

MARVIN RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY!

2016-2017 STUDENT HANDBOOK

Dear Students,

Welcome to Marvin Ridge! You have a wonderful opportunity to be a part of this school as we develop academic excellence, extracurricular accomplishments, and overall student achievement. We are looking forward to assisting each of you in having a successful year. You can benefit from all Marvin Ridge has to offer by coming to school with a positive attitude, taking part in school activities, and actively participating in your classes. We are here to help you achieve your educational goals as you proceed through middle school.

Dr. Jay Jones
Principal

Ms. Patricia Greene
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Marni Menkin
Assistant Principal

Ms. Vera Woolard
Assistant Principal

ATTENDANCE

A. A student who is absent will bring a written excuse signed by his/her parent/guardian and turn it in to Mrs. McBride, data manager, in the front office. Parents will be notified when the child reaches 3 unexcused absences, 6 total absences or 6 unexcused absences, 10 total absences or 10 unexcused absences, 15 total absences, and 20 total absences. (15 unexcused absences can prohibit a child from being promoted to the next grade.) The parent/guardian will also be notified of the Compulsory Attendance Law and may be prosecuted if the absences cannot be justified under the established attendance policies of NC and the Union County Board of Education.

The only lawful absences or tardies include:

1. Illness or injury
2. Death in immediate family
3. Medical or dental appointment
4. Court or Administrative Proceedings
5. Religious observance
6. Educational opportunity—Pre-approved by the Principal (this DOES NOT include family vacations!)
7. Quarantine
8. Special emergencies—Approved by the Principal

Parents/guardians...please understand that an excused absence will remain an absence. Only in the event of your child's absence of 15 days or more will a doctor's note make the absence legitimate. Car riders who are late due to traffic receive an "unexcused" tardy. See Middle School Attendance Policy for further information regarding early check out and penalties involved.

B. If a student must leave school for a part of the day, a written request by the parent/ guardian must be submitted to the office before reporting to homeroom. The authorized party must come to the office to sign the student out of school.

C. Students who are absent are responsible for making up any missed work in order to receive credit.

D. A student shall be recorded present for any day that he/she is present at a place other than the school with the approval of the Principal for the purpose of attending a school activity which has been officially authorized under the policies of the Board of Education of the School's Administrative Unit. This may include field trips, athletic contests, music festivals, student conventions, and similar activities. Students who go on these out-of-school trips MUST get assignments and make them up.

E. Students who have not been temporarily excused from attendance by the Principal or Superintendent in accordance with G.S. 115C-378 of the Compulsory Attendance Law and the State Board of Education's Handbook on School Attendance (Policy Manual 10.2100) shall be considered unlawfully absent.

F. According to Union County Public Schools policy, students in elementary school (K-8) who have 15 unexcused absences will not pass their grade and will be retained. (Absences include those excused, unexcused, or due to suspension.)

G. Students who are absent 15 days due to chronic illness, communicable disease, injury, or other medical reason (substantiated by a doctor's note) will not lose course credit. However, the student must maintain an acceptable academic average for passing.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Per UCPS Attendance Policy, each three unexcused early dismissals will result in assignment to "Recovery" to recoup lost instructional time. Nine unexcused early dismissals will result in In-School Suspension. Recovery will take place at a time and location announced by the school administration. Students must be on-time or they will not be permitted to participate in Recovery and then will have to recoup their time in In-School Suspension.

If a student plans to leave before the school day ends, the student must bring a note from home requesting early dismissal. In order to minimize classroom disruption, parents are encouraged to check students out between instructional blocks. Please arrange to check your child out during natural breaks within the school day. Students can also be checked in or out during their lunch or team times. All early dismissals will be coded as unexcused until an original doctor's note has been turned in or faxed from the doctor's office. All notes should be received within three days of the early dismissal.

TARDIES

Per UCPS Attendance Policy, every five unexcused tardies will result in Before School Recovery to recoup lost instructional time. Fifteen tardies will result in In-School-Suspension In order to minimize classroom disruption, parents are encouraged to check-in students between instructional blocks. Students can also be checked in or out during their lunch time or team times.

