

THIS STUDENT PLANNER BELONGS TO:

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BOERNE MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH

2018-2019

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My Class Schedule

A Day Schedule			
Period	Room	Subject	Teacher
1			
Study Hall			
2			
* First Lunch or Second Lunch (Circle one)			
3			
4			

A - DAY – 3RD PERIOD LUNCH (determined by building location)

B Day Schedule			
Period	Room	Subject	Teacher
5			
Study Hall			
6			
* First Lunch or Second Lunch (Circle one)			
7			
8			

B - DAY – 7TH PERIOD LUNCH (determined by building location)

- * Lunch is determined by the room to which the student is assigned for 3rd/7th period. Flyers detailing lunch assignments by building location will be posted around school to help students identify A and B day lunches. First Lunch starts immediately before 3rd/7th Period and Second Lunch takes place during the middle of 3rd/7th period. *A student may have 1st lunch both A and B days, 2nd lunch both A and B days, or one lunch A days and a different lunch B days.*

REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

A Day/B Day



1st/5th Period	8:45 (<i>new</i>) -	10:15
Study Hall	10:20 -	10:45
2nd/6th Period	10:50 -	12:20
3rd/7th Period	12:25 -	2:25

1st Lunch	12:20 -	12:55
<i>(Class time: 1:00 - 2:25)</i>		
2nd Lunch	1:05 -	1:37
<i>(Class time: 12:25 - 1:05 & 1:40 - 2:25)</i>		

4th/8th Period 2:30 - 4:00

**After School Detention* 4:05 - 5:05

**Saturday School* 8:30 - 11:30

**Enter bus loop to library...no late entry after 8:40 a.m.*

WELCOME TO BOERNE MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH

Students are required to bring their school-issued Planner to class each day for assignment organization purposes and as our school-wide hallway pass system. The Boerne Middle School North school-issued, mandatory Student Planner \$5 (*\$5 for replacement*) provides a quick reference about rules, policies, academic requirements, and student & parent responsibilities. Failure to have a Planner each class prevents organizational skill development and counts as a "lack of materials" Documented Offense (DO) classroom consequence. For more detailed information refer to the BMSN Student Handbook and the BISD Student Code of Conduct.

ABSENCES

When a student is absent, a parent or legal guardian must report the absence by calling the attendance secretary (357-3106) between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. the day of the absence. A call is expected each day the student is absent. A parental or doctor's note must be brought to school the day the student returns.

Assignments may be requested on the second day of an excused absence by calling no later than 10:00 a.m. Parents may pick up assignments in the office between 4:00-4:15 p.m. the second day. **It is the student's responsibility on the day they return to school to contact each teacher during class to obtain make-up work and to schedule a time and date to complete tests and/or missed assignments.** A student who does not make up assigned work within by deadline (1 day for each day absent) will receive a **permanent grade of zero.**

APPOINTMENTS

If a student has an appointment with a doctor/dentist during the school day or needs to be excused for any other valid reason, **a parent or guardian must come**

into the front office, show their driver's license, and sign the student out in the office. Failure to sign out is considered an unexcused absence and will result in discipline consequences.

ATTENDANCE

Credit

To receive credit in a class, a student must attend at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered. **Students are allowed by state law four absences per semester in each class.** See *BISD Student Handbook for district and state policy on excused and unexcused absences.* If a student exceeds four absences in any one class, the BMSN Attendance Committee will review the student's grades and reasons for absence and the student will be required to attend Saturday School as part of the State Attendance Recovery process. **Each absence over four requires mandatory attendance at Saturday School from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Students who exceed four absences per semester without Attendance Recovery Saturday School attendance are in danger of losing credit for that class.** Official warning letters will be issued once a student reaches an excessive absence limit and for additional absences in excess of state allowances.

Policy

A student, absent from school for more than two 90-minute class periods for any reason other than for a documented healthcare appointment, will not be allowed to participate in school-related activities on that day or evening. The student must bring a valid, original signed doctor's note...not a copy. A student will not be counted absent if he/she has a documented appointment with a health care professional during regular school hours *if that student returns to school on the same day of the appointment.* **The appointment must be supported by a valid, original signed note, written on the physician's stationary or clinic pad and not a copy.**

Upon returning to school after an absence, students must bring a note to the Attendance Office before school begins. The note must be signed by the parent or doctor and describe the reason for the absence. An excused absence would be the result of student illness, need for medical attention, death in the immediate family, or severe weather conditions. **A student who fails to bring a note the next day must do so within 5 days of the absence.** Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. The doctor's note must be valid, original signed, written on the physician's stationary or clinic pad and not a copy.

