



RCMS SMART START

Even Numbered Lockers

-Starts in the Commons with Mr. Trager and Mr. Klover

Odd Numbered Lockers

-Head down to 6th grade wing to practice opening your locker.

Attendance – The first step to success!!!

● Absences

- Parent must call in by 8 AM
- Up to 7 excused absences without a Dr. note
- All absences with Dr. note are “medical” and do not count toward 7
- After 7 absences without Dr. note, further absences are unexcused– can lead to negative consequences
- After 16 absences without Dr. note, a student will be required to attend summer school
- Regardless of reason for absence, work must be made up!

● Tardies

- 3rd unexcused tardies and beyond to school for any individual class, results in consequence
- 2 types of tardies
 - Tardy to school – check in with office, class period does not matter
 - Tardy to class – accumulates by class period

HOMEWORK

Homework Expectation: Quality work completed in full and turned in during class. Up to an hour of homework can be expected each evening (includes studying, reviewing, reading).

- Late assignments, but prior to being referred for Time for Homework Thursday (#THT) = 75% credit
- If a student is assigned a #THT, he/she will receive 50% credit, as long as the assignment is turned in by the end of the #THT process.
- At the end of the #THT process, no credit may be assigned.

Here's how to keep track:

- Student's planner (in binder)
- Homework Hotline on RCMS website www.rc255.net



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#THT (Time for Homework Thursday)

A program that students attend when they do no complete homework on time. It is NOT meant to be a consequence or even called a detention.

Who attends #THT? Students who allow homework to turn into zeros. A “zero” homework assignment is one that has not been turned in at all to the teacher. Students may complete work in #THT for half credit.

Ex. An assignment was not turned in on Wednesday when it was due, therefore it becomes a zero on Thursday. If it still missing by the following Monday, your student would be required to attend #THT.

A “late” homework assignment is one that was not turned in on time. Late assignments are NOT a part of #THT.

- **When is #THT determined?** Teachers submit a list to Mr. Klover by Monday at 1:30 of students who currently have a zero (missing) assignment. Students on that list will get a #THT slip the following day with name(s) of missing assignment(s), and parents will receive an all call for notification.
- **Mandatory THT for Failing Students** - Students who are cumulatively failing two or more core classes after the first semester will be required to attend #THT weekly for the duration of the 3rd quarter. The student’s grades will be reviewed at the end of the 3rd quarter to determine further participation in mandatory #THT

Redo Policy

- **Includes: Chapter, Unit, Topic Tests**
- **Does not include: District/Quarterly Assessments**
- Students who pass a test, but wish to earn a better score, can redo 1 test in each class per quarter for full credit.

The redo test must be taken within one week.

- Students who fail a test may re-take the test. They must demonstrate re-learning of the material before re-taking it, and may earn full credit on the first attempt. If a student fails the same test twice, he/she will receive a maximum of 60% on the next attempt. *(this does not count as the 1 redo for the quarter)*



Technology Devices (phone, tablet, iPad, etc.)

- ONLY** for educational purposes
- Allowed out and on **ONLY** when the teacher asks
- MUST** get permission every time to use it
- Default is “off and out of sight”

Dress Code

- See handbook for details – common sense
- Common violations:
 - Students must wear sleeves
 - No hats or head coverings in the building
 - No sunglasses or contact lenses that inhibit observation of the pupil
 - No coats between 8-3
 - Shorts, skirts, jeans with rips, etc. – “fingertip” test
 - No inappropriate references
 - No clothing representing bars or drinking establishments
 - Lab safety (e.g. woodshop)

Sports, Clubs, and Activities

- Physical – required for sports (6th grade mandatory physical covers for 6th grade sports)
- Fee - \$20 IESA fee for sports, \$20 for band, \$20 for chorus, or \$50 for all 3
- Please get involved! Extra and co-curricular involvement can help grades, attendance, etc.
- Chart available to view all choices and when seasons/meetings take place
- Announcements/signups are typically at lunch (daily announcements also available on website)

P.E. Information

- Main difference from ES to MS – change into PE uniform daily
- If forgotten, students will be required to rent a uniform or shoes for that day
 - Most common reason – brought home to wash, forgot to bring back on Monday
- One uniform will be given to your child during the first Friday, August 17th
 - If you would like to purchase additional uniforms, send money with your child on that Friday - \$10 total: \$4 for shirts, \$6 for shorts
- Students will receive a locker and an additional lock combination that they will need to memorize
- As a courtesy, please make sure your child's uniform makes it home every Friday to get washed :)