



Ronkonkoma

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2022 - 2023

RMS TELEPHONE NUMBER

(631) 467 - 6000

(When directed, please dial the appropriate number)

1	General Office
2	Attendance
3	Student Support Center
4	Nurse
5	Administration
6	Band/Chorus/Physical Education
7	Resource/Library
8	Custodian/Receiving/Kitchen

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Ronkonkoma Middle School community is to provide opportunity for lifelong learning in a safe, nurturing, respectful environment where all are encouraged to strive toward academic excellence along with individual and social growth.

CORE

Community

Opportunity

Respect

Excellence

- We believe in creating an atmosphere within the school community that encourages independence, respect, responsibility and acceptance of diversity.
- We believe in providing a safe, nurturing environment in which students can achieve academic success.
- We believe all parents, students and educators are an integral part of the school community and share in its achievement and success.
- We believe that stimulating and challenging educational opportunities will help students reach their full potential.

SCHOOL COLORS: RED & WHITE
MASCOT: THUNDERBIRD
STUDENT POPULATION: 667 STUDENTS - Grades 6-7-8

INFORMATION

Notices regarding school activities are sometimes sent home with students. In addition, parents and community members wishing to obtain information about the school district or Ronkonkoma Middle School may check the website: www.ccsdli.org

PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Ronkonkoma Middle School expects a high standard of conduct from its students, faculty and support staff, as well as visitors to the school. The school will enforce a code of conduct which governs the conduct of all persons, whether or not their presence is authorized, upon any premises or property under the control of the district and used in its teaching, administrative, cultural, recreational, athletic and other programs and activities.

SCHOOL RULES:

- ✓ Students must be in the classroom when the bell rings.
- ✓ Stopping at lockers is only permitted between classes.
- ✓ You must have a pass to be in the hall.
- ✓ NO: cell phones or other electronic devices. These may not be used during the school day without permission.
- ✓ NO coats, hats, or inappropriate clothing.
- ✓ NO foul language.

CAFETERIA RULES:

- ✓ Students must remain seated at all times.
- ✓ Students are not permitted to switch tables.
- ✓ Throw out all garbage.
- ✓ No food or drinks allowed outside the cafeteria.
- ✓ No gum chewing at any time.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

No person, either alone or with others shall:

1. cause or threaten physical injury to any other person;
2. use, possess, sell or distribute alcohol, illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia;
3. smoke, vape or use tobacco products; chew gum;
4. no food or drinks permitted in hallways;
5. physically restrain or detain any other person nor remove such person from any place where he/she may be restrained as permitted by Commissioner's Regulations (see 5314, Corporal Punishment);
6. damage or destroy property of the district or under its jurisdiction, nor remove or use such property without authorization;
7. without permission, expressed or implied, enter into any private office of an administrator, member of the faculty, or staff member;
8. enter upon or remain in the building without authorization after it is normally closed;
9. refuse to leave the building after being required to do so by an authorized administrative officer, member of the faculty or staff member;
10. disrupt or prevent the peaceful and orderly conduct of classes, lectures, and meetings or deliberately interfere with the freedom of any person to express his/her views, including invited speakers;
11. possess any weapon or object designed for/or used to inflict bodily harm or physical damage including, but not limited to, rifle, shotgun, pistol, knife, slingshot, metal knuckles, laser pen, fireworks, etc.
12. incite any others to commit any of the acts herein prohibited with specific intent to procure them to do so; and/or
13. violate any law, regulation or Board policy.

DASA (Dignity for All Students Act)

The Connetquot Central School District is committed to safeguarding the rights of all its students and to providing an environment that is free from all forms of harassment or coercion and discrimination of any kind. Any student who believes that the actions or words of another individual at school constitute harassment must report such incident as soon as possible to a school official.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is defined as acting in a manner in which truthfulness and personal responsibility are essential to both academic and social success. Violations of academic integrity include:

Cheating

- ✓ copying homework and other assignments
- ✓ helping others on tests, quizzes, exams, etc.
- ✓ using unauthorized materials to aid on tests, quizzes, exams, etc.

