

*Paul L. Dunbar Magnet School for Creative and
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Congratulations and welcome to Dunbar Magnet School! I am beyond excited that you have been selected to attend *The BEST middle school in Mobile County*. You have chosen for your child to be a part of a diverse and exciting Fine Arts Integrated curriculum. Our goal is to provide a rigorous academic program with a focus on the arts. We integrate the two learning concepts to create the ideal learning environment for student success.

Middle school can be an intimidating transition for many students. The faculty and staff are here to assist with making this transition as smooth as possible for your child. I am looking forward to meeting and working with each of you this year. My goal is to ensure every student succeeds academically, socially, and artistically. This is accomplished through dynamic, relevant, and engaging daily lessons provided by highly qualified teachers.

I encourage parents and students to review magnet school requirements and procedures. Students must reach and maintain academic standards quarterly while adhering to the attendance, dress code, and discipline guidelines of the magnet program. If you have a concern, please be assured that I will listen and respond according to all mandated magnet and MCPSS policies. I work hard to maintain an open-door policy for parents and students. Simply call or email me if you need more information.

Once again, congratulations and welcome to the *Tiger Family*. I look forward to meeting you and our new student.

Best Regards,

Timesha L. Taylor

Student's Full Name _____ Date _____

New Student Course Selection Sheet Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

***** Absolutely NO changes will be made after May 25, 2020**

Select One

Math 6

Math 7

Math 8

Math 7 Accelerated

Math 8 Honors

Select One

Language Arts 6

Language Arts 7

Language Arts 8

Language Arts 6 Advanced

Language Arts 7 Advanced

Language Arts 8 Advanced

Select One

Science 6

Science 7

Science 8

Science 6 Advanced

Science 7 Advanced

Science 8 Advanced

Select One

Social Studies 6

Civics/Geography 7

Social Studies 8

Social Studies 6 Advanced

Civics/Geography 7 Advanced

Social Studies 8 Advanced

If your student needs additional help in Reading or Math please select Reading or Math Intervention (NOT BOTH) which will count as one of his/her electives.

Reading Intervention

Math Intervention (Not offered in 8th Grade)

Movement Electives – All students in the State of Alabama must take a movement class.

Select one

Boy's PE

Girl's PE

Dance 1

(Dance Classes include modern, jazz, ballet, and dance history)

Art Electives:

Band Beginning

Chorus Beginning

Drama 1

Art 1 (6th grade)

Strings Beginning

Introduction to Music

Guitar 1

Guided Study

***** Each student will have a total of seven (7) classes – four core classes, one movement, one arts elective, plus one additional elective. *****

We will make every effort to honor every request; however, not all requests can be honored. Thank you in advance for understanding!

****** Due Friday, May 25, 2020**** Please email to Ms. Hudgens at mhudgens@mcps.com.**



Dunbar Magnet School of Creative & Performing Arts

2020 - 2021 UNIFORM DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE POLICY

There is a direct correlation between dress codes and students' achievements, behavior, and attitudes. The justifications for such expectations are as follows:

1. To create an atmosphere conducive to learning and minimize disruptions attributable to personal appearance, conduct, grooming, hygiene, and attire.
2. To foster an attitude of respect for authority, and to prepare students to enter the workplace, which often has rules regarding dress, conduct, and appearance.
3. To ensure that the conduct and grooming of students who represent the Mobile County Public School System in extracurricular activities creates a favorable impression of the System and the community.

In accordance with the Mobile County Public School System, Dunbar Magnet School of Creative and Performing Arts administration, teachers, and staff will **STRICTLY ENFORCE** our uniform policy!

The administrative team will make the final decisions pertaining to compliance with the policy and disciplinary action as a result of non-compliance.

Responsibility for wearing the proper uniforms and having the proper appearance begins with the students and the parents!

