

WELCOME
BACK!



WELCOME TO THOMSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Respect

Organization

Attitude

Responsibility

Like a TIGER!



GEORGIA STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Click on the arrow for your grade level.



6th Grade Curriculum



7th Grade Curriculum



8th Grade Curriculum

6TH GRADE CURRICULUM

Math

- Number system fluency
- Rate, ratio & proportional reasoning using equivalent
- Expressions
- One-step equations & inequalities
- Area & Volume
- Statistics
- Rational explorations: Numbers & their opposites

Language Arts

- Cite evidence to support analysis
- Determine theme and central idea
- Write objective summary
- Analyze elements of story
- Compare and contrast fictional and historical stories
- Compare and analyze reading experience with viewing.

Science

- Solar system & beyond
- Earth-Moon-Sun
- Earth's changing landscape
- Water in Earth's processes
- Climate & weather
- Human energy needs

Social Studies

- Countries: Latin America, Canada, Europe, & Australia
- Geographic Understandings
- Government/Civic Understandings
- Economic Understandings
- Historical Understandings
- Map & globe skills
- Information processing skills

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7TH GRADE CURRICULUM

Math

- Operations with rational numbers
- Expressions and equations
- Ratios and proportional
- Geometry
- Inferences
- Probability

Language Arts

- Cite evidence to support analysis
- Determine theme and central idea
- Write objective summary
- Analyze elements of story
- Compare and contrast fictional and historical stories
- Compare and analyze reading experience with viewing.

Science

- Stability & change in living systems: Which food would you choose?
- Structure & function in living systems
- Patterns in living systems

Social Studies

- Countries: Africa, SW Asia (Middle East), Southern & Eastern Asia
- Geographic Understandings
- Government/Civic Understandings
- Economic Understandings
- Historical Understandings
- Map & globe skills
- Information processing skills

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8TH GRADE CURRICULUM

Math

- Transformations, congruence and similarity
- Exponents
- Geometric applications of exponents
- Functions
- Linear functions
- Linear models & tables
- Solving systems of equations

Language Arts

- Cite evidence to support analysis
- Determine theme and central idea
- Write objective summary
- Analyze elements of story
- Compare and contrast fictional and historical stories
- Compare and analyze reading experience with viewing.

Science

- Principles of energy & matter
- Structure & properties of matter
- Waves
- Forces
- Motion

Social Studies

- State of Georgia
- Geographic Understandings
- Government/Civic Understandings
- Economic Understandings
- Historical Understandings
- Map & globe skills
- Information processing skills

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STUDENT AGENDA

The agenda is used as a communication tool between school and home concerning homework and discipline problems. It is also used as a hall pass and a way to stay organized. A lost agenda must be replaced. A \$5 replacement fee will be charged.

❖ To stay informed, parents must check the agenda regularly.



ATTENDANCE POLICY

The following reasons are the only excused absences that Georgia law allows:

Personal illness

Illness in the immediate family

Death in the family

Recognized religious holidays

Court order



ATTENDANCE POLICY


Upon returning to school, students must bring in a note from parents containing:

- 1. Date (of return to school)**
- 2. Day(s) and date(s) of absence**
- 3. Reason for absence**
- 4. Signature of parent**




- ❖ **Parents may also email an excuse within three (3) days of student returning to school. Written or emailed excuses must be sent within three (3) days of the absence for it to be considered excused. After three (3) days the absence will be unexcused.**
- ❖ **Notes must be brought to the office and placed in the box located on the counter.**


ATTENDANCE POLICY

- ❖ Missed assignments cannot be made up when the absence is unexcused.
 - ❖ Excessive absences will be referred to the school social worker.
 - ❖ At five (5) unexcused absences a student will be placed on a truancy contract.
 - ❖ In the event of an extended illness or accident that requires an extended absence, the counselor can provide students information about the Hospital/Homebound Program.
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ATTENDANCE POLICY

- ❖ **In order to go to the next grade, a student must not be absent more than nine (9) days.**
 - ❖ **The school principal will decide if a student with 10-18 days of absences may be promoted.**
 - ❖ **Students with more than 18 days of absences will not be promoted to the next grade. Parents may send a written request for absence review within five (5) days after the end of school. Documentation and request will follow procedures outlined in the middle school procedures manual.**
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EARLY DISMISSALS

