 3rd 9-Weeks ends Wednesday, March 3
- 4th 9-Weeks ends Friday, May 7

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Booklet copies were sent home the first week of school.
Electronic copy is available by clicking the image below.



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AKA "Cell Phone Policy"

Personal Technology Device Policy

Kentucky House Bill 208 was passed in 2025 and states, *"The policy shall, at a minimum, prohibit a student's use of a personal telecommunications device during instructional time, except during an emergency, if directed to do so by a teacher for an instructional purpose, or if authorized by a teacher."*

North Marshall's policy refers to the following devices:

- **Cell phones** shall be turned off and out of sight, meaning:
  - In locker, or
  - In designated caddy in each classroom
- **Smart watches** shall not be used to text, make calls, or search the Internet
- **Other Wearable Technology Devices** are not permitted at school, such as
  - Artificial Intelligence (AI) glasses, or
  - other AI personal devices

North Marshall's policy states:

Cell phones shall be **turned off and out of sight** during the school day. If the student leaves their cell phone in the previous class' storage caddy, they shall not leave the current class to retrieve it until the bell rings at the end of the current class. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with their device or they will be asked to leave it in their locker.

The only universally permitted time to use a student cell phone is during the first 3 minutes of the last class period when students are permitted to check for messages about last-minute changes to after-school activities. Following this check, cell phones should be powered OFF and out of sight until dismissal.

If a phone is visible or audible, or a student is observed using a smart device to communicate in some way, during the school day, including between classes, it will be considered a Cell Phone violation on the Points Pyramid and will receive consequences for the appropriate offense:

1st offense: Cell Phone Violation points will be deducted, phone/smart device will be collected by teacher and taken to office to be collected by student after dismissal;
2nd offense: Cell Phone Violation points will be deducted, phone/smart device collected and taken to office, to be collected by PARENT after dismissal.
3rd offense: Cell Phone Violation points will be deducted, student will not be allowed to bring phone/smart device back to school until the next 9 weeks.

If a student's phone is visible and the student refuses to give the phone to the teacher to take to the office:
1st offense: Disrespect points will be deducted, and student will spend one day in ISS
2nd offense: Disrespect points will be deducted, and student will spend three day in ISS
3rd offense: Student will be suspended for one day and not allowed to bring phone back to school.

***Students, if you need to make a call, ask your teacher for permission, or between classes bring your phone to the office to call, or use the phone in the office.

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DRESS CODE

(Administrator discretion will be used when necessary and appropriate.)

Hats are not permitted, including hoodies pulled up. Hair should be well-groomed; not covering eyes.

No tank tops, muscle shirts, sleeveless shirts (that are gaping/cut-out), shirt/dress straps should be at least 3-finger width, and midriff should be fully covered, front and back.

Pants should be worn at waist; No holes in pants more than 6 inches from the knee.

Pajama bottoms and house slippers are not considered appropriate for school.

Shoes or sandals should be worn at all times.



Visible body piercings limited to ears.

Appropriate undergarments should be worn, but not visible.

No vulgar, suggestive, indecent writings or slogans, or references to drugs or gangs on clothing.

No wallet chains/bandanas.

Shorts should be loose fitting, with at least a 5" inseam.

Dresses/skirts/tunics should be no shorter than 6 inches from the top of the knee.

Any student who willingly and knowingly violates the dress code after having reasonable notice and warnings, and in most cases been given an opportunity to change, shall be subject to disciplinary action in the Points Pyramid and shall be asked to call home for a change of clothes.

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ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENT ATHLETES:

WE HAVE SIMPLIFIED THE REGISTRATION PROCESS, AND ALL WAIVERS ARE NOW SIGNED DIGITALLY! PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION AND ENSURE THAT YOUR STUDENT IS REGISTERED FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION:

1. CREATE AN ARBITER REGISTRATION ACCOUNT (YOU ONLY NEED ONE ACCOUNT FOR YOUR WHOLE FAMILY)
A. YOU MAY CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT BY CLICKING HERE, HTTPS://ACCOUNT.STUDENTS.ARBITERSPORTS.COM/SIGNUP

2. ACTIVATE YOUR ARBITER REGISTRATION ACCOUNT, FROM THE ACTIVATION LINK THAT WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY SENT TO YOUR EMAIL. (NOTE: THIS EMAIL MAY GO INTO YOUR JUNK FOLDER).
**IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT, RECEIVING THE ACTIVATION EMAIL, OR LOGGING INTO IT, YOU MAY CONTACT SUPPORT AT 800-311-4060.

3. ONCE YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CREATED YOUR ACCOUNT AND ARE LOGGED IN, PLEASE CLICK OR SCAN THE QR BELOW TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION,
HTTPS://STUDENTS.ARBITERSPORTS.COM/ORGANIZATIONS/NORTH-MARSHALL-MIDDLE-SCHOOL

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The link can also be found on our main website Menu, under Families

Educational Experience Policy

Throughout the school year, teachers plan educational experiences that take the students out of the traditional classroom setting for the day to give them first-hand experiences and knowledge that will enhance what they are learning in the classroom. While we want every student to enjoy these experiences we must require a few minimum expectations from students:

1. Students shall have less than **10 unexcused absences to attend the field trip.** In place of the trip, the student shall attend school that day to work towards mastering content skills from their core content classes that will be provided and graded by their teachers. The assignments will be tailored specifically for the child with his or her academic needs in mind.
2. Students shall have no **less than 80 behavior points or any major infractions.** In place of the trip, the student shall attend school that day to work with an adult on behavioral and social skills tailored specifically to the child based on data collected from the behavior points pyramid. Safety is a concern when we take students out of our school environment. In addition, students who are continually disrespectful towards others or who use profanity would most likely not be welcomed in the places we visit.

Each year, Flex teachers will review this policy with students and share it with parents. The principal and teacher may reference this policy when calling home about behavior infractions. All students have access to the Points Dashboard and can show parents their standing at any time during the school year. The student's points are also listed in behavior infraction emails. The principal will follow district guidelines in the attendance policy set forth by Marshall County Board of Education for mailing truancy notices.

The principal reserves the right to waive this policy in situations deemed appropriate.

Emergency Reading 08/15/24

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