



## CHARLES S. RUSHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian of a CRSMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student:

Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> grade! As a part of our school's commitment to prepare our students for the adventures and rigor that high school brings, we find it necessary to implement eligibility requirements for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of the year activities. Although these events are an important part of being an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at CRSMS, they are a privilege that is earned rather than a right that all students enjoy. Below you will find the eligibility requirements for students to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities. ***We are notifying you of the requirements far in advance so that you can assist your child in meeting them, as our desire is that every student in 8<sup>th</sup> grade earn the privilege of participating.*** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have also been notified of these requirements and understand what they must do to earn the privilege of attending these events.

Beginning on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 students must meet **ALL** of the following criteria in order to be eligible to participate in **ANY** of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day):

### 1) Academic Eligibility Requirements

- a. Students must pass and/or be passing **ALL** core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies) for each of the 3 years in Middle School.
- b. Students with failures in 6<sup>th</sup> and/or 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade core classes must first recover those failed classes before they would be eligible for promotion; therefore, these students are **NOT ELIGIBLE** for **ANY** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities until the courses are recovered. (We encourage students to participate in our course recovery program if they have prior course failures. Once students have passed or recovered all core classes in grades 6-8 they are then eligible to attend 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities.)

### 2) Behavioral Eligibility Requirements

- **O.S.S.** (Out of School Suspension) As O.S.S. is given for the most serious breaches of the Student Code of Conduct (fighting, instigating a fight, cursing at staff members, bringing drugs, alcohol, weapons or other unauthorized items on campus, and continual/habitual history of misconduct) any student who receives an O.S.S after **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** is **Not Eligible** for any 8<sup>th</sup> grade activity.
- **I.S.S.** (In School Suspension) A student will receive an I.S.S if he/she has a pattern of disruptive/defiant behavior. Any student who receives I.S.S after **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** will forfeit participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities as follows:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Referral with I.S.S = Loss of **Next** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Referral with I.S.S = Loss of **ALL** remaining 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities
- With our behavioral expectations in place, we anticipate that students, even those that have a history of disciplinary referrals, will try to avoid referable infractions so that they can participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities.

**Please Note:**

- Many of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities require the school to pre-pay. As a result, any student who receives a referral that results in the forfeiture of participation in any 8<sup>th</sup> grade activity **will not receive a refund.**
- Students, who currently do not meet the academic eligibility requirements, **can become eligible** by:
  - a) Raising their grade in all 8<sup>th</sup> grade core classes to a passing level
  - b) Completing Course Recovery for failed course in 6<sup>th</sup> and/or 7<sup>th</sup> grades

**As a Final Reminder:**

Students who meet the eligibility requirements for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities are entitled to participate in any or all of the events. **However, while students may initially qualify for all activities in February, it is up to the student to maintain both grades and disciplinary success in order to remain eligible.**

Students who become ineligible due to academic difficulties or disciplinary issues will forfeit participation in whatever 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities remain on the calendar.

If you have any questions regarding any of the eligibility requirements, please feel free to contact either of the following staff members:

Mr. Snyder – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselor  
Mrs. Boehmer – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal

Sincerely,

The CSRMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teams

## **Eighth Grade End of the Year Activities 2019-2020**

### **Eighth Grade Field Trip**

Location: Universal Studios /Universal Islands of Adventure

When: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Note: Dress Code still applies & students must wear the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirt on the trip with no alterations. Students may not bring bags of any kind the day of the trip other than the Rushe drawstring bag included in the \$125.00 fee.**

\$125.00 – Due by Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Includes transportation to/from, admission to the park, 8<sup>th</sup> grade T-shirt, bag, as well as one meal voucher while at the park.

Eligibility: Must maintain Behavioral Eligibility from January 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> **AND** must meet Academic Eligibility by April 2<sup>nd</sup> **AND** must maintain Academic Eligibility between April 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to attend this trip. Students who lose their eligibility status for any reason between April 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> will NOT be allowed to attend and *will not receive a refund* for the trip as a ticket will have been purchased and the student will have been accounted for from a transportation standpoint.

Note: Any requests for a refund, for ANY reason, must be received by Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

### **Eighth Grade Dance**

Where: Cafeteria

When: Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Cost: \$20 (No tickets will be sold at the door)

Eligibility: Must Meet ALL Eligibility Criteria by 2:55 P.M., Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Dress Code for the Dance:** No jeans or hats of any kind, No strapless garments (Straps must be sewn into the garment), Pants must be secured at the waist, No bare midriffs, No t-shirts, Skirts/dresses may be no shorter than 4” above the knee, Neckline must not fall below armpit level, and girls may wear dress pants.

### **Eighth Grade Field Day**

Where: Rushe Field

When: Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 During the School Day

Cost: \$10

Eligibility: Must Meet ALL Eligibility Criteria by 2:55 P.M., Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

**PARENT/STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACTIVITIES**

**Behavioral Eligibility Requirements**

I acknowledge and understand that if my child receives a discipline referral that results in **O.S.S.**, my child will **NOT** be allowed to participate in any further 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities and that I will NOT receive a refund for any activities for which I have paid.

I acknowledge that if my child receives a discipline referral that results in I.S.S., my child will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities as follows:

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Referral with I.S.S = Loss of Next 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Referral with I.S.S = Loss of remaining 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity

**Academic Eligibility Requirements**

I acknowledge and understand that participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities requires academic eligibility (Passing ALL 8<sup>th</sup> Grade core course AND all 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade courses in need of recovery must be completed as of the eligibility deadline for each event)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_