Plagiarism:

- ✓ copying and pasting from an online source without proper citation
- ✓ presenting the ideas of others as your own without proper credit

Violations of academic integrity will result in appropriate disciplinary action.

REGULATIONS FOR DANCES AND OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS

1. Students who have disciplinary referrals, of any nature, four school weeks prior to a dance or other social event, may not attend at the discretion of administration.
2. Only students currently enrolled at Ronkonkoma Middle School may attend dances. Tickets are sold **in school only**, never at the door.
3. Each dance begins at 7:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. Doors will not be opened until 7:00 pm. Parents should arrange to pick up their children at 9:00 pm. Once a student enters the dance, he/she cannot leave without a parent.
4. Any student absent from school on the day of a dance will not be permitted to attend.
5. If a student has purchased a ticket for the dance, but is not in attendance, a school official will call the student's home.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate with a school setting. Students who are improperly dressed will be asked to change into appropriate clothing before they are admitted to class. The following guidelines are in effect:

1. Attire is worn to protect the health and safety of a student.
2. Attire cannot interfere with the education process.
3. Attire advertising or advocating the use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco, or clothing affixed with writing or pictures that are obscene, suggestive or depict violence is not permitted.
4. Hats, coats, bandanas and headbands are not to be worn except when entering or leaving the building.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times.
6. No half-shirts, crop tops, spaghetti straps or low necklines are allowed. Clothes must cover the lower midriff area of the body.
7. Shorts can be worn in hot weather during the months of September, May and June. Shorts or skirts must be at least finger tip length.

RECORDING DEVICES

The use of recording devices such as: smartphones, video recorders, cameras, etc. is strictly prohibited on school property. Laptop computers, electronic readers, and cell phones are permissible, however, should remain off during regular school hours unless permission is granted by a school official.

PASSES

A student *Hallway Passport* is found in the back of this Agenda Book. Students are expected to have their Agenda Books with them at all times. When necessary, faculty and staff may use their discretion in issuing handwritten passes to students.

LOCKERS

Each student is provided with a hall locker and a school-issued lock. All lockers must be kept shut and locked at all times. **Students are warned against giving anyone their combination.** Lockers are the property of the school system and are subject to periodic checks. **IF YOUR LOCKER/LOCK IS BROKEN, REPORT IT TO THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**

ILLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES

- **If a student becomes ill during the school day, his/her teacher will send them to the Nurse's Office. Students should not text their parents if they feel ill. When necessary, school personnel will contact the parent or guardian.**
- **No student is to leave the building or stay in the bathroom because of illness.**
- **No medication, including aspirin, will be given to a student without a parent and physician's written authorization.**
- **Any student who is injured on the way to school or in school, or while participating in a school sport or activity must report to the Nurse's Office to complete an accident report.**
- **Parents of a student with a specific medical condition should inform the school nurse of the nature of the problem.**

LEAVING SCHOOL

Ronkonkoma Middle School is a closed campus. Once students arrive at school they are to remain on campus for the entire school day. Students are required to sign out of school in the presence of a parent or guardian, through the Attendance Office.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and prompt attendance is essential for success in middle school.

