

Welcome to the Alexander City Middle School

Mission:

The Mission of the Alexander City Schools is to provide a safe and inviting learning environment with high expectations for ALL, while focusing on the development of the whole-child – Academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

Vision:

The Vision of the Alexander City Schools is to produce graduates that are successful and empowered to compete globally based upon their own unique talents and interests.

Motto:

Set the Standard

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining the ACMS family and welcome back all of our returning families as well! The beginning of the year always holds such excitement and promise for the staff and students of ACMS. I am honored to be your principal.

This is the time of year when we identify our goals and determine how we will spend our time, energy, and resources in the service of our students. My vision, as the principal, is to always put students first! My belief is that all students can learn.

Building relationships and creating a sense of belonging. Ensuring that all students make academic growth. Creating experiences where students engage in solving authentic and challenging problems. These are the only things we are going to work on this year, and perhaps these will be the only things that we will ever need to work on.

Parents and community members are encouraged to become involved at our school. Your active participation is key to the success of our students. Stop by just to say hello! And, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Once again, welcome back! Let's make it another great year at ACMS together!

In conclusion, I am looking forward to another amazing school year in service to our students, parents, and community. If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at [**tblakely@acsk12.net**](mailto:tblakely@acsk12.net).

Best to you all,

Tracie Blakely
Principal



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Alexander City Middle School

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Colors: Maroon & White

Mascot: Wildcats



Men and Women of ACMS

Lily Adams

Grace Galvan

Emily Oliver

Sherlyn Luna

Lessley Martin

Destiny Ray

Brantley Calhoun

Kennedy Tate

Andi Fox

Murphy Spurlin

Joris Thomas

Natalie Ray

Katie Davis

Regina Crew

Austin Holley

Sponsors: Monica Anderson and Kristi Hanna

FACULTY AND STAFF ROSTER

By Departments

CORE TEACHERS	NON-CORE TEACHERS	SPECIAL ED.	CNP STAFF
SCIENCE	FINE ARTS	Ellison, Sherry	Spraggins, Debbie
Brown, Sherry	Campbell, Sheri	Hanna, Kristi	
Dewberry, Jayme	Culver, Shannon	Mason, John	
Thomas, Alicia	Coggin, Greg	Simmons, Janardus	
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Cain, Zac	PE DEPARTMENT	LIBRARY MEDIA	Edwards, Melissa
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MATH	Leonard, Thomas		Rape, Rhonda
Cason, Stephanie	Russaw, Shundell	ADMINISTRATION	Thomas, Ann
Green, Susan	Whetstone, Deshunda	Blakely, Tracie (Principal)	
Shivers, Denise		Benefield, Shannon (AP)	
Woods, Sandi	CAREER TECH		
ENGLISH	Broom, Christie	INSTRUCTIONAL COACH	
Anderson, Monica	Graham, LaTecha	Martin, Donna	
Fussell, Virginia			
Ramey, Trevor	ISS	COUNSELOR	
Robinson, Traci	Thomas, Dorthea	Lashley, Christy	

BELL SCHEDULE

7:35	Call in Bell
7:35 – 7:40	Report to 1 st Period
7:40	Tardy Bell
7:40 – 8:50	Homeroom/1 st Period
8:50 – 8:54	Class Change
8:54 – 10:14	2 nd Period/Snack Time
10:14 – 10:18	Class Change
10:18 – 11:28	3 rd Period
11:28 – 12:32	Class Change
11:32 – 12:47	4 th Period
4 th Period/Lunch	
Lunch 1	
Lunch (11:36 – 11:59)	
Lunch 2	
Lunch (12:00 – 12:23)	
Lunch 3	
Lunch (12:24 – 12:47)	
12:47 – 12:51	Class Change
12:51 – 2:01	5 th Period
2:01 – 2:05	Class Change
2:05 – 3:15	6 th Period
3:13 – 3:15	Afternoon Announcement/Dismissal

Announcements

Announcements such as the morning pledge, moment of silence, school announcements and other important information will be made over the intercom in the mornings. Parents can refer to teacher websites, the ACMS website or Facebook page. You can also follow us on Twitter for important information as well.