- ❖ **If a student needs to leave before 2:45 PM they must bring a signed note from home stating the time and reason for leaving.**
 - ❖ **Students must bring note to the office BEFORE/DURING homeroom to get an early dismissal slip.**
 - ❖ **When it is time to leave the student will show the early dismissal slip to the classroom teacher and then go to the office for a parent or designee to sign them out.**
 - ❖ **If returning to school, student must go by the office to get a re-admittance slip.**
 - ❖ **A student must be present at least half of the school day, 11 AM, to get credit for their attendance.**
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MAKE-UP WORK

- ❖ It is the **student's responsibility** to arrange for make-up work with their teacher.
 - ❖ All make-up work must be completed within five (5) school days.
 - ❖ In order to make-up work for an unexcused absence (family trips out-of-town, etc.) it must be preapproved by the principal or assistant principal. A note from your parent is required before the absence in order to make-up work.
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RIDING THE BUS



1st = Conference/Warning

2nd = 1 Day off bus

3rd = 3 days off bus

4th = 5 days off bus

5th = 7 days off bus

6th = 10 days off bus

7th = Off bus for remainder of the school year


You must have a parent note with phone number to ride another bus. Please take all notes to the office upon arriving to school. You must have a permission from the office first.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL


- ✓ School personnel (Med Tech) must be informed by a written note concerning meds.
- ✓ All meds must be presented to school office in a prescription labeled bottle
- ✓ All meds are kept in the school office (even Tylenol!!)
- ✓ No one can give you medicine except the school nurse or trained personnel.



DRESS CODE

- **There is a positive relationship between a neat, appropriate appearance and a good learning environment.**
 - **All students are encouraged to take pride in themselves and in their school work. The following guidelines are designed to allow for individual expression in dress, and to protect the rights of everyone.**
 - **The Dress Code Policies will be enforced not only at school, but at school related functions unless other notice is given.**
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DRESS CODE: TOPS

- **Tops must be waist length and reveal no bare chests or stomachs.**
 - **The fabric must be such that the body is not seen through it.**
 - **Halter-tops, tank tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, backless tops, or bare-shouldered tops of any type will not be allowed.**
 - **Blouses/shirts should be constructed so that the top of the shoulder is covered and is fitted under the arm.**
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DRESS CODE: TOPS

Acceptable



Not Acceptable



DRESS CODE: BOTTOMS

- **Pants, skirts, shorts, and dresses must be knee-length or longer, and must have a hem. Sagging pants are not allowed and pants must be at the waist.**
- **Frayed or Holes in pants above the knees are not allowed. Holes in clothing that are excessive in size or amount or allow skin to show are not permitted.**
- **Nylon wind suits that fit appropriately are permitted. Writing across the buttocks is not allowed.**
- **When leggings are worn, a dress or skirt must be worn over the leggings. The dress or skirt must be knee-length or longer and have a hem.**

DRESS CODE: BOTTOMS

Appropriate



Not Appropriate




DRESS CODE

In accordance with board policy governing student conduct with regard to bullying, weapons, gangs, and drugs:

- ✓ **Clothing shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, racial, other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork.**
 - ✓ This includes offensive words and designs, violence (blood, death, weapons), sex, playboy symbols, hate groups, tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol.
- ✓ **No clothing or article may be worn or displayed which may indicate membership in a gang at school or any school function.**

DRESS CODE: ACCESSORIES

- **Shoes/sandals must be worn at all times. Cleated shoes are not allowed in the building. House/bedroom slippers are not acceptable.**
 - **Students may not wear ornaments (jewelry) which pierce the skin such as the nose, lips, tongue, eyelid, etc.**
 - **Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, sunglasses, combs, picks, etc. inside the building.**
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DRESS CODE: ACCESSORIES

Acceptable



Not Acceptable



DRESS CODE: COATS




- **Students may wear coats/winter garments to school, but may be asked to store them in their lockers during the school day.**
- **Students are encouraged to bring lightweight jackets to wear in the building as changes in weather dictate.**



DRESS CODE

The principal and assistant principals are the ones to determine if the dress code is being followed or not. Failure to follow dress code rules may result in one or more of the following actions:

- **Counseling the student**
 - **Warning the student**
 - **Calling parents to bring a change of clothes**
 - **Placing the student in in-school suspension for the remainder of the day.**
 - **Suspending the student short term**
 - **Recommending long-term suspension (for flagrant or repeated violations)**
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ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.D. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable

Additionally, technology:

- ✓ **Must not be in use or visible outside of pilot classrooms while on school campuses and while riding school buses (This has to change).**
- ✓ **May not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging).**
- ✓ **May not be used to record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or after hours for sharing outside of educational purposes in the classroom.**
- ✓ **May only be used to access files on computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted.**



ONLINE COMPUTER USE

All students have access to Office 365 using their student log in and password.

username@student.hcbe.net

for example: l.hill12345@student.hcbe.net

The password is the same as their computer login password.

