



STUDENT TRAIL GUIDE

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Vision

We are defying the odds in education.

Mission

We are defying the odds in education by focusing on positive and respectful behavior, rigorous academics, and a culture of collaboration and mutual responsibility.

Collaborative Commitments

Students at BTMS will...

- Be responsible by taking care of work and materials.
- Be engaged in learning.
- Be respectful and kind to others.
- Celebrate academic achievements.
- Be role models, displaying leadership skills.
- Be determined to be the best students we can and meet expectations.
- Problem solve and help others if they need it.
- Properly communicate and voice our opinions to continue to make BTMS a great place.

BTMS Student Expectations

- Students are expected to comply with any reasonable request made by any staff member while on campus, at a school event, or traveling to or from school.
- Students are expected to live by the student collaborative commitments.

BTMS Discipline Program

Proactive social skills will be taught using methods such as problem-solving, restorative justice, and conflict resolution. Classroom teachers will handle most behavioral situations and communicate with families.

Behaviors which are more serious (fighting, theft, repeated classroom disruptions, etc.) will be referred directly to the administration. Parents will receive communication from an administrator if a student is assigned consequences from the office. The type of action assigned by administration will often depend upon the nature of the infraction and the student's disciplinary history. Actions for misbehavior may include lunch detention, community service, in-school suspension, out of school suspension, or expulsion.

Lunch Detention and BTMS Community Service

Students who are guilty of minor offenses may receive lunch detention or BTMS community service. Any staff member may assign lunch detention. Students should report to lunch detention in the ISS room at the beginning of lunch before getting their food. Students will not be given credit if they are tardy.

Alternatively, a student may be assigned community service to promote restorative justice within the student body.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

Students assigned to ISS are isolated from the rest of the student body. While in ISS, students are monitored and are expected to complete all classroom assignments. ISS rules are available upon request.

Out of School Suspension (OSS)

For severe offenses or repeat offenders school administration may suspend students from school for up to 10 days for each offense. Suspended students are prohibited from the campus and all school functions during the suspension time without prior administrative approval. Parents of the suspended student will be notified of the reason for and the duration of the suspension.

Expulsion

In some rare cases, it may be necessary for the administration to recommend the student for expulsion. The principal of a school may recommend that a student be expelled from school with a loss of credit and shall make a recommendation to the superintendent.

Tardies (VBSD Handbook)

Students are considered tardy if they arrive for class after the tardy bell rings. Disciplinary actions for being tardy may result in the following:

- 1st and 2nd Tardies within a class in a semester - Teacher Warning.
- 3rd Tardy within a class in a semester - The teacher will call parents, and the student may receive consequences
- 4 or more Tardies within a class in a semester - The teacher will contact parents and fill out a disciplinary referral. Consequences will be determined by school administration.

Butterfield Trail Middle School Bell Schedule

Entry Bell - 7:53

6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
Period	Time	Period	Time	Period	Time
1st	8:00-8:47	1st	8:00-8:47	1st	8:00-8:47
2nd	8:50-9:37	2nd	8:50-9:37	2nd	8:50-9:37
3rd	9:40-10:27	3rd	9:40-10:27	3rd	9:40-10:27
WIN	10:30-10:50	WIN	10:30-10:50	WIN	10:30-10:50
STAR	10:50-11:10	STAR	10:53-11:13	4th	10:53-11:40
Lunch	11:10-11:40	4th	11:13-12:00	5th	11:43-12:30
4th	11:40-12:27	Lunch	12:00-12:30	Lunch	12:30-1:00
5th	12:30-1:17	5th	12:30-1:17	STAR	1:00-1:20
6th	1:20-2:07	6th	1:20-2:07	6th	1:20-2:07
7th	2:10-3:00	7th	2:10 3:00	7th	2:10-3:00

Arriving And Leaving School Procedures

As we are committed to student safety, we expect students to use the proper procedures for arriving at school and leaving school.

Late Arrival/Early Checkout During The School Day

- Students who are late to the first period class must check in at the office to be admitted to class.
- 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 office staff member.
- Students who do not follow proper check-in, check-out procedures may be considered truant and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Bus Riders

Students who ride buses will exit and enter the bus on the east side of campus.

Car Riders

Students who are car riders will exit and enter the building from 11th Street on the west side of the building.

Due to safety concerns, parents should not drop students off at any location other than those designated for that purpose.

Walkers/Bikes/Skateboards

- In the afternoon, walkers will exit the building through the north door between the classroom halls and the mall. Walkers/bike riders are expected to go directly home in the afternoon.
- Once a student leaves campus, he or she should not return to school, unless approved by BTMS staff.
- Bicycles and skateboards must be stored in their respective designated area immediately upon arrival.
- Riding bicycles or skateboards during regular school hours is prohibited.

Communication

Butterfield Trail Middle School believes a successful partnership with families is the key to student success. BTMS staff will use the following to communicate regularly with parents concerning classroom goals and activities, as well as individual information on student progress.