- **Parents are requested to call the Attendance Office on the day their child is absent or late to school.** If you know in advance that your child will be absent or late to school, you may call the attendance office and leave a message the evening before.
- **If a student arrives late to school, he / she must report to the attendance office, with a written note or a phone call from a parent or guardian explaining the reason for the lateness to obtain a pass prior to attending class.**
- **When a student returns from an absence, he/she must report to the attendance office, with a written note from a parent or guardian, prior to attending class. It is the student's responsibility to make up missed work.**

- **If a student is expected to have an extended absence**, parents can arrange for work to be sent home through the guidance office.
- **Athletes must be in school prior to 5th period** in order to participate in after-school sports, including practice, scrimmages, or games.
- **If a student must leave school early**, a note must be provided by the parent or guardian explaining the time and reason for early dismissal. The student must report to the attendance office upon arrival to school to obtain a “magic pass” allowing him / her to leave their class without disturbing the educational process. The student must go to their locker to retrieve books, coat, etc. and report to the attendance office.
- **When your child is absent**, you may request the classwork/homework for that day by calling the Guidance Office at **467-6000 ext. 4046**. The request must be received by **9:30am** to be available for pick-up that day (any time after 3pm until 6pm in the **Student Support Center**).

*****VERY IMPORTANT: PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A VALID PICTURE I.D. (ex: driver license) TO SIGN OUT STUDENTS*****

FIRE DRILLS AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION

As required by law, fire drills are scheduled at regular intervals and are an important safety precaution. It is essential that when the first signal is given everyone responds immediately by leaving the classroom in a single file, silently, following the teacher’s directions to leave the building by the appropriate exit.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS WILL PURSUE PUNISHMENT TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW FOR ANYONE WHO ILLEGALLY INITIATES A FIRE ALARM, INCLUDING FINES AND/OR A JAIL TERM.

BICYCLES, MOTORBIKES, SKATEBOARDS, AND ROLLER BLADES

Bicycles, motorbikes, skateboards and roller blades are **NOT** to be ridden on school property. It is **illegal** to have motorbikes and scooters on school property. Bicycles are to be locked in the bicycle rack during the school day. Skateboards are prohibited in school and on school buses.

DETENTION

After school detention is assigned for violations of the code of conduct. A student who fails to attend an assigned detention will be given two detentions for the one missed. If a student repeatedly misses detention, in-school suspension (ISS) will be assigned. A student has the right to reschedule a detention for a valid reason, but must do so before the assigned time.

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)

Students assigned to ISS must adhere to the rules posted in the ISS room.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dress Code

1. **Shorts and tee shirts or sweats that have not been worn to school.**
2. **Sneakers that are tied properly.**
3. **Jewelry should be removed before the start of class and secured in a locked locker.**

Locker Room Rules

- 1) Students are permitted in the locker room ONLY during their PE class and when they are participating on a school athletic team.
- 2) Lockers and combinations are NOT to be shared.
- 3) Lockers must be locked when students exit the locker room
- 4) No running, climbing or rowdy behavior in the locker room or gymnasium
- 5) Food and drinks are NOT permitted in the locker room or gymnasium
- 6) Abusive or foul language will not be tolerated
- 7) All personal property, including valuables, should be secured in a locker

Girls Locker Room

Each girl is issued a locker and a lock to be used for the school year. If the lock is lost, the student must pay \$ 9.00 to replace it. They may NOT bring a lock from home. Until the lock is replaced, they should NOT leave anything in the unlocked locker. Girls should NOT share their lockers or combinations with anyone

Boys' Locker Room

Grades 7 & 8 are issued a locker and a lock to be used for the school year. If the lock is lost, the student must pay \$ 9.00 to replace it. They may NOT bring a lock from home. Until the lock is replaced, they should NOT leave anything in the unlocked locker. Boys should NOT share their lockers or combinations with anyone.

Boys Grade 6 are issued a locker and a lock to be used to store their belongings ONLY while in PE class. Nothing should be left in these lockers overnight.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

All students participating on a school athletic team must have a valid sports physical each school year on file in the Nurse's Office, and a parental medical update questionnaire must be submitted prior to each new season (Fall, Early Winter, Late Winter, Spring). If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Coordinator or School Nurse.

BUSES

The bus trip to and from school is an extension of the school day. Any offensive act, including smoking, bears the same consequence as if it had been committed in school. Loud and disruptive behavior is a danger to the lives and safety of others. The privilege of riding a bus can be suspended by the Board of Education.

