

# McCleskey Middle School

## What Parents May Need to Know

- ❑ The state of Georgia Department of Human Services requires that all sixth grade students show proof of meeting current immunization requirements on Form 3231. Students entering sixth grade must have had two MMR vaccines and 2 varicella vaccines or show proof of immunity to varicella. Most students require a new immunization certificate before entering middle school. This can be obtained from your physician or from the local board of health.
- ❑ Middle schools have one parent-teacher conference week each year.
- ❑ If your student is absent from school, he/she is responsible for making up all missed assignments.
- ❑ Middle schools welcome parent volunteers!
- ❑ Middle school students have one or more lockers. Students may be assigned a hall locker and/or a physical education locker. Locks are provided at the school and additional locks are not permitted.
- ❑ Middle schools dress codes are different from those of most elementary schools. All students are expected to dress in a manner that demonstrates respect of the learning environment. See the McCleskey web site and/or the student handbook for more detailed information.
- ❑ Parents may establish a lunch account for their student. Middle school teachers supervise their students during lunch.
- ❑ Many schools provide a supply list for students and these can often be found on the school web site.
  - ❑ All Cobb County schools adhere to a strict policy prohibiting harassment and/or bullying. Students are also expected to follow an established behavior management plan.



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- ❑ Middle schools offer a variety of clubs and activities for students. Encourage your student to get involved!
- ❑ Middle schools typically separate students by grade level. Sixth grade students rarely interact with seventh or eighth grade students.
- ❑ Organization and time management are vital components to your student's adjustment to middle school.
- ❑ Communication is the key to success in middle school. Communication with your student and his/her teachers will help your child achieve personal, social, and academic success in middle school.
- ❑ Electronics (cell phones, I-pods, hand-held games) are the responsibility of the student. No Beats!

### Differences in Elementary & Middle Schools

Elementary School	Middle School
One teacher and classroom	Different teachers and classrooms
Expectations that students are used to with frequent reminders from teachers	Expectations may be different and students are given more responsibility
Belongings stored in the classroom with teacher assistance	Students have specific place or locker to store belongings
Same students in each class	Different students in each class
Same students kindergarten through fifth grade	Students coming from different schools. New opportunities to make friends.
Limited choices	Choices for clubs, organizations, band, chorus, orchestra, and intramurals.
Most work is completed in class	Students receive more homework and must learn how to organize book bags, lockers, materials, and their time.

### Links for a Successful Middle School Experience

[www.cobbk12.org/](http://www.cobbk12.org/)

[www.cobbk12.org/mccleskey/](http://www.cobbk12.org/mccleskey/)

[www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org)

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)