Any absence approved by the parent for the convenience of the student (vacations/trips to San Antonio/sports/events/pageants/non-UIL approved rodeo events, etc.), but not approved by the school under excused absences, and all other absences not covered in excused absences will be un-excused. Teachers are not required to provide make-up work for unexcused absences.

AWARDS AND HONORS

AWARD NIGHTS

In the spring, students may receive award recognition during evening award ceremonies based on a combination of *academics, behavior, and character*, based on *perfect attendance*, or based on completion of *full athletic seasons*.

HONOR ROLL

BMSN emphasizes excellence in academic achievement and recognizes All "A" Honor Roll students each grading period. A student must receive a grade of 90 or above in all courses taken for All "A" Honor Roll.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The purpose of the National Junior Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship. Current 7th graders who have a cumulative grade point average of **95 or higher** after the 3rd nine weeks are considered for

membership through an application and committee review process. ****Applications submitted after due dates/times will not be accepted by the NJHS Review Committee.*** Members are inducted in the spring semester and must maintain required service hours & requirements to maintain membership. ****Failure to maintain membership requirements will result in a review and may result in a dismissal recommendation by the NJHS Review Committee.***

NO ZEROES NO LATE WORK CELEBRATION

Every student who turns their work in and on time for each and every assignment in a nine weeks is invited to participate in this prize and fun-filled celebration during Study Hall.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT RECEPTION

Faculty members may nominate one student during each grading period who exemplifies outstanding characteristics in grades, citizenship, or improvement. Students and parents are invited to attend a breakfast ceremony held in the library before school. **Limited to one nomination per year.*

TOP DOG AWARDS

Students who demonstrate above and beyond 100% Purple Pride Greyhound character through words, deeds, or actions are recognized by staff during the year with the *Top Dog* special purple paw print dog tag award. All Top Dogs are invited to a special Top Dog lunch in the spring.

BAD WEATHER DAYS

During bad weather, information will be posted on the BISD web page: www.boerne-isd.net. If school is cancelled for the day, the A Day or B Day schedule will continue per the BISD calendar.

CAFETERIA

All students will eat in the cafeteria. This is a closed campus, and students are not allowed to leave school

grounds to purchase lunch. **All food/drinks during breakfast or lunch must be consumed inside the cafeteria. No food/drinks except water are to be taken outside of the cafeteria to the blacktop, courtyard/gazebo, hallways, or classrooms.** Students who fail to comply will face lunch detention or additional discipline consequences. ***(Students may drink water only outside of the lunch room whether in water bottles or drink cups/containers.)*** Students may bring lunch or purchase lunch each day. Students have access to three microwave ovens to heat food brought from home. **No popcorn permitted.* Parents may pay in advance and students may use this credit for breakfast, hot lunch, or snack bar. Charging without advance payment is not allowed. Tables must be left clean and trash disposed of in containers. After being dismissed from the cafeteria, 6th & 7th graders report to the blacktop area and 8th graders to the patio area until signaled to return to class. ***Students, per state nutrition laws, are not permitted to share fast food items, whole pizzas, birthday cakes, etc. brought to school by parents/family members with other students during breakfast or lunch.***

CONDUCT

3 B's Code of Conduct

Be SAFE Be RESPECTFUL Be RESPONSIBLE

Each individual of Boerne Middle School North has a right to a safe environment that is free from disruptions and supports academic excellence. BMSN is a bully-free zone supported students and parents signing and supporting a "No Bullying" contract. **Refer to BISS Student Handbook on Board Adopted Bullying Policy.*

Each individual has the potential for choosing appropriate behavior and for becoming a responsible citizen of the school community, regardless of background or current level of functioning. Each individual's choice of action(s) has a positive or negative consequence and we at BMSN certainly work hard to recognize positive behavior in and

around campus. **Our **Positive Behavior Support (PBS)** system includes Boerne Bucks rewards for positive behavior in the classroom and around campus. All students and staff are expected to uphold the Boerne Middle School North Code of Conduct and to demonstrate Purple Pride daily as they interact with others on campus.*

Consequences

Students are assigned consequences according to the frequency and/or severity of the offense. **Documented Offenses** are proactive discipline slips issued by teachers in the classroom for basic discipline offenses. Office discipline referrals are issued when persistent or serious misbehavior occurs. In addition to intervention strategies such as student and/or parent conferences, consequences may include After-school Detention, campus clean-up, lunch detention, Saturday School, In-School Suspension (ISS), Out of School Suspension (OSS) or placement in the Boerne Discipline Alternative Placement (DAEP/AC) at administrators' discretion.