LATE BUSES

There are three buses servicing our students after school. Students may ride on the activity late bus with a pass from an activity teacher or detention room teacher. Athletes are issued a Sports Bus Pass by the coach for each season of participation. Late bus routes are posted in the General Office and lobby.

LOST AND FOUND

Any articles found in the building or on school grounds should be turned in to the General Office. Students or parents may claim lost articles between periods or at the end of the school day.

SUPPLIES

Students are responsible for providing their own school supplies except for textbooks. In case of financial hardship, the school will assist in providing supplies through the Guidance Office. The responsibility for having and bringing supplies to class rests with the student and parent.

LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

The Library is open from 8:00 am to 2:35 pm. Students may use the library with a pass from a subject teacher or during lunch with a pass from the librarian.

TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for ALL books issued to them. Fees will be charged for lost or damaged books.

TELEPHONE

During the school day, a pass from a teacher is required for a student to use the General Office phone and for emergency purposes only. After school hours students may have access to the General Office phone on a needs basis.

REPORT CARDS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Report cards are posted on the parent portal every ten weeks. Notes of proficiency or deficiency are also posted at the five week point in the marking period. Please check the District Calendar for specific dates or the "Rpt Cards, Progress Rpt, Parent / Teacher Conferences" page on our website.

HONOR ROLL / HIGH HONOR ROLL

Students qualifying for **HONOR ROLL** must meet the following criteria:

Have no failing grades or Incompletes and earn a quarterly average of 85%.

Students qualifying for **HIGH HONOR ROLL** must meet the following criteria:

Have no failing grades or Incompletes, and earn a quarterly average of at least 90%.

Students qualifying for **PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL** must meet the following criteria:

Have no failing grades or Incompletes, and earn a quarterly average of at least 95%.

FINAL EXAMS

A final examination is given in most subjects and computed with the four marking period grades for the final average.

STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Each student is assigned a school counselor for the entire time they attend Ronkonkoma Middle School, by the following alphabet designation:

A - F	Mrs. K. Justino
G - O	Mrs. T. DiMaio
P - Z	TBD

Student support services are available for every student in the school. These services include: assistance with educational planning, study strategies, help with home, school, and/or social concerns. Essentially, a school counselor is a specially trained professional who works with students to help them realize their full potential as a unique individual. School counselors are available to meet with parents, teachers, and administrators to help resolve difficulties as they arise. Students wishing to visit their school counselor must pick up an appointment pass from the Student Support Center. Parents can make appointments by calling the Student Support Center.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled during the school year through the Student Support Center. There are four scheduled ½ school days for parent/teacher conferences. These conferences are by appointment only. There is one Parent/Teacher Conference Night that all parents are invited to attend. Scheduled appointments are required.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Every student is encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities. Many of these activities meet after school. Sport practice’s starting and finishing times vary. The following co-curricular and extra curricular activities may be offered:

MUSIC

- Kickline
- Major Musical Production

GIRLS’ SPORTS

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| Basketball | Soccer |
| Cheerleading | Softball |
| Cross Country | Swimming |
| Field Hockey | Track |
| Gymnastics | Volleyball |
| Lacrosse | Tennis |

BOYS’ SPORTS

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| Basketball | Soccer |
| Baseball | Swimming |
| Cross Country | Track |
| Football | Volleyball |
| Lacrosse | Wrestling |
| Tennis | |

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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| Art Club | Homework Club | LEGO Robotics Club |
| Chess Club | Honor Society | 6 th Grade Intramurals |
| Computer Club | Literary Magazine | Stage Crew |
| Craft Club - grades 6/7/8 | Math League | Student Council |
| Drama Club | Millennium Generation | Technology Club |
| Film Club | Newspaper | Yearbook |
| Foreign Language Club | Photography Club | |
| Garden Club | School Store | |

WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT

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