Arrival at School

Students should not arrive at school before 7:00 a.m. because supervision is not available until that time. Students are NOT allowed to visit lockers until the 7:30 AM bell. 7th grade students must report to the lunchroom, and 8th grade students report to the gym prior to the 7:30 bell. Once students arrive on campus they are not to leave without checking out properly through the office. Breakfast will be served in a “grad and go” format until 7:30 am.

Arrival-Late Check-In

Students arriving at school after the school day has begun must have a parent/guardian sign in at the attendance office before going to class. Students will not be admitted to class without proper slip. The administration will code the slip excused or unexcused based on state attendance policies. Excessive tardies violate the state and board truancy policies, and families will be subject to the proper consequences. **(Refer to Alexander City Schools Code of Conduct for details)**

Check-Out Procedure

Students who find it necessary to leave school during the school day for any reason must have a parent/guardian present. **In order to check a student out of school you must:**

- Be on the checkout list in iNow.
- Have a valid identification that can be uploaded into Raptor (School visitor management system.)

Upon returning to school, sign in at the attendance office and obtain an admittance slip. (**Refer to the Alexander City Code of Conduct for details**) *Students may not use the school phone unless it is an emergency such as illness or other type of school emergency.*

Return from Absence Procedure

If a student has been absent from school for any reason except a school sponsored activity, the student must secure an absence slip from the office. Students have only **Three school days** to turn in excused notes. Students are responsible for all missed work assigned by teachers. Make up work is arranged with the teacher. ***Any faxed excuses or notes will not be accepted.*** ***Any student that is suspended will be allowed to make up work with the highest possible grade of a 60.***

Visitors

Parents/Guardians are always welcome on our campus. All visitors must report to the main office and sign in. Parents/Guardians can be admitted to classes upon request made to the principal's office. All parents/guardians must report to the principal's office for approval of visit, and such visits shall not be permitted if the duration and frequency interferes with the delivery of instruction or disrupts the normal school environment.

Buses

Students who ride the bus to and from school and on school sponsored trips will be expected to conduct themselves in a courteous manner. Any student who cannot abide by the regulations of the transportation department will be subject to disciplinary action which could result in loss of bus privileges (**See conduct and discipline section**). Bus drivers have the same authority and the same responsibility for requiring good behavior as teachers. All school rules and regulations pertain to the bus, the bus stop, and the bus passenger

Cafeteria (Lunchroom)

All students including teacher assistants must report to the lunchroom with their designated teacher. Students will have designated areas in which to sit. Students will eat the lunch prepared by the lunchroom staff or a lunch brought from home. **Parents and students are responsible for any lunch charges that are tied to the student's lunch account.** Students may **NOT** bring food/drink from the lunchroom. The lunchroom is a federal government funded program and federal guidelines prohibit restaurant food or coke cans/bottles to be brought in by students. Therefore, students may **NOT** have food brought in from restaurants. Students are not to visit tables during lunch. Each student is responsible for trash and tray disposal when the entire class is dismissed.

Lunch prices:

	<u>LUNCH PRICES</u>	<u>BREAKFAST PRICES</u>
Middle School (students)	\$2.60	\$1.75
All adult school personnel	\$3.25	\$1.75
Visitors	\$3.60	\$3.00
Reduced price lunch/breakfast	\$0.40	\$0.30

Change of Address or Phone

All of school contact information or phone numbers that change after enrollment should be updated promptly to the office. All school emergency messages will use the phone number provided by the parent or student.

Class Dismissal

The bell that sounds to end the class period is a dismissal bell or signal to move immediately to the next class. The teacher will dismiss students from class when the bell rings. Students then have adequate time to move to their next class without being tardy. **Students who receive more than five tardies will be subject to disciplinary actions.** Students are not allowed to linger in the halls during class changes.

Deliveries

Flowers, gifts, balloons, etc.... are not allowed at school. Students are asked to remind parents that our office will not accept these items.

Closing of School

If for reasons such as weather related problems it becomes necessary to close school, the local radio stations will be notified. A phone call from the system's schoolcast will also be used first, and then relayed throughout online forms of communication. If no report is heard on the air, then it can be assumed that school will be in session.