BELL SCHEDULE

Students will not be allowed to arrive at school before 8:00, as there is no supervision. Sixth grade students will go the cafeteria, seventh grade students will go to the gym, and eighth grade students will go to the pit to wait for homeroom. Students will go to homeroom at 8:30. The tardy bell will ring at 8:40. School will be dismissed at 3:45. These are tentative starting and ending times. Times are subject to change.

	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade	Electives
Homeroom, Announcements, & Attendance Period 1	8:40-8:45 (5)	8:40-8:45 (5)	8:40-8:45 (5)	Morning Duty 8:15-8:40
1st Block Periods 2 & 3	8:45-10:13 (88)	8:45-10:13 (88)	8:45-10:13 (88)	PLANNING
2nd Block Periods 4 & 5	10:17-10:48 (31) 11:43-12:37(54)	10:17-11:45 (88)	10:17-10:57 (40) 11:01-11:43 (42)	10:17-10:57 (40) 11:01-11:43 (42)
	A Lunch 10:52-11:14 B Lunch 11:17-11:39	A Lunch 11:49-12:11 B Lunch 12:13-12:35	A Lunch 12:40-1:02 B Lunch 1:04-1:26	Lunch (22) A or B Team Time Duty (22) A or B
3rd Block Periods 6 & 7	12:41-2:08 (88)	12:40-1:22 (42) 1:26-2:08(42)	11:47-12:36 (49) 1:29-2:08(39)	12:40-1:22 (42) 1:26-2:08 (42)
4th Block Periods 8 & 9	2:12-2:54(42) 2:58-3:40(42)	2:12-3:40 (88)	2:12-3:40(88)	2:12-2:54 (42) 2:58-3:40 (42)
Lockers/Dismissal	Duty	3:45	3:45	3:45

BOOKBAGS/ OVERSIZED PURSES POLICY

Students are not permitted to carry book bags from class to class. Book bags and purses are to be placed in a locker during the school day. If you have special circumstances, please contact the appropriate assistant principal or the principal.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch. If the student is going to eat breakfast, he/she should eat as soon as he/she arrives at school. Please note that we discourage parents and/or guests from brining in food from outside establishments for students to eat at lunch. If a parent and/or other guest insists on bringing such food, the child will be asked to eat in a front office conference room. The prices are of school breakfast and lunch are as follows:

Paid Breakfast:	No Breakfast Charges	Paid Lunch:	Reduced Lunch:
\$1.15	No Breakfast Charges	\$2.20	\$0.40

CAMERAS

For your safety, our campus is monitored by a video-surveillance system.

CLUBS

A variety of clubs and activities will be presented to the students at MRMS.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Teachers will communicate with parents during the school year as often as possible. These contacts will be made to inform parents of achievements, student improvements, and possible problem areas. Contacts will be made by telephone, email, conferences, or any combination of these. Parents are encouraged to frequently check the Canvas sites of each of their child's teachers for important class information. We urge parents to use the Agenda as a communication tool, as well. Also, remember to look on the school web page: <http://unioncounty.schoolwires.net/Domain/23> for other school related information.

Parents may make appointments for conferences with the teacher or team of teachers by contacting the appropriate teacher(s). If a problem arises, please make your first contact with the teacher. If this contact is unsatisfactory, you should then contact the appropriate assistant principal based on the nature of the concern. If this contact is unsatisfactory, you should then contact the principal. **Parents are not permitted to go to a teacher's classroom without an appointment. Upon arriving on campus and entering the building, all visitors must report to the office to sign-in and get a visitor's pass. Visitor's passes are to be worn during the entire**

stay on campus. Persons who violate this policy run the risk of being banned from the Marvin Ridge Middle School campus at the Principal's recommendation to the Superintendent.

DRESS CODE

Students should dress appropriately for school each day. The clothing should not be a distraction to the learning environment and should be comfortable for all school activities. All clothing is to be worn the way the clothes were designed to be worn. Clothing must cover all undergarments and the midriff. Logos or garments that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang affiliation, nudity, or profanity are not allowed. The education of our students is our highest priority, and students' clothing should not serve as a hindrance to that purpose.