HcLunch#00 (eg. Hc12345600)

Students can log into their Office 365 email using the following link:

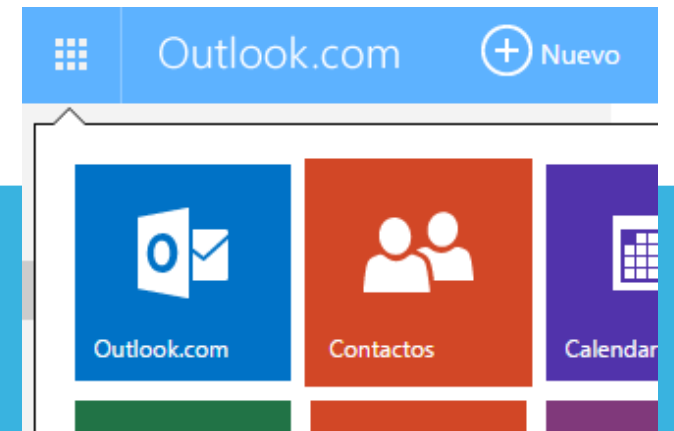
<http://portal.microsoftonline.com>



ONLINE COMPUTER USE

Below is a video link on "how to" use your student email:

Using Outlook: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sU-FHfSw6dg&list=PL6IPoWo6vdnmZJkOB0JtbDF74mN1fRtto&index=46->



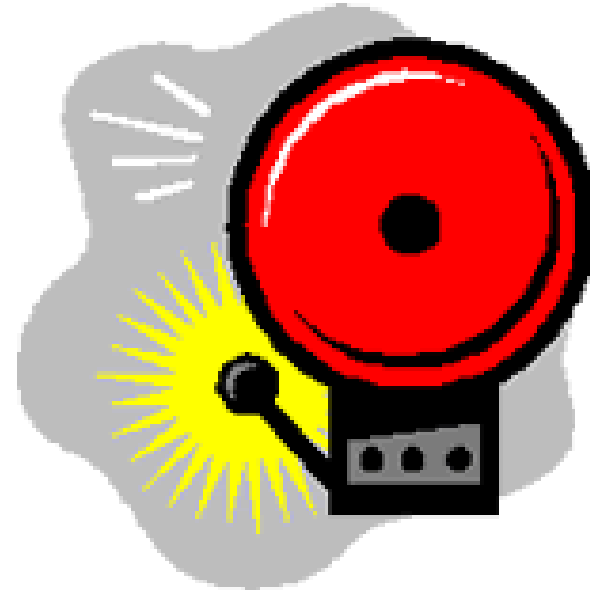
ONLINE COMPUTER USE

- ✓ **The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them.**
- ✓ **Bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of Computer Use Agreement (CUA)**
- ✓ **Processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking”, altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of Computer Use Agreement.**
- ✓ **The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.**
- ✓ **Printing from personal laptops will not be possible at school.**
- ✓ **Personal technology is charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school.**



DRILL PROCEDURES

- **If there is a fire in the building, the alarm will sound.**
- **Students will exit the building an orderly fashion.**
 - Please check the map for your exit route.
- **Once you have exited the building wait in an orderly manner until your teacher gives you the all clear.**



DRILL PROCEDURES

If there tornado warning, the alarm will sound.