Girls' Shirts	Boys' Shirts
<p>6th Grade: Yellow Oxford button down collar (long or short sleeved).</p> <p>7th Grade: Light Blue Oxford button down collar (long or short sleeved).</p> <p>8th Grade: White Oxford button down collar (long or short sleeved).</p> <p>*** ALL shirts <u>must</u> have DMS monogrammed on the LEFT collar in (½" in height and 1" in length) Uppercase Block lettering in Navy Blue***</p> <p>Shirts must remain tucked at all times. This includes compliance on the bus, carline, gym, and cafeteria.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SOLID WHITE UNDERSHIRTS ONLY</u></p> <p>No P.E. shirts, long-sleeved shirts, or shirts with emblems, writing, or color under uniform shirts.</p>	<p>6th Grade: Yellow Oxford button down collar (long or short sleeved).</p> <p>7th Grade: Light Blue Oxford button down collar (long or short sleeved).</p> <p>8th Grade: White Oxford button down collar (long or short sleeved).</p> <p>*** ALL shirts <u>must</u> have DMS monogrammed on the LEFT collar in (½" in height and 1" in length) Uppercase Block lettering in Navy Blue***</p> <p>Shirts must remain tucked at all times. This includes compliance on the bus, carline, gym and cafeteria.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SOLID WHITE UNDERSHIRTS ONLY</u></p> <p>No P.E. shirts, long-sleeved shirts, or shirts with emblems, writing, or color under uniform shirts.</p>
Girls' Bottoms	Boys' Bottoms
<p>Light Khaki pants, traditional uniform style. Must sit at natural waist. NO shorts or skorts.</p> <p>Skirts - #37 plaid – Navy and Red plaid pattern – NO SOLID Khaki. Navy shorts must be worn under skirts.</p> <p>*** <i>Length must measure no shorter than 3" from the middle of the kneecap (front) and 3" from the back knee crease for the entire year. Allow seam for extra growth.</i></p> <p>***</p> <p><u>BELT:</u> Solid Black or Navy Blue belt with small buckle. No ornaments or studs. Must be visible at all times.</p>	<p>Light Khaki pants, traditional uniform style. Must sit at natural waist. NO shorts.</p> <p><u>BELT:</u> Solid Black belt with small buckle. No ornaments or studs. Must be visible at all times.</p>
<p>Pants must be worn at the natural waistline, and belt loops must be visible at all times! NO low cut, khaki jean leggings, cargo, or boot cut styles allowed. Students must wear traditional uniform style pants.</p>	

Shoes/Socks

Shoes: Navy Blue Leather Saddle with White or Blue Laces (Girls).
Black Penny Loafers with non-scuff soles (Boys).

Socks: Solid White crew or ankle socks (Girls).
Solid Black crew or ankle socks (Boys).

No colors, no logos, no emblems, no monograms.

Tights: Solid White or Navy Blue tights with no designs. ONLY when the temperature is below 45 degrees. Uniform socks with tights at all times.

Outerwear

The following outerwear is acceptable at Dunbar Magnet School. No other styles, colors, or jackets allowed. This includes compliance with outerwear guidelines on the bus, carline, gym, and cafeteria. Students must remain in compliance with the outerwear policy at all times.

- Navy Blue V-neck or Button-down Cardigan style sweater with the school patch* on the left side.
- Navy Blue Blazers with the School patch* on the left side.
- Navy Blue Fleece – Purchased only from Dunbar Magnet School (includes patch and monogrammed name)

Dunbar Magnet School patch sold exclusively through the school. No hoods allowed on the campus including on the bus, carline, gym and cafeteria.

Hair/Accessories/Appearance

- Hair must be natural colors.
- Hair accessories/ribbons/barrettes/pins must be school colors: solid red, or navy. No additional ornamentation (NO crowns, pins, beads, flowers, feathers, rhinestone barrettes, etc.) Girls should not have yarn or ribbon wrapped or braided into their hair, and clips and beads should not be worn on braids.
- No headbands or bandannas.
- No pink extensions or highlights in October.
- NO hats, gloves, or scarves inside.
- No throws or blankets allowed on campus.
- Jewelry: Stud earrings only. No facial piercings.
- Nails: No excessive lengths or ornamentation.
- Make up must be lightly applied in neutral, natural colors.
- Writing/drawing on body, uniform, or shoes is NOT allowed.

P. E. Uniforms

- Dunbar Magnet's P.E. Department will sell the required P.E. uniform.
- Jewelry is not allowed in P.E. due to safety concerns.

Dunbar Magnet uniforms and or shoes are available for purchase at Zoghby's, Uniforms R US, J Ray Shoes, and additional uniform stores.

ID Badges and lanyards are part of the daily uniform and must be visible at all times. The ID badge is used for attendance, media checkout, lunch and overall student identification purposes. ID badges must be worn around the neck and visible at all times. If your child loses his/her badge, the replacement costs \$5.00.