Complaints/Conference

Any parent, guardian, or student who has a complaint against the school should bring this complaint to the attention of the principal. The principal will arrange a conference with the complainant and the teacher or appropriate staff member. This conference will afford a full hearing and review of all the facts in the case, and each party will be given full opportunity to present information vital to the resolution of the problem. Should the complainant not be satisfied, he/she will be referred to the superintendent of schools.

Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

Alexander City Middle School encourages students to participate in extracurricular activities. Alexander City Middle School has several clubs in which students may join if they meet the requirements. Students will receive information pertaining to clubs being offered during the first few weeks of school.

Extracurricular activities are exactly what they say they are extra-curricular. These activities are NOT part of the required curriculum of the state and therefore do not have to be offered.

Students that participate in extracurricular activities are expected to:

- Comply and follow all school conduct rules and procedures.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that promotes leadership.
- Commit to attending practice, play and workout dates.
- Stay in good academic standing while at ACMS.

Student-athletes will be required to attend all workouts and drug-testing in order to participate in team sports. Students who decide not to attend workouts will not be able to

participate in any of the team sports for one school year. Students must also meet all AHSAA requirements in regards to grades and district zones.

Assemblies

Students are expected to maintain a high level of conduct during assemblies. Whether guests are present or not, each student is personally responsible for the impression made by the school as a whole. Unacceptable conduct includes whistling, uncalled for clapping, boisterousness, and talking during a program. Failure to comply with school and assembly rules may result in punishment and/or being barred from future assembly programs and/or school sponsored field trips.

Student Dress Code (In Conjunction to ACBOE Handbook)

Each student will follow the dress code. A copy of this dress code can be found online in **Alexander City Code of Conduct, on pages 36-38**. It will be checked daily, and repeat offenses will be seen as acts of defiance. Repeat offenders are subject to disciplinary consequences. Dress code will be checked throughout the school day. **Failure to follow the dress code will disciplinary action.**

Fighting

In conjunction with the ACBOE Handbook, ACMS has a **“NO FIGHT”** policy. Therefore, if any student engaged in a fight on the school campus, at a school sponsored activity, or on a school bus, he/she will be subject to an Out of School suspension, or an Automatic referral to the Disciplinary Review Committee. **Bullying, such as threatening or harassing will not be tolerated at school, and carries disciplinary of in school or out of school suspension. Some examples of bullying are verbal, written (either electronic or handwritten), or physical threats.**

Alternative School

Students who demonstrate repeating behavioral problems at the local school or referred for Class II or III offenses may be assigned to the ACBOE’s Alternative School (Phoenix

Academy). Students that exhibit this type of behavior are referred to the central office for DRC procedures. Transportation to and from the Alternative School will be the responsibility of the parents. Hardship of transportation will not be heard at any hearing. Any student assigned to Alternative School will not be allowed to any school function during the time assigned. Students must fulfill their assigned days.

Field Trips

Due to field trips being an extra-curricular event and good behavior by students is a must, any student who has been suspended out of school for disruptive or defiant behavior will not be allowed on a field trip unless approved by the principal. Character, Class, and Pride will be shown at all times by students on field trips.

Fees & Fines

Students are expected to bring their own supplies of pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, calculators, and folders. Students will be required to pay certain fees or deposits including:

- (1) Technology maintenance fee or \$25
- (2) Student Lockers \$10
- (3) Fees for damaged books, textbooks, and school owned equipment.
- (4) Fees charged in some electives and labs.
- (5) Club dues
- (6) Unpaid lunch charges

Failure to pay fees can result in the student not being allowed to participate in some extracurricular activities, or other actions.

Lockers

Lockers remain under the jurisdiction of the school, notwithstanding the fact that they are rented and assigned to individual students. ***Every student must purchase a locker.*** There is a fee for lockers. There will be no sharing of lockers. The school reserves the right to inspect all lockers. Searches of lockers may be conducted at any time if there is reasonable cause to do so,

whether or not students are present, and lockers may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time. The school is NOT responsible for stolen items.

Library

We encourage the students and staff to make use of this facility and its resources. All students will follow the rules set forth by the media supervisor. All students must sign Internet forms before using the Internet.

Electronic Devices

Alabama State Department of Education Policy: Use of Digital Device during the Administration of a Secure Test Student Policy

The possession of a digital device (including but not limited to cell phones, MP3 players, cameras, or other telecommunication devices capable of capturing or relaying information) is strictly prohibited during the administration of a secure test. If a student is observed in possession of a digital device during the administration of a secure test, the device will be confiscated.