- [HAC](#) - Home Access Center for student grades
- SchoolStatus
- [BTMS Website](#)
- [Teacher email](#)
- intouch phone notification system
- [Facebook](#)
- Twitter - Follow us @ButterfieldTMS
- Instagram - Follow us @butterfield.pointers

Academics

VBSD has an internet program called Home Access Center (HAC), which enables students and parents to view grades and attendance. Parents may come to the school office to request login information. The academic grading scale will be as follows:

A	=	90%	-	100%
B	=	80%	-	89%
C	=	70%	-	79%
D	=	60%	-	69%
F	=	59%		and below

Homework Policy

Homework is designed to serve as an extension of the classroom to reinforce learning through independent practice and will fall within the following guidelines:

- Homework will be purposeful and will not be assigned as busy work or as punishment
- 6th grade students shall receive 60 minutes or less per day
- 7th and 8th grade students shall receive 80 minutes or less per day
- Homework will be worth no more than 20% of the overall grade

Additional information can be found on the [VBSD Homework Policy Link](#).

Late Work Procedures

Late work procedures have been determined for each grade and are listed below :

- All Grades - provide 1 week from the due date to complete and return work. Penalties for this period of time are specific to each grade
- 6th Grade - 5% penalty for one week after the due date (the first five weeks of school are an adjustment period)
- 7th Grade - 10% penalty for one week after the due date
- 8th Grade - 15% penalty for one week after the due date

STAR (Students, Teachers, and Relationships)

As a way of providing additional support for our students, approximately 20 minutes are set aside each day for social emotional learning, advising, and building relationships.

Counseling Services

Each student is assigned a professional school counselor. Students whose last name starts with letters A-M are assigned to Mrs. McCormick. Students whose last name starts with letters N-Z are assigned to Mrs. Morrison. They are located in the counseling office next to the main office. Professional school counselors work extensively with teachers of our school to assist students with personal, social, and academic concerns. They work with students in and outside of the classroom, individually, and in small groups. To best meet student needs, appointments are encouraged for counseling services, except in the case of an emergency.

Library/Media Center

The library will be open from 7:15 until 3:15 each day for your convenience. The library is located inside the main entrance across the hall from the school office. Students may be charged for lost books and materials when they are not returned to the library.

Extracurricular Clubs And Organizations

In addition to athletics, band, and choir, BTMS offers many clubs and organizations which are of benefit to the school and community. Interested students should contact the sponsor of that club to learn about requirements.

Student Council – Ms. Beckham & Mrs. Wallace	6th Grade Quiz Bowl – Mrs. Mulligan
Student Voice – Ms. Beckham & Mrs. Wallace	7th & 8th Grade Quiz Bowl – Mrs. Lehman
Honor Society (8th Grade) – Mrs. McCormick	Yearbook Staff - Mrs. Lehman
Honor Club (7th Grade) – Ms. Jackson	BNN – Mrs. Lehman
Chess Club – Mr. Karnes	Cheer – Mrs. Maierhoffer
Robotics – Mrs. Butler	Dance – Mrs. Powers
FCA – Coach Mosby/Bagwell	Youth Alive – Ms. Jones

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 outside of the ISS room. Items will be discarded every 9 weeks. BTMS does not assume any responsibility for any lost or stolen items.

Adding Money To Cafeteria Accounts

Please visit: www.mypaymentsplus.com

Free And Reduced Lunch Application

Please visit: <https://vanburen.strataapps.com>

Paper copies are available upon request.

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. Students will not be allowed to use their cell phones from 8:00-3:00 including calls made to parents.

Lockers And Locks

Each student in the 8th grade is assigned a locker to be used for the storage of books and equipment. It is the student's responsibility to see that his/her locker is kept in good working order at all times. The home base (2nd period) teacher should be notified immediately if there is a problem with the locker. The locker should be locked at all times, but students are advised to not place valuable items in their lockers as the school cannot assume responsibility for lost items. Students may not move from assigned lockers without approval. Vandalizing a locker may result in withdrawal of locker privileges. Students may be responsible for the contents of their locker and administration has the right to search lockers with reasonable suspicion. LOCKS ARE PROVIDED.

Cell Phone Rule

Students should refrain from bringing a cell phone on campus. If students decide to bring a phone to school campus that phone is to remain off and put away from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Any student phone that is visible or being used between the hours of 8-3 are subject to confiscation and consequences. The consequences for failure to follow the cellphone rule are as follows:

1. Confiscation of phone and return by end of day in the office
2. Confiscation of phone and office may require phone be picked up by a parent
3. Confiscation of phone, office may require phone be picked, and 3 days lunch detention

4. Confiscation of phone, office may require phone be picked, and 1 day of ISS
5. Confiscation of phone, office may require phone be picked, 2 days of ISS, and parent meeting
6. Confiscation of phone, office may require phone be picked, 3 days of ISS, and parent meeting.

The expectations and procedures for cell phones includes the use of headphones or smart watches. Any and all of these devices should be turned off and put away. If staff members can see the device it will be assumed that it is being used. Staff members should not allow students to use their phones for any reason without prior approval from the office. Students must use the office phone to contact their parents at all times.