- ✓ **Students will take cover in the hallway outside their classroom.**
- ✓ **Students should kneel facing the wall with their heads down.**
- ✓ **Students need to remain quiet so that teachers can hear the tornado reports from the office.**
- ✓ **Students should stay kneeling until your teacher gives you the all clear.**

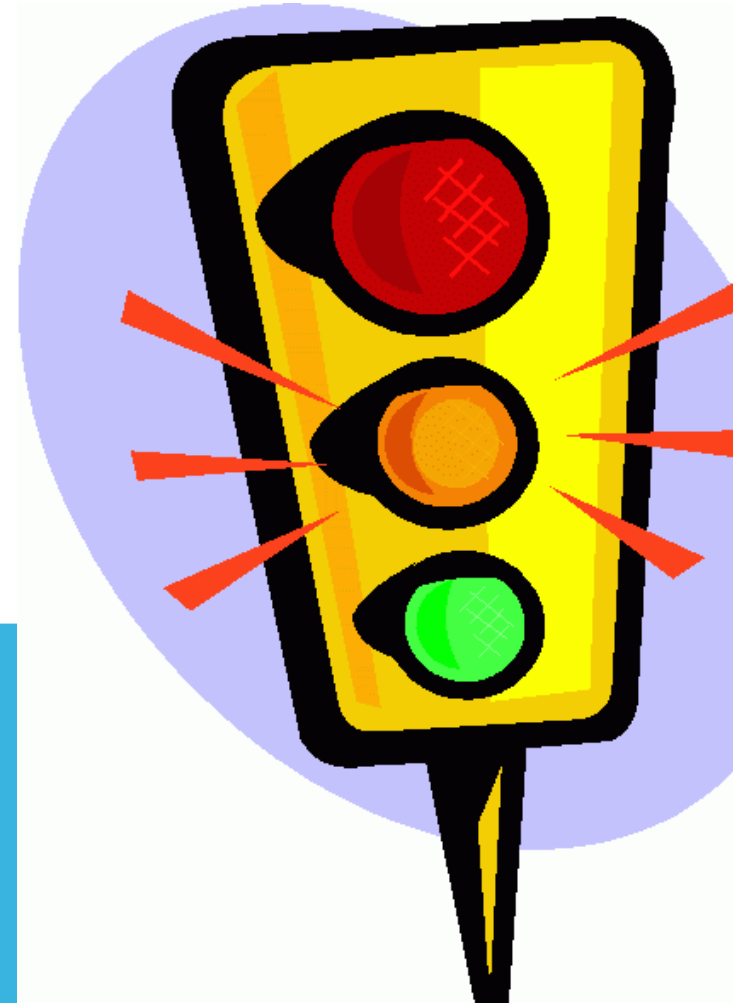


DRILL PROCEDURES

Code Yellow

Code Yellow is announced over the intercom.

- **It means that students are to stay in the room until the code has been cleared.**
- **Code Yellow is an alert warning that something is happening on the campus and everyone needs to stay in place.**
- **If you are not in your classroom and a Code Yellow is called, you should return to your class immediately.**



DRILL PROCEDURES

Code Red

Code Red drills are announced over the intercom.

- **Code Red means that there is an unidentified person or threat to the building.**
- **Students should remain in their classrooms, move away from the doors and windows with the lights off.**
- **The teacher will lock the door and admit no one into the room.**
- **Students who are not in their classroom should seek shelter in the nearest classroom available. (If a teacher has already locked the door, they will not open it.)**
- **If you are locked out you should hide in the nearest restroom or closet.**
- **Everyone is to remain in place until the all clear is called.**



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sports at TMS are for
7th and 8th grade
students in GOOD
Academic standing.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Academic Team



Fellowship of
Christian
Athletes



Family, Career,
Community Leaders
of America



National FFA
Organization



Yearbook

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



- ❖ **A number of after school activities will be planned for the enjoyment and social development of students.**
- ❖ **The activities will include club projects, class projects, social events, athletic and school related functions.**
- ❖ **Transportation must be provided by parent/guardian.**
- ❖ **Any student unable to be picked up within 30 minutes following end of after school activity will be unable to attend the next after school event.**
- ❖ **(Principal discretion will apply)**

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



- ❖ All school rules apply to after school activities.
- ❖ Guests from other schools must follow TMS rules.
- ❖ Students leaving the gym or field must pay to get back in the event.
- ❖ Attendance in after school activities should be for the enjoyment of the activity. Students will be required to leave without refund if their actions indicate other intentions or interests.
- ❖ State standards specify athletic events during the school week must be over no later than 7:00 PM. Students must be picked up promptly. Parents should arrive at 6:45 PM for pickup.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



- ❖ **Dances are for TMS students only. Times will be announced prior to the event and students must be picked up promptly.**
- ❖ **Students must be counted present for the day in order to participate in any school activity.**
- ❖ **Students assigned ISS are not allowed at school functions and may not participate in extracurricular activities beginning on the day ISS is assigned.**

READY TO SHOW WHAT YOU
KNOW?