MRMS DRESS CODE POLICY

The MRMS student dress code is posted on the school website under the Parents and Students link. Parents and students are responsible for knowing the regulations of the dress code and for abiding by those regulations.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

Students will be required to wear uniforms while in physical education class. These will be purchased through gym class or online for a reasonable amount. Students should put their names in their uniforms.

PE attire shall consist of the following:

- Shorts (To be purchased online or from the PE department.)
- T shirt (Also to be purchased online or from the PE department.)

DROPPING OFF ITEMS

Instructional time will not be disturbed for students to obtain forgotten items that have been brought to school. Students may obtain forgotten items from the office during lunch time, team time, and between instructional blocks. Messages will be left for students on the MRMS message boards located in classrooms and hallways. It is a student's responsibility to check the board if he/she is expecting a drop off. See Bell Schedule for specific times students could check for deliveries.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PICK-UP TIME

Students should be picked up within fifteen minutes of the conclusion of any after-school activity. If a student is not picked up on time, he/she will not be able to attend the next event held after-school that is sponsored by the school. Inappropriate behavior at an after-school event will result in the appropriate punishment according to the consequences which govern student behavior during normal school hours. Students must follow the MRMS Dress Code while attending school sponsored events. **Students who serve an OSS, ISS, or ASD on a particular day are not permitted to attend MRMS extra-curricular activities.**

REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE CHEERLEADING/BASKETBALL SQUAD

1. The students must pass one less than the number of core classes that they are taking during the semester. Physical Education does count as a core class. A student that is not eligible at tryouts may NOT be added to the team at a later time, upon reaching academic eligibility. A student will be on probation if he/she does not meet the academic criteria on the second six weeks report card. They will have probation until the 3 weeks progress report is released.
2. The student must have a physical examination before practice (tryouts begin on the first day of practice) begins and the physical exam must have a one year anniversary date occurring after the end of the basketball/cheerleading season begins.
3. The student must have purchased school insurance or have a notarized waiver form on file with the school.
4. The student must have been promoted to the next grade level from the previous year.
5. The student must have been in attendance at least 85 percent of the previous semester.

REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN ON THE BASKETBALL/CHEERLEADING SQUAD DURING THE SPORTS SEASON

1. The student must be counted present by the PowerSchool attendance accounting proves on game day in order to play in the game.
2. Three office referrals for disciplinary problems, an ISS assignment, or a suspension from riding the bus during the sports season will result in a one game suspension.
3. An out-of-school suspension during the sports season will result in the student being suspended from the team/squad for a minimum of two games. A second out-of-school suspension during the sports season will result in the student being removed from the team/squad for the remainder of the season.
4. Any major infraction with a 10 day Out of School suspension will result in automatic removal from the team.
5. Any suspension COULD result removal from the team upon the principal's discretion.

**Sports season is defined as beginning with the first day of practice (once the team/squad is selected) and lasting through the last game of the schedule.*

Students are expected to maintain appropriate levels of academics and behavior in order to participate in booster club sports. MRMS and the Mavericks Booster Club work closely to monitor both academics and behavior.

FIELD TRIPS

Many of the classes will take field trips during the school year. If a student has had OSS or ISS during the school year, he/she may lose the privilege to attend a field trip(s). **Once money is paid for a trip, it is typically not refundable.** Some trips are overnight trips and may have other conduct requirements which will be announced well in advance of the trip.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If parents have a need for financial assistance throughout the school year, they may contact the child's teacher, an administrator, grade level counselor, or the principal.

GRADING SCALE

Grades on report cards are assigned by numerical equivalents rather than letter grade (i.e., science: 88, math: 93). The following scale can be used in comparing numerical grades to letter equivalents.