If a student is observed using a digital device during the administration of a secure test, testing for the student will cease, the device will be confiscated and is subject to search, the student will be dismissed from testing, and the student's test will be invalidated.

Local education agency (LEA) personnel will make all students, parents, and/or guardians aware of this prohibition through inclusion of this policy in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook and other regularly used modes of communication.

Technology Devices (Chromebooks and Cellphone)

Alexander City Schools promotes the use of instructional technology to enhance the learning experience for the student. This is why we have a 1:1 initiative with Chromebooks in our classrooms. Laptops and devices from home are prohibited, and confiscation of said items come with consequences. Each student will be responsible for the maintenance fee, and will sign the appropriate use agreement.

Cell phones are a huge part of our society, and have become a mainstay in the lives of everyone. The use of cell phones during school hours is ***strictly prohibited*** without permission. This is to cut down on cyberbullying, inciting disorders (recording fights), and to prevent distractions from the learning environment. If a student's phone is confiscated for any reason, there will be disciplinary action.

Textbooks

All textbooks are the property of the State of Alabama. State approved textbooks are provided in some classes. It is the responsibility of the student to take excellent care of textbooks. A student who loses a textbook must pay for the book before the end of the term. Most of the core subjects will issue a classroom set of textbooks which will remain in the classroom.

Withdrawals

Only parents/guardians can request for a student to be withdrawn. Records will not be released as long as the student owes money or property to the school. The withdrawal form must be completed before the student is officially withdrawn.

Academic Honor Roll Program

Students maintaining all A's or A/B's for the first three nine-weeks will be recognized during our Academic Honor Roll Program held in May.

"A" Honor Roll

Students being recognized for the all A honor roll must maintain a 90 average or higher in all classes each grading period.

"A - B" Honor Roll

Students being recognized for the A-B honor roll must maintain an 80 average or higher in all classes each grading period.

Please Note: Secondary students cannot have a C or lower in any class during the first three nine-weeks to be recognized as an "A" or "A-B" honor roll student. To be eligible for the Academic Awards, students must make all As or all As & Bs for each of the three nine-week averages.

Discipline Procedures

Alexander City Middle School promotes building a safe learning environment for all students. Violations of the Alexander City Code of Conduct will be handled appropriately and accordingly. Class I, II, and III infractions come with different consequences, but all within the guidelines and policies of Alexander City Schools. A list of behaviors and appropriate consequences can be found in the system Code of Conduct on pages 38-48. Some common infractions and consequences at ACMS are as follows:

Class I infractions:

- Minor class disruptions
- Indirected use of profanity
- Tardies
- Dress code violations
- Public Displays of Affection (PDA)
- Failure to follow directions at assemblies, in the hallways, etc.

Consequences: After School detention, Campus Discipline Center, school based assignments, Saturday school, or Corporal Punishment (in extreme cases).

Class II infractions:

- Cell Phones or technology violations
- Horseplaying
- Harassment or minor student conflicts
- Skipping Class
- Directed use of profanity (Student to student)
- Bullying
- Defiance of Authority
- Taking someone else's things
- Repeated Class I offenses

Consequences: 3-5 days of After School Detention or Saturday School, CDC, Out of School Suspension, or Corporal Punishment.

Note: Disciplinary actions are decided by the administration. Corporal punishment can be used as a last resort for repeated Class I or Class II offenses, but must be done with parental consent.

A face to face parent conference must take place following any out of school suspension.

Bus Infractions:

- 1st offense is a warning
- 2nd offense will result in removal for 10 days.
- 3rd offense will result in removal for 30 days.
- 4th offense will result in removal for calendar year.