Tardy Policy

In each class, including Study Hall period, **the 3rd & 4th tardies** in a nine weeks period will result in an office referral and the assignment of one and three days of after school detention respectively. **The 5th tardy** in a nine weeks period in each class will result in an office referral and a Saturday School assignment. **The 6th tardy** in a nine weeks period in each class will result in an office referral and placement in In-School Suspension (ISS). ****Morning tardies to school apply even with parent note/parent sign-in. Students driven to school must be present inside the classroom each morning before 8:45 a.m. or they are tardy. *Tardies are "reset to zero" per class each new, nine weeks.***

Mandatory Planner Policy **\$5 each*

In each class, including Study Hall, **the 3rd & 4th time Mandatory Planners are not brought to class** in a

nine weeks period the result will be an Office Referral and the assignment of one and then three days of after school detention respectively. **The 5th forgotten Planner** in a nine weeks period in each class will result in an office referral and a Saturday School assignment. **The 6th forgotten Planner** in a nine weeks period in each class will result in an office referral and placement in In-School Suspension (ISS). ***Planners are used as our school-wide pass system and our student organization tool for success.** **Forgotten Planner marks are wiped clean per class each new, nine weeks.*

"Planner Forgiveness"

If a student forgets to bring a planner to class, he/she may take the initiative to return with permission to that class with Planner in hand that same day to write down all assignments for that class. This action erases the Planner mark. **Planners left off-campus are excluded from this option.*

COUNSELING

Academic

Students and their parents are encouraged to talk with a school counselor, teacher, or principal to learn about course offerings, the graduation requirements of various programs, and early graduation procedures. Each spring, students in 6th, 7th, & 8th grades will be provided information on anticipated course offerings for the next year and other information that will help to make the most of academic and vocational opportunities.

Personal

The school counselor is available to assist students with a wide range of personal concerns, including such areas as social, family, or emotional issues, or substance abuse. A student who wishes to meet with the counselor should make the request in the front office. Counselors will also set up conferences with parents of failing students.

CYBER BULLYING

BMSN does not condone off-campus actions of students involving Cyber Bullying (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram Text Messaging, Photo Transfers, etc.) We believe strongly based on research data that Cyber Bullying issues can be decreased if parents do the following:

- 1.)** Refrain from permanently allowing computers OR devices with internet access in a child's bedroom.
- 2.)** Require cell phones/electronic devices to be handed over to parents at bedtime and for parents to monitor messaging.
- 3.)** Prevent the use of "social networking" sites of children under the age of 18 or, at a minimum, parents have access to check and monitor such sites regularly.

Should a BMSN student encounter off-campus Cyber Bullying, the best response is not to reply at all & BLOCK. Next, immediately report Cyber Bullying to both parents and campus counselors/administrators. *Use the BISSD "P3" reporting App if needed.*

LEVELS OF NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR ENGAGEMENT BEFORE IT'S CALLED BULLYING

1. **Teasing:** Everyone is having fun; no one is getting hurt; everyone is **participating equally**.
2. **Conflict:** **No one is having fun**; there is a possible solution to the disagreement; equal balance of power.
3. **Mean Moment:** Someone is being **hurt on purpose**; reaction to a strong feeling or emotion; an isolated event.
4. **Bullying:** Someone is being hurt on purpose; the action is **repetitive; happens regularly**; imbalance of power.

DRESS AND GROOMING

All Students: Students shall come to school clean and wearing clothing that will not be a health or safety hazard to the student or others. **BISD prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing or accessories that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene or advertise alcohol, tobacco, or other prohibited substances.** The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that, *in the administrator's judgment*, may reasonably be expected to cause interference with normal school operations. If, in the judgment of the administrator, any mode of dress or appearance detracts from the learning climate, it is the administrator's responsibility to take corrective action.

