Twin Creeks Middle School

Dr. Evette Shelby-King, Principal

TCMS Dress Code & School Policies
2026-2027

We are excited about our scholar's return on August 12, 2026. Our official school hours are 9:05 am - 4:25 pm and the building opens at 8:30 am. The earliest car riders and walkers may arrive is 8:30 am.

While you all are planning your scholar's return, the administrative team wants to make certain that everyone has up to date information regarding our 26-27 Twin Creeks Middle School policies and the most up to date Spring ISD Code of Conduct information.

For the 26-27 school year, we will remain a standardized dress campus. Below are our policies, some with explanations so that you all may better support TCMS. The Why is being provided so that you may help your scholars understand the need to understand and comply with our policies. In essence, all of the policies implemented are to provide a safe and orderly environment that provides a safe space conducive for learning for nearly 900 students.

Dress Code Policy

ID Badges

- Everyone will be provided an ID badge and **must be visibly displayed by wearing the badge on the outside of each scholar's sweatshirts, shirts, and/or jackets**.
- If left at home, lost or damaged, a temporary ID badge may be purchased for $1. A new badge may be purchased for $3 and a lanyard may be purchased for $2. If the District implements the **Smart Pass**, the replacement cost will be $5 in addition to the $2 lanyard fee.
- Each grade level has a specific colored lanyard. **(6th-Navy; 7th-Black; and 8th-Yellow)**

School Uniforms

- Our **school uniform shirts and sweatshirts are solid grey, solid black and solid gold. No white shirts. No other colors or designs are permitted.**
- Our scholars do **not** wear hoodies, shorts or dresses.
    - Our No Hoodie protocols will be in place on the first day of school. Please help us begin your scholars' day on a positive note. We will always greet your scholars with a warm welcome and would like to end it with 'have a great day'. You may help to ensure your scholar has a great school entry every morning by making certain he/she is dressed appropriately each day.
- **Sweatshirts must be grey, black or gold without any graphics.**
- **Jackets/coats/sweaters may not have a hood.**
- **Pants may be khaki, black or denim. Pants may not be torn, have holes or tattered.**
- **Our PTO sells quality t-shirts for $15, long sleeve shirts for $18 and sweatshirts for $25. First come, first serve. Pre-orders may be taken at Warrior Camp.**

Headwear:

Only religious based headgear is allowed. No headgear of any kind is permitted for girls or boys including bandanas, caps, beanies, hats, doo-rags (durags), crochet scarves or hoods.

Shoes:

- Shoes should provide adequate support and safety.
- **No Crocs, slides, open toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops, houseshoes, slippers, and steel toe boots are not permitted.**
- Scholars should only have the shoes they are wearing. No slides or Crocs should be brought to the campus. No sports or activities require slides or Crocs.
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Free Dress Days:

- **When scholars are permitted to wear free dress, they may wear any color they choose. However, they can never wear shorts, dresses, tank tops, crop tops, jeans with holes that show their skin or durags.**

Backpacks and Bags:

- **Backpacks must be either mesh or clear.**
- **Backpacks must be free from decorations, enhancements or writings that advertise, glorify or support lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene or profane language or gestures, gangs, illegal activities, tobacco, sex, alcohol, illegal drugs or violence.**
- **All athletic bags that are required for sports must be stored in the students athletic locker as soon as scholars are released to report to class at 9:00 am.**
- **After the season is over, athletic bags may no longer be brought to school.**
- **Large purses/bags are not permitted. Purse/Bags should be able to fit personal items and cell phone.**
- **All athletes must take their backpacks to the gym lockers upon arrival and before going to the classroom.**
- **After the season is over, athletic bags cannot be brought to school.**

Containers/Water Bottles

- No open containers.
- **Only "factory sealed" containers (water, Gatorade, juice) are allowed.**
- Stanley, Yeti, Rtic or other containers are not permissible.
- All scholars should finish outside food and drinks before entering the building.

Dress Code Protocol

- Scholars will be checked upon entry into the school. If a scholar is wearing white or any other color that is not grey, black or gold, he/she will be allowed to call home for someone to bring the school appropriate colored shirt or sweatshirt. **The scholar will wait in the EC room until someone arrives with the appropriate clothing.** All hoodies and headgear (girls included) will be collected upon entry. It is the scholars responsibility to pick up their collected items as they are leaving for the day from their grade level administrative assistant.