Note: A Face to Face parent conference must take place following any bus suspension before that student can return

Things to know for this year

1. All students are expected to attend and be on time and participate in class.
2. ACMS does use corporal punishment (AS A LAST RESORT), afterschool detention, CDC, and Saturday school for most discipline problems. Out of school suspensions will be used for severe enough infractions.
3. Anyone asking to leave during class for anything other than office or nurse visit, such as visiting lockers, restroom, etc.. will result in an unexcused tardy.
4. Please follow the dress code. Repeat offenses will result in disciplinary actions with more severe penalties.
5. Attendance- 5 parental notes (for the year not term). Turn in parental notes within **3 days!** Student is responsible for asking AND securing make up work with the teacher.
6. **Students who receive out of school suspensions are allowed to make up work with the highest possible grade of a 60.**
7. **3 Unexcused absences – Refer to ACBOE Code of Conduct for Details and actions.**
8. **7 + Class I/II Referrals- Recommendation for Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC)**
9. **Any Class III offense will result in a DRC**
10. **tardies-Class I Offense**
11. **Cell Phone/Digital Device Violation- Class II Offense**
12. **Dress Code Violations- Class I Offense, Repeat Offenses are seen as Class II**
13. **Bus referrals- 1st offense- Warning, 2nd offense- 10 days off, 3rd offense- 30 days off, 4th offense- One calendar year, and student has to sign criminal trespassing form.**

How to Survive Middle School

Middle school is definitely a big step in any kid's life. You have left the world of elementary school and have entered into the new world of middle school, where you will have more respect, more homework and new crushes. Some parts will be scary, and some will be fun. Make the most of these two years. Middle school may be tough, so if you don't know what to do throughout middle school follow this guide.

Know and obey your school's rules! You don't want to get in trouble with the teachers or principal in your first year for breaking all sorts of rules you didn't even know about. Make sure you learn your school's dress code as well as the other rules and then follow them! Making the teachers dislike you or making yourself seem like a troublemaker is only going to make things harder for you. Even if your friends are breaking the rules, don't follow their example. Make an effort to stay in your teachers' good books.

Choose your friends wisely. This is very important. Be friends with people who don't start or participate in drama and you'll avoid the worst things that happen in middle school. Establish a small group of good friends. Every group will face a few problems, but if you suddenly feel like your life could be a Disney Channel show, you might want to consider a more sensible group of friends.

Don't do anything that will harm your body. Just like you don't want to do something to hurt other people, you shouldn't do anything to hurt yourself. Don't do drugs, play choking games (or anything else that someone tells you is safe/legal, but you know it's not), or any kind of self-harm like cutting yourself. If you need help, there are **always** people who will help you.

Don't worry about relationships. Now that you're in middle school, you'll start feeling a lot more grown up and you might find yourself wanting a boyfriend or a girlfriend. You'll definitely have some pretty serious crushes! But relationships are hard, stressful, and usually cause more problems than they solve. You might enjoy having crushes and maybe flirt a little, but stay single and focus on having fun, making friends, and learning things.

Join clubs. A great way to meet new friends is to join clubs at your new school. Most schools will have at least a few clubs and some have lots! Some schools will let you start your own too, if you don't find one that sounds good to you. There might be robotics clubs or yearbook club (and these are just a few examples).

Learn how to solve problems. This is a really important skill, not just for getting through middle school but for getting through your whole life. If you learn good ways to solve problems, you'll be able to handle anything that comes your way.

- For example, you should learn to ask for help when you need it. Sometimes you'll feel silly asking for help or you don't want to admit that you're having problems, but you don't have to. Everyone has problems, and whoever you ask for help will totally understand. They've had to ask for help at some point too.

