

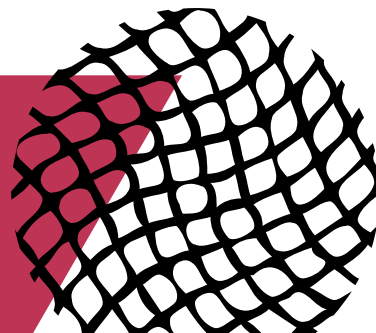
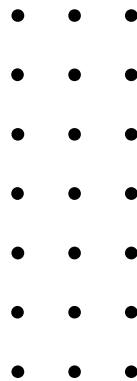
# **Welcome to**

# **Neptune Middle**

# **School's**

# **6th Grade Parent**

# **Orientation**



# About Neptune Middle School

## 6th Grade

- Most 6th grade classes are on the third floor
- Elective/RCAT classes are on the first floor
- The 6th grade counselor will be Mrs. Maher
- There are about 600 students
- Over 100 adults/staff members



# Our School Leadership Team

Vice-Principal  
Mr. Johnson



Principal  
Dr. Opoku



Vice-Principal of Safety  
and Security  
Mr. Smurro



# Our Three "R's"

**Students** at Neptune Middle School follow 3 school-wide expectations.



- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Resilient

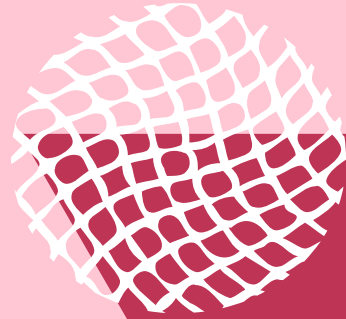




# Be Respectful

When we are respectful:

- We show consideration for how our words and actions will affect other people.
- We value each other's point of view, even if we disagree.
- We are polite, kind, and treat each other with dignity.





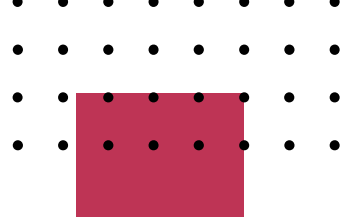


# Be Responsible

## When we are responsible:

- We answer for our words and actions.
- We do the right thing whether or not someone tells us to.
- We make good decisions.
- We accept the consequences when we have done something wrong.





# Be Resilient

When we are resilient:



- We bounce back from difficult situations.
- We have the skills to communicate and problem solve.
- We manage our feelings and impulses.
- We stay calm.



# Middle School Grading Changes

## Elementary Grading Key



## Middle and High School Grading

**4** – Exceeds the end of year grade level standard

**3** – Meets the end of year grade level standard

**2** – Developing towards the end of year grade level standard

**1** – Experiencing difficulty

**NE** – Not Evaluated at this time

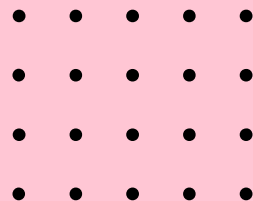
**A** = 90-100  
(All A's and B's=High Honor Roll)

**B** = 80-89  
(Mix of A's and B's=Honor Roll)

**C** = 70-79

**D** = 65-69

**Failing** = Below 65





# The Importance of Student Attendance

What is school attendance?

Attendance is participation in an educational program, agreed upon by a school district, board of education, and state governing body designed to educate students within a specified timeframe.

## District Policy and Regulations

- Students between the ages of 6 and 16 must attend school regularly
- Student attendance is reported to state and federal agencies for monitoring
- Students who are absent are required to complete missed assignments
- Prolonged or repeated absences may result in retention
- Excessive absences will result in the denial of students participating in extracurricular activities or athletics



# Student Attendance

## Chronic Absenteeism

*Defined as missing 10% or more days of school.*

- For example if there are 180 school days, 18 days would be 10% of the school year.
- If a student misses 10% of school days, they are considered chronically absent
- Students who are defined as chronically absent will require an action plan and parent meeting to address attendance issues
- 10% of the school year is almost **ONE MONTH** of school!!