Dunbar Magnet School of Creative and Performing Arts is a "School of Choice". We have a strict uniform policy. All students must comply with the dress code each day.

Summer Reading 2020

Regular classes are required to read ONE novel from the list for your grade level and be ready to take an Accelerated Reader test on the novel within the first two weeks of school.

Advanced classes are required to read TWO novels. Read the required selection and one selection of your choice from the list for your grade level. Be prepared to take two Accelerated Reader tests within the first two weeks of school.

6th Grade (Regular)

Number the Stars

Wonder

Tuck Everlasting

The Hunger Games

Author

Lois Lowry

R.J. Palacio

Natalie Babbitt

Suzanne Collins

6th Grade (Advanced) 2 Books Required

Must Read—A Long Walk to Water

Linda Sue Park

Choose 1 of the Following:

Short

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus

Turn Left at the Cow

Restart

Holly Goldman Sloan

Dusti Bowling

Lisa Bullard

Gordon Korman

7th Grade (Regular)

My Louisiana Sky

The Giver

Kimberly Willis Holt

Lois Lowry

7th Grade (Advanced) 2 Books Required

Must Read—The Mysterious Benedict Society

Trenton Lee

Choose 1 of the Following:

The Van Gogh Deception

The Egypt Game

Esperanza Rising

The Bad Beginning

Deron Hicks

Zilpha Keatley Snyder

Pam Munoz Ryan

Lemony Snicket

8th Grade (Regular)

Monster

The Yearling

Walter Dean Myers

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

8th Grade (Advanced) 2 Books Required

Must Read—Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition

Margot Lee Shetterly

Choose 1 of the Following:

Amal Unbound

The Worst Class Trip Ever

The Honest Truth

Aisha Saeed

Dave Barry

Dan Gemeinhart

Dunbar Magnet School - Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Guidelines 2020-2021

1. Students may use a privately owned electronic "Internet ready" device on the MCPSS wireless network with teacher or administrator permission.
2. It is recommended that devices have some sort of protective covering to avoid damage if dropped. (i.e. laptop case, Otterbox, etc.)
3. Students are prohibited from accessing the Internet using any external Internet service (no data plans). Students must connect to the miDevice wireless network. Dunbar is not responsible for students using data plans instead of miDevice.
4. Audio, video, and image capture applications may only be used with teacher or administrator permission.
5. Sound should be muted unless the teacher or administrator grants permission for use of sound associated with the instructional activities. A teacher or administrator may permit the use of ear buds or other types of headphones.
6. Students will not be allowed to share personal devices. Each student is allowed to bring only one device on campus per day.
7. Devices are brought to school at the students' and parents' own risk. In the event that a privately owned device is lost, stolen, or damaged, MCPSS/Dunbar is not responsible for any financial or data loss.
8. Violation of school or district policies, local, state and/or federal laws while using a personal electronic device on the MCPSS wireless network will result in appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action as specified in the *Student Handbook* and *Code of Student Conduct*, School Board policy as well as by local, state and/or federal law.
9. MCPSS reserves the right to examine the privately owned electronic device and search its contents if there is reason to believe that school division policies or local, state and/or federal laws have been violated. In the event that a student believes that his/her password has been compromised, he/she should immediately alert his/her teacher.
10. Devices must be charged at home before coming to school daily. Teachers and school staff are not responsible for charging devices.
11. Students must already be familiar with their device before bringing it to school, including powering the device on and off, setting it on silent mode, accessing Wi-Fi settings, and accessing the internet browser.
12. Teachers and staff will not be responsible for training students to use a personal device.
13. Devices must remain powered off in the classroom unless otherwise directed by the teacher during acceptable use times.
14. Students are not to call, text message, email, post to social networks, or electronically communicate with others from their personal device, including other students, parents, guardians, friends, and family unless it is part of classroom instruction.
15. **Students are prohibited from using and/or displaying electronic devices in the following areas: cafeteria, gym, locker rooms/changing areas and stairwells. Electronic devices visible in these areas will be confiscated by an adult and placed in the office vault for 24 hours. Refusal to comply will result in a 24-hour suspension.**

REMINDER: Students are NOT required to have personal devices. ALL students will have equal opportunities to participate in technology activities.