All Students

- **BACKPACK/BAG SIZE LIMITATIONS:** Due to safety and space limitations in the building and especially the classrooms, students may carry either one purse or one book bag/back sack only (book bag carried by handle or worn with a single shoulder strap or a back sack with strings) from class to class **size 15"X15"x15" or smaller when filled with books. A 15"X15"x15" bag expandable beyond those measurements is not permitted.** This is a classroom space and safety issue. Correctly sized bags must be stored out of all aisles under the desks inside the classroom and inside cubbies at lunch for safety. **All bags larger than 15"X15"X15" when filled must be stored inside school lockers from 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**
- Must not wear or display advertisements, emblems, patches, pictures, slogans, and writing on clothing, accessories, skin, and other personal items that:
 - ♦ Are lewd, obscene, offensive, suggestive, vulgar, or promote violence (ex: weapons).
 - ♦ Advertise or depict alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, or other prohibited substances.

- Must wear appropriate footwear at all times. ***Athletic slippers, house slippers, beach flip-flops, house shoes, and steel-toed shoes are not allowed.***
- Must not wear spiked-type jewelry, clothing chains, or wallet chains.
- Must not wear jeans, shorts, pants, etc. with holes above the fingertips or excessive holes in any location as determined by administrators, or pants that are baggy, excessively long or wide, or worn below the hip level as determined by the administrator. Students wearing excessively tight pants, shirts, or revealing outfits in general as determined by the administrator are not permitted.
- Must not wear pajama-type clothing during the year, no matter if it's STAAR testing or Finals Week.
- Must not wear "cut-off" or ragged/frayed skirts, shorts, jeans, or pants without stitched ends.
- Must not have unnatural extremes, unnatural highlights, **or unnatural streaks in hair** color or style such as hair dyed green, red, blue, orange, etc. as determined by administrators. Must not have Mohawks, fauxhawks, wigs, or insignias or extremes shaved into the scalp including excessively shaved lines or extremely shaved side, front, back, or parts.
- Must not wear hats, bandannas, caps, knit caps or other headgear during the school day and never inside the building. **Bills must be worn to the front during allowed times. All headgear must be stored in lockers from 8:45 – 4:00 p.m.**
- Skin must not have visible tattoos (real or fake) or marker/pen/paint writing.
- Must not wear trench coats inside during school.

BOYS

- Must be clean-shaven daily without being reminded; no facial hair/**soft fuzz on upper lip**-cheeks-chin; no mustaches soft or brisk, beards, sideburns below the earlobe, or sideburns that are excessively wide.
- Must have hair that is clean, well-groomed, does not bring undue attention or distraction in the administrator's opinion, and **does not extend beyond the base of the neck.** *School requests for*

*Dress Code compliant haircuts must be completed when asked. *Hair below the eyebrows covering the eyes or face would be considered a distraction. **Failure to comply with a haircut request per dress code is considered insubordination/non-compliance and will result in an In School Suspension if not corrected within the time directed by administrators.***

- Must not wear pierced-typed jewelry of any kind nor cover pierced ear lobes or any piercing with Band-Aids before, during, or after school while on campus.
- Must not wear muscle shirts or undershirts as the only outer garment, and shirts must be buttoned at all times. ***Sleeveless shirts, tops, & sleeveless jerseys are not permitted.**
- Must not wear make-up or fingernail polish.

GIRLS

Must not wear dresses, blouses, or tops that are low cut in the **front or back**, or that are of **sheer** material in the **front or back**, or excessively tight. **Spaghetti straps, camisoles, tanks, etc. are not permitted underneath a sheer blouse or top; the undergarment or undershirt must extend from the neck across to the edge of the shoulder.**

- Must wear clothing that extends beyond the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts so that the midsection and the back are covered **at all times.**
- Must not wear shirts with spaghetti straps, tube tops, halter tops, or camisoles alone, underneath a sheer blouse or top, or hidden under a sweater, jacket, hoodie, shawl, or outer wear. **Violations must be corrected and may not be temporarily covered with outer wear.**
- **Dresses, skirts, and shorts must fingertip length or longer in the front, sides, and back when the student is standing or walking. Biker shorts/tights, Jeggings, Yoga pants, or leggings may be worn underneath shorts/skirts only with shorts/skirts that meet the "past the fingertips" length guideline. *Yoga pants and all similar stretch style pants can only be worn with a top,**

shirt, or sweater which complies with the fingertip length rule.