**WITH YOUR HELP**

**Our goal is to:**

**Decrease  
schoolwide chronic  
absenteeism to 15%  
or less by June  
2025.**

## Maintaining Good School Attendance

- Create a routine at home to ensure your child is getting enough rest
  - Talk to your child about their school day in order to display your interest in their education.
  - Plan family trips during school breaks
  - Plan doctor appointments outside of school hours whenever possible
  - Create plans for emergency situations
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# PowerSchool Parent Portal

## What is the PowerSchool Parent Portal?

- The parent portal is an online portal accessible anywhere on the web that parents can log in to and see all of their children in one place, their grades, assignments, scores, attendance, schedules, and school bulletins for each school your children attend. If you have one student in middle school and one in high school, parents will see bulletins for both the middle school and high school.


## Why is PowerSchool Important?

- Keeping up to date with your child's progress is vital to their success. PowerSchool will allow you to check grades or attendance often and make sure your child is accountable for their academic progress.

## How often should I check PowerSchool?

- Some parents check PowerSchool on a daily basis and others check PowerSchool weekly. It our suggestion that you check at least 2-3 times a week as a new middle school parent.

## I am having issues with my PowerSchool Parent Portal Account. What should I do?

- You can visit the PowerSchool parent and student resource center or check YouTube for the many tutorial videos for the program.
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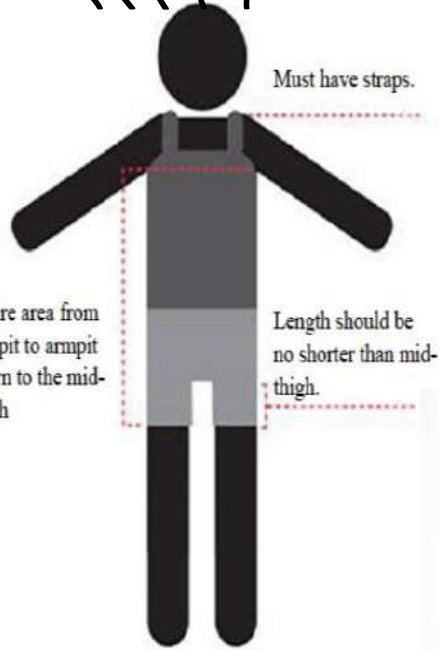
# Dress Code and Expectations

## Dress Code Guidelines

- Shirts must have a sleeve or thick strap
- Shorts, dresses, and skirts must meet mid-thigh
- Jeans should have minimal rips or tears
- No unapproved head coverings
- No inappropriate messaging on clothing
- All shoes and footwear must have a back
- Crocs should be in 'sport mode'
- Pajama clothing is not permitted to be worn in school
- Sunglasses or goggles are not permitted to be worn on face or head
- Mid-section should not be shown
- Additional expectations as noted by school or district administration

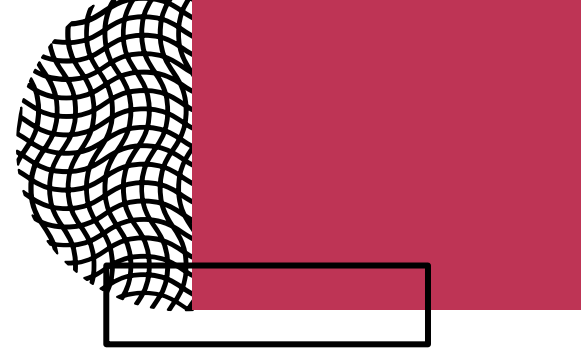


# Dress Code Examples





# Classes & Electives



## Required Classes

- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education

## Electives

- Applied Technology
- Art
- Band
- Chorus
- Environmental Science
- Robotics/Engineering
- Spanish



## Clubs/Activities

- Art Club
- Band Club
- Bowling Club
- Character Club
- Chess and Games
- Chorus Club
- Currents (Yearbook)
- Debate Club



## Clubs/Activities

- Engineering and Computers
- Golf Club
- Lacrosse
- National Junior Honor Society
- Set Design Club
- Student Council
- Theatre Club
- Volleyball