- Apologize and accept consequences when you've done something wrong. After making a mistake, refusing to acknowledge that you did something bad (even if you didn't mean to) will just make things harder for you. You'll feel guilty or you'll have to deal with people being angry with you, and you don't want that. If you spread a rumor, apologize. If you lie to a teacher, confess.
- **Communicate clearly.** By doing this, you are avoiding most of the problems people face. A lot of the time, rumors get started because someone misunderstands what you say or you misunderstand what they say. You might also accidentally offend someone if you say something you don't mean. Be careful, clear and always make sure you know what you're saying.
- **Talk to people!** This is the most important part of making new friends! You'll never make friends if you don't talk to people. Join conversations that sound interesting and introduce yourself to people you think you'd like to be friends with.
- **Be nice!** If you want people to be friends with you, it's important to be a nice person. Who wants to be friends with a jerk? Nobody! Be nice to everyone you meet, even if they aren't nice back. People will notice that you are a great person and they will be much more likely to be nice to you.
- **Pay attention in class.** If you want to do well in class, the best place to start is to pay attention! It's amazing how much your grades will go up if you just pay attention and try to absorb as much information from the lesson as possible. Don't mess with your phone, try not to daydream, and don't pass notes with friends. There's always time for fun stuff later!
- **Take notes.** Take notes in class. You don't have to write down everything that the teacher says: just write down the really important or hard to remember information. Write the sort of stuff you'd say if you were explaining the lesson to someone who wasn't there. This will help you study for tests later and also do your homework.
- **Do your homework.** This is really important for getting decent grades. If you don't do your homework, you're almost guaranteed to get bad grades, even if you ace tests and stuff like that. Find some quiet time each evening and just work to get your homework done. Get help if you need it too! Your homework shouldn't take so much time that you don't have time to relax too.
- **Stay organized.** Don't just shove everything in your backpack. This will make you forget about assignments or lose important papers. Instead, have a binder for homework assignments and organize them by when they're due. Have another binder for class notes, organized by subject.
- **Don't procrastinate.** Lots of people develop the very bad habit of procrastinating. This means that they don't do things when they should. Instead, they wait until the last minute! This is bad, because it means that when you do things, you'll do a bad job because you'll be rushed. It will also make you really stressed. Develop a good habit of doing things at the appropriate time and you'll save yourself a lot of trouble.
- **Ask questions!** This is a great way to make sure you improve your grades. When you don't understand something, ask! This way you know you're doing something right. Even if you do understand something, it's good to ask questions if you're curious about something else. Always ask questions and you'll find yourself getting smarter and smarter.
- **Study as much as you can.** If you really want good grades, you'll need to study. Read all of the books you are assigned and set aside plenty of time to study. Middle school is an important time to develop good school habits, so getting used to studying now will really help you later.
- **Don't stress over your grades.** Don't worry about getting straight A's right now. Just focus on learning as much as you can, developing good school habits, and get the best grades you can. No college is ever going to look at your middle school grades and no job is going to care about your middle school A's. You shouldn't settle for a C- but you shouldn't worry about a B or B+.

- **Stop bullying in its tracks.** You don't want to bully, be bullied, or let anyone else be bullied. Be brave enough to stop bullying in its tracks and make your school better for everybody!

And know that it gets better. Remember: We won't try to make middle school seem like it's the worst thing that will ever happen to you, it might be really great! But, we also won't try to tell you that it's all awesome and like living in a TV show either. It can be really hard. Just believe that there will be happy times, and there will be sad times, but no matter how bad it gets, things will always get better.

Athletic Consent and Procedures

ACMS is a member of the Alabama High School Athletic Association. ACMS will adhere and enforce all rules and procedures established by the AHSAA. Students who elect to participate in any athletic sport or program at ACMS will adhere and obey all rules established by the AHSAA, Alexander City Board of Education, coaches and administration of ACMS in the areas of eligibility, residency, physicals, academics, behavior and attendance. If applicable, all student-athletes will participate in the random drug testing program at ACMS. This handbook will also be given to each student-athlete whereas the procedures and consequences will be explained. All student-athletes will also participate and meet all expectations in strength and conditioning workouts. Students who do not meet eligibility and workout requirements will not participate in any athletic sport for one school calendar year. Student-athletes will also be held accountable for any fees or fines assessed by the AHSAA, ACBOE and ACMS for any uniforms, equipment, overnight travel, loss of items, ejections from contests, retesting of drug testing, etc...

The following team sports may be offered at ACMS this school year:

Sports include: football, volleyball, cheerleading, basketball, softball, soccer, band, wrestling, baseball, golf, track, dance team, bass fishing, tennis, and cross country.

Athletic Procedures on Behavior and Attitude

All students who are participating in any sport offered by ACMS are held to high standards as it relates to behavior and attitude. Each head coach has full responsibility of their respective sport as it falls under the umbrella of the overall athletic program at BRHS. Some sports will have tryout requirements and/or fees. Students are responsible for any fees or any fundraisers for the sport. All players are required to attend practice, games and any other functions assigned by the coach. All players are to have a good attitude and respect other teammates, coaches, opponents, officials and fans. If a

player doesn't show a good attitude, hard work ethic or respect, then the parents will be called to discuss possible options. If the problem isn't corrected, the player is subject to dismissed from the team. Once a player is dismissed from one sport, they may not play or practice with another sport until the original sport has completed its season. Once a player quits or dismissed, all fees may not be returnable and any fees owed must be paid. Any player who has been assigned to an individualized self-pacing academic program such as but not limited to alternative school will not participate in any sport until assigned time is completed.