Grading Scale	Conduct Grades
Superior 90-100 A	Conduct grades for all levels are:
Above Average 80-89 B	O – Outstanding
Average 70-79 C	S – Satisfactory
Below Average 60-69 D	N – Needs to Improve
Unsatisfactory Below 60 F	U - Unsatisfactory

HONOR ROLL

I. Academic Grades:

- A. All classes, including cultural arts and Health/PE, will count toward honor roll.
- B. To be on the "A" Honor Roll, a student must have all "A's" in the academic subjects that are counted in relation to Honor Roll.
- C. To be on the "B" Honor Roll, a student must have "A's" and "B's" in the academic subjects that are counted in relation to Honor Roll.
- D. Health/PE will be a joint grade this year.

II. Conduct:

- A. To be eligible for the "A" Honor Roll, a student must have an "O" or "S" on all subjects, including cultural arts, band, and PE.
- B. To be eligible for the "B" Honor Roll, a student must have an "O" or "S" on all subjects, including cultural arts, band, and PE—except two (2) and those must be "N's".
- C. If a student makes a "U" on conduct in any subject, HE/SHE CANNOT BE ON EITHER HONOR ROLL.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be issued on the following dates:

October 9, 2016
December 8, 2016
February 2, 2017
March 21, 2017
May 10, 2017
June 9, 2017

LOCKERS

All students will be assigned a lock from the school in order to use a locker. Lockers remain property of UCPS/MRMS. There is no reasonable expectation for privacy. The school can search lockers at any time, for any reason. There will be a \$5 charge for a lost lock.

LOST & FOUND

It is important to put the student's name on all personal items such as jackets, sweaters, books, lunch boxes, sports equipment, etc. The school cannot be responsible for any of these belongings. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charities.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Federal legislation, known as No Child Left Behind, was passed by Congress in January, 2002. This law continues the emphasis that North Carolina had already begun on the basics and accelerating the performance of all students. Schools must meet Annual Measurable Objectives for all groups of students. For more information on this important piece of legislation, please go to: www.ncpublicschools.org.

SICK STUDENTS

A. There is no sick bed at MRMS. Students who are too sick to remain in class will be encouraged to call their parents and go home.

B. In order for students to receive medicine at school the following procedures must be followed. The school does not provide **any** medications.

1. Daily medicines require the following before school staff can give the medicine.
 - a. Signed, dated doctor's orders that give complete administration instructions.
(Medication Consent forms are available on the Marvin Ridge Middle website or in the school office.)
 - b. The parent's signature requesting medication administration.
 - c. A fresh supply of medicine delivered in its original packaging, labeled with child's name.
2. Any change in medicine, dosage or administration time requires a new Medication Consent Form be given to the school.
3. As needed medicines (used to treat chronic conditions like asthma, headaches, etc.) require the following:

- a. A completed Medication Consent Form signed by both the parent and doctor if the medicine would need to be available at the school for the entire year.
- b. A fresh supply of medicine in the original package, labeled with the child's name.
- c. If the medication will need to be carried by the student, be sure to note that on the Medication Consent Form and get the doctor's approval. The only emergency medicine that can be self-carried are epi-pens, glucagon and insulin inhalers.

THE SCHOOL WILL ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS WHO SELF MEDICATE. STUDENTS WHO ARE IN POSSESSION OF ANY TYPE OF UNAUTHORIZED MEDICATION MAY FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION (see UCPS Policy).

TELEPHONE/CELL PHONES

Telephones in the main office are for emergency use only. Students are to make arrangements for rides before they come to school. All school events are announced well in advance in order to give students plenty of time to make all necessary arrangements. Cell phones are not to be operated during school hours. They are to remain OFF and stowed away during the school day. If a student's cell phone is taken at school, the parent is responsible for picking it up at the end of the instructional day. Repeated cell phone infractions will result in disciplinary actions including In-School Suspension. Students will not receive phone calls, deliveries and/or non-emergency messages at school.