Deliveries And Messages

BTMS will not make deliveries of gifts for students. Parents are encouraged to not make any deliveries for their student unless absolutely necessary. Necessary items can be left in the foyer and students will be notified when they have a delivery or a message from a parent by the end of the day unless the message is an emergency. Examples of necessary items include forgotten school supplies, athletic gear, or band instruments.

Visitors

During the COVID-19 pandemic family members, legal guardians, business, and community members are discouraged from visiting BTMS during normal school hours. This includes having lunch with your child. All visitors must check in through the front office before they can enter the main building. Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to attend all regularly scheduled events such as Parent Teacher Conferences. Please see the VBSD handbook for more details.

Video Surveillance And Other Student Monitoring

Video/recording devices may be in use in school buildings, on school grounds, and in school vehicles as determined by the VBSD. Refer to policy 4.48.

Summary Statement

BTMS reserves the right to address inappropriate conduct which disrupts the learning environment in the school even though such behavior is not specified in the preceding written rules. Information contained in this trail guide does not supersede Van Buren School District Policy. For policies addressing attendance, technology usage, truancy, fighting, bullying, weapons, sexual harassment, drugs, illegal substances, etc. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the VBSD handbook.

COVID-19 SECTION

- Students that present with symptoms of COVID-19 will be quarantined until they can be evaluated by the school nurse. The school nurse will determine whether or not a student can return to class or should be sent home. If a student is sent home they will not be allowed to return until conditions provided by the school nurse have been met.
- Students will be issued Chromebooks to bring back and forth to school every day to ensure that they have the tools necessary to learn both at school and at home.

- A greatly increased effort will be made to ensure that surfaces that students touch are sanitized frequently. Students may be asked to assist with some sanitization in classrooms.
- Students should bring a refillable water bottle each day as the regular water fountains will be turned off.
- Social distancing measures will be implemented throughout our school campus during classes, lunch, and social events.
- Although parent involvement is normally encouraged, BTMS will not be having visitors until further notice.

HEALTH SCREENINGS (state mandated)

Vision: (A.C.A. 6-18-1501)

Act 1438 of 2005 requires students in grades PreK, KF, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and transfer students to have an eye and vision screen. Only failure notifications are sent home. A child who does not pass the screening shall be required to have an exam conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist within 60 days of receipt of the screening report and show proof of the exam. Parents needing financial assistance should contact the school nurse.

Hearing: Hearing screens are mandated for students in grades PreK, K, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and transfer students. Only failure notices are sent home. Parents have 60 days to show proof that a doctor or audiologist examined their child.

- Insurance is billed for students covered under Medicaid/Arkansas Kids 1st will be billed, where applicable, for hearing and vision screenings conducted at school unless notified in writing, by parents to decline within 60 days of receipt of the handbook.

BMI: (ARK Code 20-7-133 and 3.04)

Act 1220 requires students in grades KF, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 to have their height and weight assessed. A parent who refuses to have their child assessed must provide a written request of the refusal to the school. Screening results will be sent home only upon request of the parent/legal guardian.

Scoliosis: Act 95 of 1989 and Act 41 of 1987

The acts require girls in 6th grade and all students in 8th grade be screened for scoliosis. Parents of a child who fails the screening will be sent an information letter stating the need to see a licensed physician. A parent, who refuses to have their child screened, must provide a written request of refusal to the school.

Release of Information: I hereby authorize emergency medical services for my child. I give VBSD staff permission to give my child first aid treatment with OTC ointments and pain relieving sprays, cough drops, band aids and bandages. I hereby authorize the Van Buren School District Health Services to share or discuss my child's health issues with any pertinent person.

Non-Nutritional Days

The Arkansas Department of Education has passed rules governing nutrition standards in Arkansas Public Schools. These rules have an effect on what food item parents are allowed to send to school.

Please note the following rules, sign, and return the bottom portion Indicating you have read and understand.

- Elementary students will not have access to vended (sold or given away) food and beverage items anytime, anywhere on school premises during the declared school day.
- This does not apply to students with special needs indicated in the student IEP or to school nurses providing health care to individual students.
- Students may be given any food and/or beverage items for up to nine (9) different school events each school year to be determined and approved by school officials.
- Nutritional foods may be used for instructional purposes. The school, as part of the planned instructional program, may also distribute nutritional snacks (kindergarten snacks for example).
- This does not restrict what parents may provide for their own child's lunch or snack.
- To meet state regulations (law), we must ask parents not to provide food/beverage items to other children at school for events such as birthday parties. Parents may provide food/beverage items upon request to support one of up to nine (9) allowable events such as Valentine's Day.

After reading the **Butterfield Student Trail Guide** with your child, this page must be signed, dated and returned to school.

Principal: Kolby Snellenberger

I have read and discussed the material in this handbook with my child. I understand and agree that my child will abide with the rules and regulations set by the Van Buren School District and Butterfield Trail Middle School.

Date: _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____ Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____