I agree to abide by the Dunbar Bring Your Own Device rules and procedures. I understand that failure to abide by these rules and procedures may result in the following:

- Restriction/Loss of device usage or activity (teacher discretion)
- Parent/Teacher/Administrator Conference
- Serious Violations will be subject to the MCPSS discipline policy as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct Book.

Parent's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date

6th Grade Supply List (2020 -2021)

Basic items for every class (must be refreshed as needed)

One cloth face- mask if needed, notebook paper, pencils (anytype), pens, crayons/ colored pencils / makers, scissors, and hand held pencil sharpener with lid

Specific for each core class

Lang Arts

One 1 ½ inch blue binder
Construction paper
1 pack index cards
Flash drive
Tab dividers
Blue and black pens
Mechanical pencils

Math / Advanced Math

3 red composition notebooks
1 red poly folder with prongs
1 TI-30X11S calculator(used after 2nd qt)
1 pack of notebook paper (give to teacher)
4 glue sticks (give to teacher)
2 block erasers (give to teacher)
1 pack index cards (give to teacher)
\$3.00 Math Fee

ADVANCED Lang Arts

One 1 ½ inch blue binder
1 pack index cards
Mechanical pencils
4 packs of notebook paper turned into teacher
Highlighters
Thin line makers (prefer Crayola markers)

Guided Study

1 black composition notebook

Social Studies

colored pencils
1 binder with notebook paper
1 bottle of liquid glue

Science

4 green composition notebooks
4 highlighters
2 boxes cap erasers
Tab dividers
College ruled notebook paper
1 green poly folder with prongs
Red pens
\$10.00 Science Fee

Homeroom supplies are needed because teachers CAN NOT purchase these items with allocation funds anymore.

Homeroom

2 Kleenex boxes
1 hand sanitizer
1 paper towel roll

Dunbar Magnet School
Supply List
7th Grade
2020-2021

<u>General School Supplies</u>	<u>Wish List</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mechanical Pencils are Preferred • 1 Handheld Pencil Sharpener • Black or Blue Ink Pens • 1 pkg Colored Pencils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twistable Colored Pencils are Preferred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kleenex • Paper Towels • Hand Sanitizer • Plain White Copy Paper (1 Ream) • Construction paper • (1 Pkg, Assorted Colors)

Subject Specific Daily Supplies

<u>Language Arts</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-Three-Ring binder (1 inch) • 3 Dividers • Loose Leaf Paper • 1 Pkg Small Index Cards(4X6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-ring binder • Loose Leaf Paper • 3 Dividers • Protractor *without* compass • Ruler • Calculator – Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS preferred • Graph paper • \$5 Math Fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-ring binder (1 inch) • 2 Composition Notebooks • Loose Leaf Paper • Metric ruler • Glue Sticks (6) • 4X6 Index Cards (2 packs) • \$ 5 Science fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1- Three-Ring binder • Loose Leaf Paper

Pens, pencils, notebooks, glue sticks, and paper for binders must be replenished at the beginning of each quarter. It is advisable to purchase excess during the month of August while supplies are cheap.

Dunbar Magnet School
Supply List
8th Grade
2020-2021

<u>General School Supplies Needed for all Classes</u>	<u>Wish List</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mechanical Pencils are Preferred • 1 Handheld Pencil Sharpener • Black or Blue Ink Pens • 1 pkg Colored Pencils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twistable Colored Pencils are Preferred • 1 USB 2GB or Greater Flash Drive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kleenex • Paper Towels • Hand Sanitizer • Notebook Paper

Subject Specific Daily Supplies

<u>Language Arts</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-Three-Ring binder (1 inch) • 4 Dividers • Loose Leaf Paper • Composition Notebook for Honors students • Colored pencils or markers • 2 Expo/Dry Erase Markers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition Books (2) • Loose Leaf Paper • Glue Sticks • Ruler • Dry Erase Markers • Graph Paper • SCIENTIFIC Calculator (TI-30xIIS preferred) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-ring binder • Composition Notebook • Paper (wide ruled) • Metric ruler • Colored pencils or crayons • *Other supplies will be needed during the year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1- Three-ring binder (1 or 2 inch) • Paper (College rule) • Color pencils • Composition book

Pens, pencils, notebooks, and paper for binders must be replenished at the beginning of each quarter. We advise that you purchase excess during the month of August while supplies are inexpensive.