TRANSPORTATION

CAR RIDERS:

Persons dropping off students in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon are expected to follow the traffic pattern directions of all school personnel on duty. If there is no car in front of you, do not stop to drop-off or pick-up students at the awning, rather, pull forward to the personnel at the bottom of the hill. Parking lot drop-offs are NOT allowed. Please do not put your child in harm's way. Those extra few seconds you think you are saving are not worth the safety risk! Students who are car riders in the afternoons are to leave the building in a purposeful manner and go to the car rider location in the front of the school. Students must pay attention and watch for their ride as we will not be able to hold up the car line. **Students are not allowed to walk to the parking lot to meet their ride. No students will be allowed to cross the flow of traffic to go to their car.** Persons picking up students in the afternoon should remain in their cars and follow the traffic pattern to pick up students on the sidewalk in front of the school. **Parents please do not put yourself or your child's safety at risk! Remain in your car and use the car rider line!**

BUS RIDERS:

Students who are bus riders in the afternoons are to leave the building in a purposeful manner and go to the bus parking lot. Students are to go directly to their assigned buses to expedite dismissal. **In the event of a mechanical problem, no student is allowed to car-pool with another child unless the office has parental permission.** UCPS provides emergency buses should this occur. **Due to the overcrowded busing situation, students are not permitted to ride buses that are not their assigned buses.** Students may not ride the bus home with another student at any time.

WALKERS:

Students who walk home from school must have a note on file with the appropriate assistant principal verifying that parent permission to walk home has been granted.

VISITORS

All visitors to the school are required to sign in at the main office and wear an MRMS visitor sticker while they are on campus. Parents are asked to make an appointment to meet with faculty or staff members.

Students are not permitted to bring visitors to school with them. Visiting friends will not be permitted to attend classes or eat lunch with students.

MARVIN RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT BEHAVIOR CODE OF CONDUCT

In addition to the UCPS student Code of Conduct, students are expected to adhere to the following expectations:

1. ACADEMIC/ LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Students take the responsibility for learning. They are to:

- Be in class on time with their supplies
- Be prepared for class by having assignments complete
- Listen and follow directions
- Do their own work
- Participate and cooperate in class
- Leave toys, games, iPods, laser pointers, pagers, cell phones, electronic games, CD players, and other potentially distracting devices at home unless the device is being utilized for instructional purposes as directed by a teacher or other staff member.
- Adhere to Academic Honor Code (see below)

2. CHARACTER EXPECTATIONS

MRMS students are expected to show respect and responsibility by:

- Using courteous and proper language at all times

- Showing respect towards others
- Picking up their own trash
- Refraining from pushing others and throwing objects
- Listening to all staff members
- Demonstrating good sportsmanship
- Refraining from harassing other students or name calling – NO BULLYING!
- Adhering to the MRMS Academic Honor Code

Academic Honor Code

At MRMS, we believe that part of education is learning and practicing responsibility, respect, integrity, and honesty in behavior as well as academic study. Therefore, we, the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of Marvin Ridge Middle School, must strive to preserve these fundamental values in all our academic endeavors. This includes a commitment to the work of each individual to ensure that work completed is done fairly and honestly. So that there will be no confusion, the faculty, administrators, and a committee of students have come up with a list of guidelines that outline our school policy as it relates to cheating and plagiarism.

Academic honor code violations may be of two kinds: ***cheating and plagiarism***.

Some examples of ***cheating*** include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Giving or accepting answers on a test or quiz, including spoken or unspoken signals.
2. Taking or attempting to take a test or quiz for another student.
3. Discussing the details of a test or quiz before other students have taken that quiz or test.
4. Using unauthorized materials during a test or quiz, including cheat sheets (like notes and answers written on hands, papers, clothing), sneaking looks at another student's paper, etc.
5. Copying another student's homework, or giving your homework to someone else who intends to use it to copy.

Some examples of ***plagiarism*** include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Using another person's work, whether it is verbatim (word for word), with some words changed, or paraphrased, without giving the author credit through quotations, footnotes, endnotes, or other citations.
2. Using another person's original ideas and submitting them as one's own work.
3. Submitting material taken from the internet and/or any unauthorized materials and submitting it as one's own work. When in doubt, consult the teacher before using materials other than those presented in class.
4. Using another person's work in one's own work without appropriate citation.
5. Using materials, including pictures (from internet or otherwise), graphics, etc., without appropriate citation.

Other Areas of Concern: It is essential that all work submitted by a student be work expressly created by the student. If parents and tutors have questions about how to help without unwittingly violating the academic honor code, they should discuss appropriate strategies with the student's teacher. Caution should be exercised when parents and tutors are helping students with homework and projects.