Cell Phone Protocol- Powered Off and Put Away All Day

- Cell phones are not to be visible or utilized during school hours. All scholars are expected to power off their cell phones prior to entering the building. Daily reminders are provided upon entry, during morning wait times in the gym and cafeteria as well as during the morning announcements.
- Upon entering the gym, scholars are to turn in their cell phones to the designated staff (place in the 7th period teacher's bin)

- **Students are not allowed to have their cell phones during the day.**
- Students are not allowed to charge their cell phones at school as we are a No Cell Phone campus. If they are powered off, their batteries should not need charging.
- The first time your scholar is caught using a cell phone, a warning will be given and the cell phone will remain with the administrator until the end of the day for the first incident. Scholars may not call or receive calls or texts to and from their parents or anyone once they enter the building.
- The second cell phone violation will result in the cell phone being taken, turned in to an administrator and lunch detention. Once confiscated, parents must pick up the cell phone from the school. Yes, we understand that you own the phone, but please note our policies are clear and are aligned with the Texas Association of School Boards.
- Every cell phone violation after the second incident, will result in one day of EC and the parent must pick up the cell phone.
- After 5 incidents, please note your scholar may be recommended to alternative school.
- **If you need to speak with your scholar for any reason during the school day, please call the school, 281-891-7850.** We will provide an office and a phone for your scholar to return your telephone call. If privacy is needed, please notify the receptionist when you call.

Headphones, Earbuds, Chargers, Smart Watches & Other Technology

- **Headphones, earbuds, charging cables, iPads, personal computers etcetera are not permissible. The school is not responsible for and will not search for these non-permissible items in the event they are lost or stolen. This includes cell phones too.**
- **We strongly encourage scholars not to wear smart watches as they are not permissible on testing days due to testing violations. It is best they keep them safely at home.**

15-15 Rule

- During the first and last 15 minutes of the class period, students are not allowed to leave the classroom.
- This rule protects our instructional time. We only have 59 minutes in class. We will protect 30 of those instructional minutes by not allowing scholars to leave the classroom unless it is an emergency. Please review the District's 9 B's Policy to determine an emergency.

Tardy Policy

- Students are expected to report to class on time.
- Scholars who acquire 3 tardies or who are repeatedly tardy in a 9 Week grading cycle may be assigned after or Saturday school detention and/or EC and parents may be required to attend a conference with an administrator.
- **Students who are constantly tardy may also receive personal escorts to class either before or after class transitions.**
- **Students with persistent tardies (whether late arrival or during transitions) will not be allowed to participate in school activities including pep rallies and field trips.**

Nurse's Pass

Parents, please encourage your scholar to come to school and remain in class. All teachers have a First-Aid kit in their classrooms (band-aids, alcohol wipes etc). The District has adopted a 9 B's policy. In order for our scholars to go to the nurse, one of the following 9 things should be evident:

1. **Blood**
2. **Burns**
3. **Breaks/Big Bump**
4. **Burning Up/Fever**

5. **Barf/Bowels (Diarrhea)**
6. **Breathing**
7. **Bites**
8. **Bonafide**

<u>Other emergencies include</u>: fainting, known medical emergencies like allergic reactions, asthma, cardiac or diabetic emergencies or seizures.

If the reason for seeing the nurse is not on this list, it is more than likely not an emergency and not a reason to be seen by the nurse. The scholar will be recommended to remain in class. Please inform your scholar that a headache or stomach ache is not a reason to leave class. The nurse is not allowed to administer anything for head or stomach aches; therefore, scholars should remain in class.

<u>Restroom Policy Will Be Enforced</u>

- **Restrooms are closed during class exchange.**
  We only have a 3 minute class exchange. It is impossible for nearly 850 scholars to go to the restroom and still get to class on time.
- Scholars are provided <u>unlimited access to the restrooms during PE and lunch only</u>.
- Scholars are provided four passes a class period each 9 weeks to go to the restroom. That's a minimum of 36 opportunities to use the restroom in 45 days.
- If your scholar has a bladder/bowel problem, please secure documentation from a licensed physician and submit it to our school nurse.
- Please keep in mind that we only have 59 minutes of instruction per class period. Only 30 minutes is protected. Scholars may not leave the class while the teacher is presenting the lesson (Do Now and initial instruction) and cannot leave the classroom the last 15 minutes (Exit Tickets and put their supplies and materials away). Do Nows and Exit Tickets are mini assessments that we used to determine how well the scholars performed on a specific TEK/skill and, if a reteach is needed. Therefore, scholars must remain in class.

We are looking forward to a remarkable school year. If you have any questions or concerns, you may call the school at 281-891-7850 or contact the grade level administrative team (contact information below).

Mrs. Carvalyn Bogan, 8th Grade Counselor, cmccle1@springisd.org
Mr. Bradford Stephens, 7th Grade Counselor, bsteph1@springisd.org
Ms. Ashley Freeman, 6th Grade Counselor, asmall@springisd.org

Educationally Yours,
Principal Shelby-King, Ph.D.

<u>Important Dates</u>
8/6 Warrior Camp @4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
8/12 First Day of School @ 9 am Walkers & car riders may not arrive before 8:30 am.
9/21 Open House @5:30 pm