

Welcome Back

Crimson Cliffs Middle School

Dear Parents, Guardians, and amazing Crimson Middle Students:

In just one short week we will welcome students back into the building for Back to School Night to start the 2025/26 school year and we could not be more excited. We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break so far and that you all got some extra time to spend with friends and family, but we can't wait to have the smiles and laughter back in our hallways! It will be great to see the new 8th graders and our returning 9th graders fill up the school and make it the place we know and love again.

On Friday, schedules will be available to students via PowerSchool and Ms. Goodwin in the counseling office will send instructions on how to digitally request class changes. Please take the time to do that if you see any changes that you would like and we will do our best to accommodate those changes based on academic need and class sizes. The digital forms for class changes will open on Monday, August 4th for 9th graders and Tuesday, August 5th for 8th graders. Hopefully we will have all the schedule change requests done by Wednesday (August 6th) for printed schedules to be available for students here at the school starting in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, August 6th, we will have the school open for students to tour the building (especially for our new 8th graders) and see where their classes are, starting at 12:30. We will have printed schedules for students available that afternoon if you want to come to the school and walk through when it is not quite as busy as it will be during Back to School Night that evening. Teachers will be preparing for school during the day, so they will not be available until 6:00 that evening, but you are more than welcome to come walk through before getting to meet them in their classrooms that evening. Mrs. Thompson and myself will be available to help answer any questions during that afternoon.

Back to School Night at CCMS will be from 6:00 to 8:00 on Wednesday the 6th and we hope to see everyone there. It will be an open house style where teachers will be in their classrooms so you can walk around with your child(ren) and see their classes, as well as meet their teachers for the upcoming school year. Then first day of school is Monday, August 11th and we will run a regular A day schedule that day for classes.

This year we have a couple changes to fees for classes due to some changes in legislature. You will be able to start paying fees online August 8th, however, if your child(ren) have done a schedule request and changed an elective class, please wait until PowerSchool is

updated with those changes before paying fees as it may change the amount that you owe. One major change is the Student Activity Fee that is paid to get into sporting events at the high school is now an optional fee for all students, but if your child does not pay the fee, they will be charged to attend games this year. When they pay their fee, we will give them a sticker for their activity card that will show they have paid and can attend those games for free. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to getting to know and work with each of our new students and welcome back the familiar faces of those with us last year! Our faculty, staff, and administrative team are all committed to the belief that **ALL Students will Learn at High Levels**. We are willing and eager to do whatever it takes to ensure that your student is successful, safe, and happy while here at Crimson Cliffs Middle School. Thank you for your support, we look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Steve Showalter
PRINCIPAL
CRIMSON CLIFFS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Morgan Thompson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, CCMS



We do not have a lot of policy changes for the upcoming school year, however, we did make a small change to our cell phone/electronics policy based on changes from the school district, as well as updated our Dress Code policy to align with the district policy as well.

The change in the Cell Phone Policy is to have students keep their cell phone and other electronic devices (Airpods, ear buds, etc.) in their lockers from the beginning of the day until they are leaving for the day. We will be strictly enforcing any cell phone that is seen will be taken to the office, so to help mitigate students being tempted to use them, we would like them out of their hands and off their person for the entire school day.

This year, at CCMS, we will be implementing a new cell phone policy. At CCMS, we strive for high levels of learning for every student and value students' safety and well-being. The National School Safety and Security Services, states that cell phones can not only disrupt the learning environment, but can negatively impact school safety in several ways.

To give our students every opportunity to learn, grow, connect, be happy, and be successful, we will follow the following policy:

All personal electronic devices that may include cell phones, ear buds, Air Pods, wired headphones, cameras, games, personal laptops, and other electronic devices are to be **turned off during school hours** and **stored in students' LOCKERS**. Unauthorized use of these devices by students will result in the following actions:

- First Offense – the device(s) will be confiscated and may be picked up from the office by the student at the end of the school day.
- Second Offense – the device(s) will be confiscated and must be picked up from the office by a parent or guardian.
- Additional Offenses – the device(s) will be confiscated and must be picked up from the school by a parent or guardian. A conference with an administrator must be held. Disciplinary actions may be taken, including lunch detention or suspension.

*If a student needs to use their cell phone, they are welcome to come to the office, per teacher approval to leave class, to make a call or send a text. **Please help us by not calling or texting your student during class time.** If you need to reach your student, contact the main office. We promise to get the message to them quickly. We also understand that some students will need the use of their cell phone for medical purposes.

The new Dress Code Policy and guidelines are attached below. We will be allowing hats at Crimson Cliffs Middle next year, however, beanies and headwear that covers the ears and face will not be permitted. Also, we will leave it up to the discretion of teachers if they do not want hats worn in their classrooms. If they request students to take off their hats while in their class, we will expect students to adhere to those expectations.



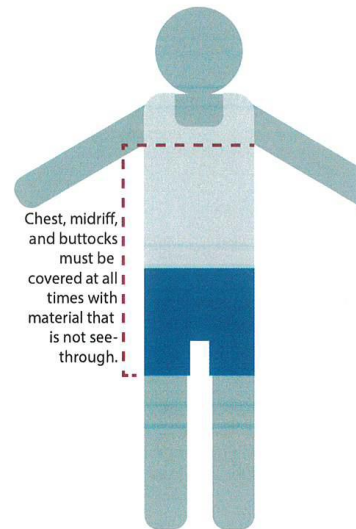
WCSD Student Dress Guidelines

School administrators are responsible for the implementation and enforcement of student conduct, dress and appearance standards contained in District policy 2200 Student Dress Code and these guidelines. The legal concept of "reasonableness" shall be the guiding principle in the application and discipline of student conduct, dress and appearance. Adherence to the conduct, dress, and appearance standards and these guidelines will be the responsibility of the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s). School administrators will have final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of student conduct, dress, and appearance.

The following specific guidelines have been established to aid students, parents, staff and administration in the implementation and enforcement of policy 2200 Student Dress Code.

Dress and Appearance Standards include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Clothing should be clean and in good repair.
2. Hats and other headwear:
 - a. May be worn unless it disrupts the school or school activity, poses a danger to self or others, or limits the ability of others to identify the student.
 - b. Any headwear that does not allow the student's face to be visible is not allowed.
3. Clothing (See figure):
 - a. Must be appropriate in length and not revealing.
 - b. Must provide coverage of the torso with no viewable undergarments. Coverage will be with material that is not see-through
 - c. Tank tops and tube tops are not permitted
4. Clothing, appearance, jewelry, accessory, footwear, or personal item shall be free of any writing, images, symbols, or any other insignias that:
 - a. Are lewd, vulgar, profane, obscene, or sexually suggestive.
 - b. Advocates, represents, or promotes racism, discrimination, violence or hate in any form.
 - c. Signifies or depicts gangs and/or illegal or criminal activities. (Administrators in consultation with law enforcement agencies will determine what signifies and/or depicts these activities.)
 - d. Shows or references tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or any illegal substance.
5. Footwear, appropriate for the day's activities, shall be worn at all times.
6. Any dress or appearance item or practice that creates an unhealthy, unsafe, or disruption to the school or school activity may be prohibited.



With the approval of District administration and the School Community Council, schools may make minor changes and/or adaptations to the dress and appearance standards in order to address local needs. Schools should seek input from various stakeholder groups.