- Must wear **pierced-type** (small post & back clasp) jewelry **only on ears.**

DRESS CODE VIOLATION POLICY

- 1st Violation Warning
- 2nd Violation One day After School Detention
- 3rd Violation..... 3 days After School Detention
- 4th Violation Office Referral & Saturday School 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 5th Violation & beyond ... Office Referral & In School Suspension (ISS)

Please note: Students unable to arrange for a change of clothes delivery in a timely fashion (15 minutes), who refuse to borrow from BMSN clean stock, or who fail to immediately correct the dress code violation will be placed in ISS. Students asked to correct hair or dress code violations who refuse or fail to do so will be placed in ISS.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND PROHIBITED ITEMS

Cell phones must be kept in school lockers throughout the school day (8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) without exception. Failure to comply violates the BISD **Possession Policy** and will result in discipline consequences.

Students are not permitted to use cell phones for any reason (text, call, games, or camera) nor use other electronic equipment including internet watches, phone watches, Smart Watches, radios, IPod's, MP-3 players, CD players, tape recorders, camcorders, DVD players, cameras, and electronic game devices during the school hours of 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (unless prior permission is obtained from the principal's office). Failure to comply violates the BISD electronics **Usage Policy** and will result in discipline consequences. Students are discouraged from bringing electronic items to school.

****Use of cameras/video is prohibited (especially classrooms, dressing rooms, & restrooms) unless for a teacher-approved project.***

POSSESSION of any electronic device from 8:45 a.m.

- 4:00 p.m. will result in the following:

- **1st Offense:** Warning & parent pick-up (**after 4:00 p.m. on the day of the offense**) of item
- **2nd Offense:** \$10.00 fine, a 10-day (calendar) hold of the item, & parent pick-up (**after 4:00 p.m. on the day of the offense**) of item
- **3rd Offense:** \$10.00 fine, a 30-day (calendar) hold of the item, & parent pick-up (**after 4:00 p.m. on the day of the offense**) of item
- **4th Offense:** Hold of the item until the end of the school year & parent pick-up of item.

USE of any electronic device on campus from 8:45 a.m.

- 4:00 p.m. will result in the following **PLUS**

POSSESSION consequences:

- **1st Offense:** Office referral & Saturday School
- **2nd Offense & beyond:** Office referral & In School Suspension
**Students bring these items at their own risk. *Items such as laser pointers, Whiteout, permanent markers, Tech Decks, etc. are also prohibited & will be held for parent pick-up.*

Electronic Readers

Students may carry electronic readers with them from classroom to classroom although **use of electronic readers IS NOT PERMITTED in the lunchroom, athletic/PE dressing rooms, or in either of the BMSN gyms. With prior permission ONLY from each teacher obtained each and every time from one day to the next, a student may use their reader specifically and only for reading.**

Smart (Internet) Watches and Fitness Trackers

Student use of a Smart Watch (Internet) watch or Fitness Trackers capable of receiving text messages

(email, texts, messaging, apps, etc.) during the school day without teacher BYOD permission will result in consequences under the electronic usage policy.

Bring Your Own Device Days (BYOD)

Additionally, teachers have authority to allow students to bring in notebooks/iPads/tablets for specific class projects on specific dates throughout the year. Other than on these special, pre-arranged dates, students are required to store these items in school-issued lockers from 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Web browsing is only permitted under direct teacher supervision and all web browsing must be conducted through the BISD secure wireless network. Students in violation of these policies are subject to discipline consequences listed above.** **BMSN is not responsible for the theft of any student's electronic item.*

GRADING

Report cards are issued to parents once every nine weeks. The semester grade given at the end of the second and fourth nine weeks is the grade that will be recorded on the student's academic achievement record. Progress reports are issued for all students at the end of the third and sixth week of the grading period. Parents have online access to student grades throughout each grading period with alert notification setting capabilities if a student earns zeros, low grades, or averages. Newly added or updated grades process 24 hours later. *See the district website for Parent Connection access through txConnect. <https://itccsqb.esc20.net/PABO/Login.aspx>