ACMS Tentative Calendar and Activities

August	7	First Day of School for Students
August	26	School Pictures
August	27	Open House
September	2	Labor Day Holiday (school closed)
September	20	Early dismissal
September	30	Make up picture day
October	7-11	Fall Break
November	11	Veteran's Day Holiday (school closed)
November	27-29	Thanksgiving Holiday (school closed)
December	20	Early dismissal
December	23- Jan 6	Christmas Holiday (school closed)
January	6	Students return for Spring Term
January	20	State Holiday (school closed)
February	21	Early dismissal
March	16-20	Spring Break
May	21	Early Dismissal/Last Day of School

**ALEXANDER CITY SCHOOLS
GRADING PERIODS
2019-2020**

Report Period	# Of Days	Inclusive Dates		Report Cards Issued To Students
1 st – 9 Weeks	42	August 7, 2019	October 4, 2019	October 17, 2019
2 nd – 9 Weeks	46	October 14, 2019	December 20, 2019	January 09, 2020
3 rd – 9 Weeks	43	January 7 , 2020	March 6, 2020	March 12, 2020
4 th – 9 Weeks	49	March 09, 2020	May 21, 2020	Pick up after June 3

First Semester August 7, 2019 – December 20, 2019

Second Semester January 7, 2020 – May 21, 2020

PROGRESS REPORTS 1ST Nine Weeks:

- ❖ August 29, 2019
- ❖ September 19, 2019

PROGRESS REPORTS 2nd Nine Weeks:

- ❖ November 7, 2019
- ❖ December 12, 2019

PROGRESS REPORTS 3rd Nine Weeks:

- ❖ January 30, 2020
- ❖ February 20, 2020

PROGRESS REPORTS 4th Nine Weeks:

- ❖ April 9, 2020
- ❖ May 7, 2020

2019 ACMS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATES	OPPONENT	LOCATION/TIME
August 28	Horseshoe Bend	Away @ 4:30
September 5th	Zora Ellis/Elmore County	Home @ 5
September 7th	ACMS Tournament	BRHS
September 12th	BB Comer	Home
September 14th	MA JAMBOREE	TBA Parent meeting concerning this will be on the Sept.3rd
September 16th	Holtville/Horseshoe Bend	Home @ 5
September 17th	Zora Ellis	Away @ 5
September 23rd	Holtville Tri-Match (Clanton)	Away @ 4:30
September 24	Elmore County	Away
October 1st	BB Comer Tri-Match	Away @ 4:30
October 3rd	Clay Central	Away @ 5:00
October 7th	Clay Central	BRHS @ 4:30

ACMS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2019

Jamboree at OPELIKA	AUGUST 24 TH
ACMS at STANHOPE	AUGUST 29 TH
ACMS at WETUMPKA	SEPTEMBER 25 TH
RUSSELL COUNTY at ACMS	SEPTEMBER 12 TH
CENTRAL CLAY at ACMS (7th)	SEPTEMBER 17 TH
ACMS at TUSKEGEE (8th)	SEPTEMBER 19 TH
ACMS at PRATTVILLE	SEPTEMBER 26 TH
WETUMPKA at ACMS	OCTOBER 3 RD
ACMS at CENTRAL CLAY	OCTOBER 8 TH
STANHOPE at ACMS	OCTOBER 17 TH

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Student Handbook

I understand and consent to the responsibilities outlined in this student handbook including *athletic consent* procedures. I also understand and agree that my child will be held accountable for the behavior and consequences outlined in the handbook at school, school-sponsored and/or school-related activities, including school-sponsored travel regardless of time or location. I understand that any student violates the rules of this handbook and/or the Alexander City Middle School Student Code of Conduct is subject to disciplinary action up to and including referral for criminal prosecution for violation of the law.

Student's Name _____ **Grade** _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____