



# **Ridge Guide 2017-2018**

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## WELCOME

The teachers and administration of Northridge Middle School (NMS) welcome you to our educational program. We believe the opportunities we offer at NMS will prepare you for success in your future educational career as well as provide you with valuable skills for learning throughout your life. We believe in educating the whole child, providing learning experiences so each student is healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. Our school is your school. It can be whatever you make it. We trust you will strive to make it outstanding. Our staff and administration will do everything we can to support you along your path to educational success, and we hope your time at NMS will be productive and happy.

## POINTER PRIDE

Our educational philosophy at NMS can be exemplified in one simple theme: POINTER PRIDE! You will see this theme repeated over and over throughout our school. Pointer Pride simply is the commitment our teachers, students, and administrators have to educational, personal/professional excellence, and the traditions we have here at NMS. Our expectations for our students are high. We will expect you to attempt to do your best in everything you do and will support you as you work to achieve the goals you establish. Your effort is vital to your success.

## WHAT IS A POINTER?

A Pointer:

- Values education and strives to reach his/her potential.
- Sets goals and works to accomplish them.
- Participates in activities and enhances them through his/her involvement.
- Has good attendance.
- Exhibits strong character, integrity, and loyalty.
- Has an optimistic outlook on life.
- Interacts with others in a warm, friendly manner.
- Turns setbacks into victories.
- Recognizes his/her teachers, peers, and family as valuable human beings.
- Takes risks and shares new experiences with others.
- Values friendships.
- Takes pride in his/her accomplishments and celebrates the accomplishments of others.
- Represents his/her school well at extra-curricular and community events.

A Pointer of the Year Award will be given to one 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl and boy. These students will be selected as the people who best exemplify our spirit and philosophy. Pointer of the Year pictures will be displayed in the office. We hope this tradition will excite and motivate our student body.

## DISCIPLINE/EXPECTATIONS

NMS students will be expected to be obedient to all adult staff members and show proper respect for them at all times.

## STUDENT CONDUCT

Students at NMS are expected to obey all rules and policies established by the school district, NMS, and individual teachers.

## Car Drop Off and Pick-Up

Students are dropped off and picked up in the front of the building.

## Bus Riders

All buses will pick-up and drop off at the back of NMS.

## Bus Arrangements:

If you need bus information such as times and bus numbers please contact the bus garage at (479)471-3140

## Lunch Times:

6th Grade: 12:08 - 12:44

7th Grade: 12:44 - 1:18

8th Grade: 11:25 - 11:55

## Lunch Cost: \$2.85

## Bell Schedule:

First Bell 7:50 a.m.

Tardy Bell 8:00 a.m.

End of Day 3:00 p.m.

## School Supplies:

6-3 prong folders with pockets

Colored Pencils

#2 Pencils

Loose Leaf Paper-Wide Ruled

Pencil Pouch

Kleenex

1 package of 3 x 3 post-its

5 composition notebooks

2 glue sticks

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- BAND ONLY- 1 inch binder

## Building Procedures for Appearance Code:

*Students please refer to Board Policy 4.3.4—Appearance Code*

- Shorts and skirts should be mid-thigh
- Straps on shirts should be the width of dollar bill
- Holes in jeans should not be higher than mid-thigh
- Hats are not allowed inside the building

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Students who find lost articles are requested to take them to the office where they can be claimed by the owner or directed to the lost and found holding area. Lost and found holding will be located on the stage. Items will be discarded every 9 weeks.

NMS does not assume any responsibility for any lost or stolen items.

## **AUTOMOBILES/BICYCLES/MOTORCYCLES**

Only students with a legal driver's license may be allowed to park on campus. No students shall be allowed to sit in cars adjacent to the campus at any time during the school day. Bicycles are to be parked as soon as you arrive at school and not moved until the end of the school day. All automobiles and motorcycles must be registered in the school office. This includes copies of current driver's license and valid insurance. Failure to register in the office may result in disciplinary action.

## **TELEPHONE**

A telephone is available for student use in the office. Use will be limited to emergencies or other important messages as determined by the office staff. Students should ask permission before using the phone.

## **DELIVERIES AND MESSAGES**

Students will be notified when they have a delivery or a message from a parent. Students who have messages will not be notified until the end of class unless the message is an emergency. Students who have deliveries will be notified and may pick them up in the office after school.

## **PASSES AND PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING SCHOOL**

Students are advised to use the proper procedure for arriving at school and leaving school. Students are not allowed to leave school at any time during the school day without a permit from the school office or a parent/guardian signing them out. A student may sign himself/herself out only if his/her parent or guardian has spoken with an authorized staff member. Students who are late to first period must check in at the office to be admitted to class.

Advisory Committee:

Lonnie Mitchell  
Mark Titsworth  
Anita Reagan  
Stephanie Richesin  
Stacey Little  
Emily McDaniel  
Jan Redden

## **CELL PHONE AND ELECTRONICS USAGE RULES**

Cellphones should remain in backpacks throughout the day. Students may use cellphones at lunch.

## **MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

1. Public display of affection (hand-holding, inappropriate hugging, kissing, etc.) will not be permitted.
2. Food and drink are not permitted outside of the lunchroom area unless students are given permission by a faculty member.

## **Detention**

Lunch detentions may be assigned by classroom teachers. Students assigned lunch detention will be issued a detention slip by his/her teacher that must be taken home, signed, and returned to the teacher. The teacher may email or call the parent. The student will report to lunch detention in room E109 with his/her form and school work. Students will be allowed to get a lunch from the cafeteria or bring a sack lunch from home. If a student is absent on an assigned lunch detention day, he/she will make up the detention on the next school day he/she is present.

## **In-School Suspension (ISS)**

The following guidelines will apply to the ISS

Detention program:

1. Students may be assigned ISS for various discipline problems and may be assigned to ISS for various lengths of time, ranging from one period to several days.
2. Students are not counted absent while serving an ISS penalty. Daily assignments, tests, or other work completed according to ISS guidelines will be graded as though the student were present in class.
3. Full day ISS students will follow the following guidelines.
  - Absolutely no talking will be permitted in ISS or during breaks or lunch.
  - Students will be expected to be in ISS on time with all necessary class materials (paper, pencil, books, etc.).
  - Students who cannot complete their assignments in ISS may complete them as homework if the supervisor determines the need to do so. The supervisor may make additional assignments.
  - ISS students will remain in ISS until 3:00 p.m.
  - Students who disrupt the ISS detention center will receive a longer detention, or be suspended from school.
  - Students who repeatedly are assigned to ISS will be suspended from school.

Information contained in this guide does not supersede Van Buren School District Policy.