Academic Grading Scale Citizenship

A=90-100 Superior	S=Satisfactory
B=80-89 Above Average	N=Needs Improvement
C=75-79 Average	U=Unsatisfactory
D=70-74 Borderline	
F=0-69 Failure	

Exams Dates

Exam Dates: **Lunch times change during exam week.*

December 19:	Periods 1, 3, and 2
December 20:	Periods 5, 7, and 6
December 21:	Periods 4 & 8 <i>*Early Release 12:45 p.m.</i>
May 28:	Periods 1, 3, and 2
May 29:	Periods 5, 7, and 6
May 30:	Periods 4 & 8 <i>*Early Release 12:45 p.m.</i>

****Attendance is mandatory for final exams to prevent a zero exam grade from being entered into the gradebook. Plan vacations accordingly.***

Late Work On-Level Classes: An assignment is considered late when not submitted by the assigned due date and assigned class period. Late assignments submitted on or before that class' very next A day or B day will receive a maximum grade of a 70 if 100% correct. *Assignments submitted past the designated acceptance period above will be entered as a zero. *Note: Pre-AP Late Work Policy differs per Pre-AP Guidelines.*

BMSN ACADEMIC HONOR CODE

Boerne Middle School North Greyhounds will sustain an atmosphere of academic excellence through respect, honesty and integrity. The Academic Honor Code includes educating and empowering students to have strong character and to equip them to be lifelong learners. In support of our mission, we uphold the expectation of ethical behavior to support authentic learning. The core values underlying and reflected in the policy:

Respect of all members of the community. Having the esteem or sense of excellence in all areas of life.

Honesty is demonstrated by giving academic credit to others where credit is due and developing original thought. Being truthful to yourself and others as to how learning was accomplished.

Integrity of all members of the school community. Having the character to know what is ethical and stand as an example for others.

Responsibility in completing academic work to the best of your ability.

Diligence to persevere in the face of adversity. Being consistent & deliberate in academic pursuits.

Courage to stand up for values reflected in this statement. Being willing to uphold these values and others that define us as Greyhounds.

HONOR CODE VIOLATIONS CONSEQUENCES

1ST OFFENSE:

- Zero on the assignment
- Teacher contacts parent to report violation
- Assistant Principal follow-up with parent
- Saturday School
- *Membership Hearing NJHS Review Committee*

2nd OFFENSE*: **Additional offenses will result in additional consequences*

- Zero on the assignment
- Teacher contacts parent to report violation
- Assistant Principal follow-up with parent
- In School Suspensions (I.S.S.) **Removal from all extracurricular events during I.S.S. assignment*
- *Membership Hearing NJHS Review Committee*

HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSE EXAMS

BMSN students taking a high school level course will take an exam in every course at the end of the first and second semester. The exam will count 20% of the semester grade. **Subject to changes in BISD policy.*

RETEACH AND RETEST

A student who scores below a 70 on any examination, *other than a nine weeks test*, may request to be retested for a **maximum new grade of 70**. The teacher will determine student eligibility for a retest. If the student qualifies for a retest, he/she shall work with the teacher to schedule tutoring and a retest within a one-week period. **A student who has a passing average for the*

first and second nine-weeks of the semester but fails the semester due to the final exam grade is eligible for a retest.

GUM

BMSN has a **NO GUM policy** on campus before, during, or after school while on school grounds. Leave all gum at home. Consequences are determined as follows: **GUM IN CLASS:** Students chewing gum in class will receive Documented Offenses. The 3rd Documented Offense in one class or the 5th school-wide will result in an Office Referral and a Support Team meeting with administration. **GUM IN COMMON AREAS:** Students chewing gum in any BMSN Common Area will immediately be sent to the office with consequences as follows:

1st & 2nd violations: 1 day After School Detention
2nd violation: 1 day After School Detention
3rd violation: 3 days After School Detention
4th violation: Saturday School
5th violation & up: In School Suspension

HOMEWORK

****Students without zeros or late work in all classes during the nine weeks will be rewarded and invited to attend a No Zeros-No Late Work Celebration. Students should plan to do homework each school day & parents are needed to help support BMSN staff in checking for nightly completion. Planners should be used by students daily to document homework assignments expected to be completed by the due date. Late work may be accepted the very next class period ONLY with a maximum grade of 70 only if all answers are correct. Missing assignments will result in zeroes.***

HALL PASSES

Any time a student is in the hall during class time, she/he must have in hand their school-issued Planner with the hall pass in back completely filled out including teacher signature, student name, date, time, and destination.