Consequences for *cheating and plagiarism*

First Offense:

1. For homework- zero on the assignment
2. For tests, quizzes, projects, and classwork, - zero on the assignment and parent contact made.

Second Offense:

Same as first, plus In School Suspension

When presented with the opportunity to take responsibility for one's actions and admit wrongdoing, students may earn a greater consequence (ISS) if they are dishonest about instances of cheating and/or plagiarism.

3. BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

All of the adult employees of MRMS have certain responsibilities to the school, and in order to carry out these responsibilities, they have certain authority to correct students when the need arises. If any student is corrected by any adult employee, whether the employee is faculty, clerical, cafeteria, custodial, or substitute, the student is expected to abide by such correction. Everyone at MRMS is to be treated with respect.

1. Students should not be out of class without their agendas.
2. Running, pushing, shoving, picking, hitting, and rowdiness are unacceptable behaviors.
3. Name calling and harassment will not be tolerated.
4. Students are expected to respect their peers and other people's property.
5. Electronic devices are to stay powered off and in backpack unless instructed by an MRMS staff member. MRMS is not responsible for loss or damage of electronic items.
6. Knives, weapons, bullets, caps, or explosives are not to be brought to school.
7. Buying or selling items on school property without permission from the office is prohibited.
8. Cheating is unacceptable behavior and will result in the consequences listed above.
9. Students are not to use abusive, profane or obscene language.
10. Students are to be in class on time with all necessary school supplies.
11. Students must arrange for rides to pick them up on time after events held at school.
12. Students must not use derogatory language or gestures towards other students or faculty.
13. Truancy will not be tolerated (This includes students leaving class without the permission of the teacher).

14. Students should not exhibit inappropriate displays of affection.
15. Students should not exhibit any behavior deemed inappropriate by school employees.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT MEETING BEHAVIORAL, ACADEMIC OR CHARACTER EXPECTATIONS:

Students who do not meet MRMS behavior expectations will face certain consequences, which may include:

- Warnings/Loss of Privileges
- Parent Notification/Conference
- Lunch Detention
- Before School Detention or After School Detention
- Office Referral
- In-School Suspension
- Out of School Suspension
- Local Law Enforcement Involvement
- Any other consequence as deemed appropriate by school administration

*Students will receive a maximum of Three (3) ISS's in a semester for any offense that warrants ISS. After the third ISS, students will automatically receive an OSS.

All students will be subject to the regulations and disciplinary procedures outlined in Union County Public Schools Board of Education Student Discipline Policy.

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL BUS BEHAVIOR

Listed below are a few possible inappropriate behaviors that will be addressed when they occur. This information is based upon North Carolina Public School Law (G.S. 115-245) and the Union County Public Schools Discipline Policies. Consequences for inappropriate student behavior will result in removal from the bus. Other consequences would fall UCPS Code of Student Conduct. For example, if a student gets into a fight on the bus, he/she is automatically suspended from school per UCPS Board Policy.

1. Refusing to be seated	10. Delaying the bus schedule
2. Refusing to remain seated	11. Leaving the bus at the wrong place or time
3. Not allowing others to be seated	12. Using the emergency exit when there is no emergency
4. Fighting (UCPS Policy # 3)	13. Possession of weapons (UCPS Policies #8 and #9)
5. Possession or use of tobacco products (UCPS Policy #16)	14. Disrespect to driver (UCPS Policies #1, #2, and #14)
6. Use or possession of alcohol or drugs (UCPS Policy #12)	15. Participation in any inappropriate behavior on the bus
7. Use of profanity (UCPS Policies #14 and #15)	16. Throwing things from the bus (This could result in automatic loss of bus riding privileges)
8. Distracting the driver	17. Vandalism to school bus (UCPS Policies #10 and #11)
9. Refusing to obey the driver	

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The UCPS homepage contains the Board of Education Policy Manual, news, current events and links to each department and school. Parents and students can find curriculum resources, current calendars, lunch menus, school assignment maps and many other items of interest on the site.