## Athletics

### **Fall**

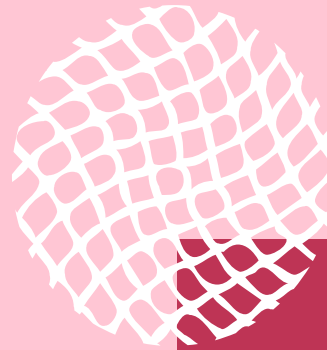
- Field Hockey
- Boy's Soccer
- Girl's Soccer

### **Winter**

- Boy's Basketball
- Girl's Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Co-ed Swimming

### **Spring**

- Baseball
- Softball
- Boy's Outdoor Track
- Girl's Outdoor Track





# PBSIS Point System



## NEPTUNE MIDDLE SCHOOL POSITIVE POINT SYSTEM

What incentives will my positive points earn me?

- *Every student begins each school year with **500 points**.*
- Students must meet the posted point requirement in order to participate in all “regular” NMS extracurricular activities, events, and programs.
- 650 points: Recognition at the Celebration of Excellence
- 800+: Special High Earner Activity
- Top points earner (one per grade): \$25 gift card
- Referral Free: Ice Cream Sundae Event
- Each month that a student does not receive a disciplinary referral, 25 points will be added to his/her yearly total.
- Points are either added for positive behavior or subtracted for a disciplinary infractions monthly.

\*Any student with fewer than 250 points will not be permitted to individually participate in NMS activities.\*



# PBSIS Point System

## Infractions, Positive Referrals & Point Values

No Discipline Referral in a Calendar Month (+25 Points)

Positive Written Referral (+25 Points)

Student of the Month Nomination (+25 Points)

Contest Winner/Student of the Month Winner (+50 points)

Confirmed HIB (-250 Points)

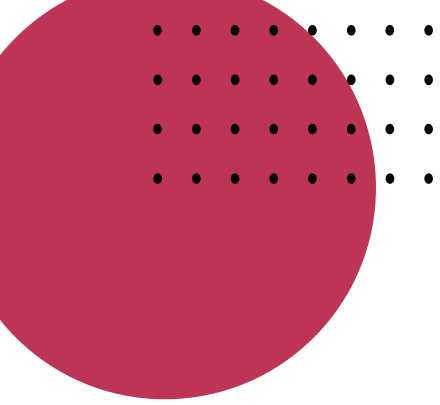
Accosts a Teacher/Administrator/Staff Member/Physical Fighting (-250 Points)

Outrageous Conduct/Insubordination/Vulgarity (-100 Points)

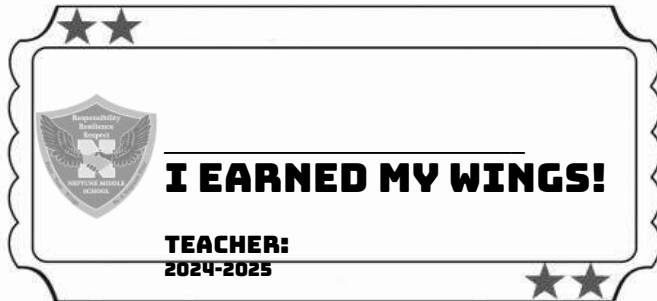
Class Cut/Leaving Class without Permission/Cutting SNAP (-50 Points)

Referral/Classroom Removal/Cell Phone Violation/Cutting Office Detention (-25 Points)





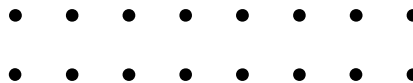
**Earn Your Wings,  
Be a Neptune  
Flier!**





## Everything you do while at Neptune Middle School matters!

- Your academic performance matters
- How you speak to other students matters
- How you interact with adults matters
- The way you walk in the hall matters
- What you do outside of school matters
- The way in which you impact your community matters



# Questions

**What is the criteria for honors classes?**

**How do I sign up for sports?**

**Is there before care?**

**How do I view my child's schedule?**

**How do we keep our school safe?**

**Do students change for gym?**







# Questions?

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