Passes are printed in the back of each student's school-issued Planner. **Students in the hall without a pass will be sent back and may receive discipline consequences for truancy.** This policy applies to classes, lunch, and Study Hall period. **Replacement Planners can be purchased in the office for \$5.*

ILLNESS or ACCIDENT

Students who are ill or hurt are to obtain a pass from the teacher and report to the nurse for care. The nurse will contact the parent and determine if the student will be sent home. **(Use of phones/texting/electronic devices by students to contact parents to be picked up for illness will result in discipline consequences whether legitimately ill or not.)** ***All calls home to parents for health or medical issues must be made by the BMSN nurse inside the nurse's office.**

All medications brought on campus must be checked into the nurse and kept in the clinic. For any student who must take a prescription or non-prescription medication during the school day, the parent must bring a written request signed by both the physician and the parent. **Prescription medication must be in its original container and given to school nurse directly from the parent.** Each over the counter medication *must be in its original sealed container.* Herbals, home remedies, vitamins, dietary supplements, etc. will not be administered.

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION (I.S.S.)

Students receiving a disciplinary placement of I.S.S. may purchase lunch from the cafeteria or they may bring a sack lunch from home. **Students may not participate in extracurricular activities while serving an I.S.S. placement.** Teacher/Administrator approved completion of the *Positive Behavior Support Behavior Reflection Packet* and completion of *all* assigned academic work are requirements before a student is exited from the I.S.S.

placement. ***Fast food is not permitted for any student while serving an I.S.S. placement.**

LOCKERS

Lockers remain under the jurisdiction of the school even when assigned to an individual student. The student has full responsibility for the security of the assigned locker, for contents inside the locker, for making certain that the locker is locked, and to make certain **that the combination is not made available to others.**

Students abusing this responsibility will face disciplinary consequences. Students are not to change lockers without permission from the office. Only school-issued locks are allowed on hallway lockers. ***Replacement locks cost \$8.** Any problems with lockers, combinations, or other related concerns should be reported to the office. *Searches of lockers may be conducted at any time there is reasonable cause to believe that they contain articles or materials prohibited by District policy, whether or not a student is present.*

***ATHLETIC BAGS, GYM BAGS, & BACKPACKS MUST NOT BE STORED IN CLASSROOMS.** **See size policy.*

LOST AND FOUND

Articles that are found are to be taken to the office or placed in the lost and found containers around campus. Certain lost items, such as textbooks, jewelry, and purses may be claimed in the office. Other articles are housed in the Lost & Found boxes located in the cafeteria and gym. Unclaimed clothing & shoes are donated to a local charity the final week fall and spring.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & ATHLETICS

Students assigned to Physical Education or Athletic classes are required to dress-out and participate daily. *Failure to meet Athletic class objectives or requirements as determined by BMSN coaches may result in a coach completing a schedule change placing a student from Athletics into a regular P.E. class.* ***A student in 7th**

grade Athletics who did not play 7th grade football, volleyball, or basketball must register for 8th grade P.E. Uniforms can be purchased from the P.E. teacher for \$20 per shirt/shorts set. PE students must bring their own Master lock for PE/Athletic lockers and must **keep personal items inside locked lockers at all times...no exceptions.** *In severe cold or inclement weather, students will not be required to go outside, but they will be required to dress-out. *Part of a student's grade is dressing out each day.

PROMOTION AND RETENTION

A student will be promoted only on the basis of academic achievement or demonstrated proficiency in the subject matter of the course or grade level. To earn credit in a course, a student must receive a grade of at least 70 based on course-level or grade-level standards.

- 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students must pass three of the four core courses and have an overall average of 70 in order to be promoted. ***Failure to do so will result in a student automatically being retained in the same grade the following year.**
- State Attendance Policy Requirements must be met.
- **Student Success Initiative (SSI):** Texas requires that every 8th grader pass the Math & Reading STAAR to be promoted to 9th grade giving every student 3 attempts to pass each test. Failure to pass the Math or Reading STAAR results in automatic 8th grade retention. A Grade Placement Committee (GPC) will convene with parents of all students with STAAR failures to review the state's placement. ***The state requires a unanimous decision from the GPC to override the mandatory retention in order to place a student into 9th grade.**