

Columbine Middle School

WE BELIEVE

That kids come first

That We Are Stronger Working Together Than Alone

That a Smile and Hello Go a Long Way

VISION

What kind of school do we hope to become?

Columbine Middle School will be an excellent rated 21st Century middle school

MISSION

The Columbine Community will work together so all students learn to the best of their ability.

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Be Kind, Work Hard

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The RAM'S Way

Members of the Columbine Community follow
The RAM'S way by being:

Responsible

Respectful

Safe



Keep Hands and Feet and Objects to self.

	To be Respectful I will...	To be Responsible I will...	To be Safe I will...
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Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen while others are speaking • Raise my hand to speak • Use Positive statements • Use my inside voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring all needed materials • Be on time and on task • Complete only my own work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit in my chair properly • Use materials and equipment for intended purpose • Keep hands, feet and objects to myself
Hallway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a path • Respect others personal space • Use school appropriate physical contact • Use appropriate language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close and lock my locker • Get materials needed and be on time to class • Allow others access to their locker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep hands, feet and objects to myself • Keep area clean
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use kind words • Practice good manners • Eat only my own food • Use appropriate language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up my area • Dump my tray properly • Bring everything I need for recess • Go to the correct place in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep hands, feet and objects to myself
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use kind words • Follow game rules • Respect school property • Use appropriate language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in garbage can • Go to class on time • Take all personal belongings with me 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use equipment properly • Use school appropriate physical contact
Bathroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flush • Use appropriate language • Respect others space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up after myself • Leave when finished • Turn water off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep hands, feet and objects to myself • Wash hands
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice good sportsmanship • Use appropriate language • Throw trash in garbage can • Respect other school's property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Stay with my group • Be supportive of all participants • Keep my area clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep hands, feet and objects to myself • Remain seated on the bus • Use appropriate voice level

The **Behavior Consequence Matrix** has been developed for students to learn in an atmosphere that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from unnecessary disruptions. According to the Montrose county School District Code of Conduct (Policy JICDA), infractions may occur while on a school bus, on school grounds, in vehicle, during a school sponsored activity and in certain cases, off school property. The behavior consequences listed below are grouped according to the seriousness of the infraction. Group 1 includes infractions of a less serious nature, while Group 4 includes the most serious infractions. In all instances, interpretation is left to the individual administrator to determine consequences based upon individual or extenuating circumstances, repetition, or the willful and overt nature of the infraction.

School personnel will contact parents regarding disciplinary referrals. A parent conference or contact may be mandatory for some infractions.

TOBACCO

Possession of tobacco items including E-Cigarettes of any kind including flavored versions are strictly prohibited and will be treated as tobacco use and or possession as stated in Group 3 of our Behavior Matrix on the previous page.

	Infractions -Include but not limited to the following:	First Occurrence-Include but not limited to the following	Second Occurrence Include but not limited to the following:	Third Occurrence (or more) Include but not limited to the following:
Group 1 Includes Offenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inappropriate electronic devices ➤ Throwing objects ➤ Unsafe play ➤ Dress code ➤ Profanity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Verbal warning ➤ Time out, loss of free time ➤ Detention ➤ Loss of privilege ➤ Other appropriate consequences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Additional detention(s) ➤ Thurs./Sat. school ➤ In-school Suspension 1-2 days ➤ Out of school suspension 1-5 days ➤ Behavior contract ➤ Possible referral for expulsion ➤ Other appropriate consequences ➤ Work detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Additional detention(s) ➤ Thurs./Sat. school ➤ Parent conference ➤ Behavior contract ➤ Additional days of suspension ➤ Possible referral for expulsion
Group 2 Includes Offenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff Disrespect ➤ Dishonesty ➤ Distribution of inappropriate material ➤ Truancy ➤ Computer violation ➤ Fighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Verbal warning ➤ Loss of privilege ➤ Detention ➤ In-school suspension 1-5 days ➤ Mediation ➤ Out of school Suspension 1-5 days ➤ Other appropriate consequence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Additional detention ➤ In-school suspension 1-5 days ➤ Mediation ➤ Behavior contract ➤ Out of school suspension 1-5 days ➤ Notification of law enforcement ➤ Possible referral of expulsion ➤ Other appropriate consequences ➤ Work detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In-school suspension 1-5 days ➤ Out of school suspension 1-10 days ➤ Parent conference ➤ Behavior contract ➤ Notification of law enforcement ➤ Possible referral for expulsion
Group 3 Includes Offenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tobacco use and or possession of ➤ Vandalism ➤ Theft ➤ Defiance of authority ➤ Sexual harassment ➤ Racial Discriminatory ➤ Threats of violence ➤ Stalking ➤ Fight/3rd degree assault ➤ Gang activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Detention ➤ In-school suspension 1-5 days ➤ Behavior plan ➤ Mediation ➤ Out of school suspension 1-5 days ➤ Notification of law enforcement ➤ *Other appropriate consequence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Out of school suspension 1-10 days ➤ Behavior plan ➤ Parent conference ➤ Notification of law enforcement possible referral for expulsion ➤ Other appropriate consequence ➤ Work detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parent conference ➤ Out of school suspension 1-10 days ➤ Referral for expulsion ➤ Notification of law enforcement
Group 4 Includes offenses of the most serious nature, which may require the involvement of law enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ *Alcohol use/possession ➤ *Drug use/possession ➤ Robbery ➤ Assault on staff ➤ Violation of criminal law ➤ Weapon/facsimile ➤ *Sale of drugs/substances ➤ Extortion ➤ Hazing ➤ Fight/assault 1st/2nd degree ➤ Arson ➤ Bomb threat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parent conference ➤ Out of school suspension 1-10 days ➤ Behavior plan ➤ Possible referral for expulsion ➤ Notification of law enforcement ➤ Other appropriate consequence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parent conference ➤ Out of school suspension 1-10 days ➤ Notification of law enforcement ➤ Possible referral for expulsion ➤ Other appropriate consequence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Out of school suspension 1-10 days ➤ Referral for expulsion ➤ Notification of law enforcement ➤ Parent conference

INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS

Students are not to bring to school any item(s) that would be considered distracting, harmful to others or targets for theft. Such items include but are not restricted to:

Weapons/facsimile	Inappropriate photos	Cinnamon oil	Laser pointers
Pocketknives	Excessive candy/gum	Fidget Spinners	Trading cards*
Matches/lighters	Balloons	Wallets with chain	Toys/Games*
Fireworks	Squirt guns	Long chain necklaces	iPod/ Headphones*

- We advise parents that family-owned band instruments be insured under their homeowner's policy.
- Bikes / Skateboards should not be ridden on school grounds. Skateboards and unlocked bikes are high risk for theft. We recommend that students do not bring skateboards to school and lock their bikes at the bike rack each day. Skateboards ridden on school grounds will be confiscated.
- Inappropriate items will be confiscated and a disciplinary consequence may be assigned as well. It is also suggested that all personal items including books and clothing be marked for easy identification to prevent loss or theft. The second time an item is confiscated; it must be picked up by a parent.

*These items are allowed until first bell of the day. They are not to be seen until after the final bell, or they will be confiscated.

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

The following dress code shall apply to all Columbine Middle School students while in school attendance. Students will wear neat, clean, and appropriate attire, subject to the following restrictions (Students may be sent home to change for any of the following dress code violations):

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Students will be allowed to wear shorts to school subject to the following guidelines:
 1. Shorts must be neat, clean and in good taste.
 2. Length may not be shorter than mid-thigh.
- Tank tops or other similar clothing with straps narrower than 1.5 inches in width.
- Any clothing or lack of clothing that is distracting is inappropriate. Students may not wear hats, durags, bandanas or headbands in the building. Pants will be worn and secured appropriately up around the waist **NO sagging**. The end of belts may not hang below clothing. **Sunglasses may not be worn in the building**, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, tube tops and mesh shirts are considered inappropriate.
- Any clothing which displays alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang insignia, violence, or sexual innuendoes will not be permitted. Students will be instructed to immediately remove or change any of the above mentioned infractions of the dress code. If this is not immediately possible, the student will be sent home to change. The conditions of the code does not restrict additional requirements for the participation in extra-curricular activities, or where safety is a factor, or requirements which may be developed by coaches and sponsors, except that such requirements must be presented in written form and approved by the principal.
- Students will not write on each other or on each other's clothing. A student with excessive marking on his/her body or clothes will be asked to leave and not return until the problem is remedied.
- Students may not wear Pajama bottoms or slippers to school unless authorized by school event.

BUSES

Buses load and unload south of the building next to the football field. When loading, students will sit in the cafeteria and behave appropriately. A staff member will escort them to the loading area. Students who leave the school grounds after school will not be allowed to return to the campus and board a bus. After school it is important to report to the cafeteria promptly. The buses run on a schedule between schools and will not wait for late arrivals. Misconduct in the cafeteria area may result in revoking of bus riding privileges. Students not riding a bus are not allowed in the cafeteria area. Violation of this policy will automatically result in disciplinary action.

HALL PASSES

If a student leaves a classroom for any reason during the class period, the teacher must send student with a pass. Students in the hallway without a pass will be returned to the classroom. The teacher may allow students, one at a time, to use a pass. Students will also need a pass to come to the sick room and will need to sign in at time of their arrival. Students are not to be in unsupervised areas at any time. **Food and drinks are not allowed in the hallway**

PASSES FOR LEAVING SCHOOL

COLUMBINE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A CLOSED CAMPUS. Once students arrive on school property, they are not permitted to leave the school grounds at any time during the school day without permission from the office. If a student must leave the building because of illness or any other emergency, **a parent must sign out the student from the office.** Direct parent/guardian notification to the office by phone or note is required for check out. Failure to follow the proper procedure will be considered an unexcused absence. Students who leave and plan on returning the same day must receive a pass from the office. **Students are only allowed to leave school with parent or guardian.** Students are not allowed to ride home during out-of-town events with anyone other than a parent or guardian.

STUDENT VISITORS

Any visitor must always check in at the main office and wear a visitor's badge. Students are **NOT** allowed to have friends visit them during school hours. If students have friends from out of town in their homes, these friends should remain at home during the school day. Parents or visitors must request for students to be called from class by office personnel.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Conflict between students disrupts the learning environment and can affect students in and out of school. Parent involvement is crucial in solving conflict between students. In the event students become embroiled in conflict, the first interventions will be parent contact and an individual counseling session for the student. If the intervention fails, the counselor and an administrator and/or the school resource officer will meet with the student and parent as well as hold a mediation session with the involved students. If the conflict resurfaces or continues, the students involved will face consequences that may include suspension.

THINK TANK

Think Tank- Think Tank is a room designed to accept disruptive students who are sent from a classroom. **Three Think Tanks within a quarter will result in a 4 hour Saturday School Detention. Six Think Tanks within a quarter will result in an ISS or OSS (In School Suspension or Out of School Suspension). Nine think tanks within a quarter will result in a 3 day OSS and possible behavior plan.**

*** Students must meet eligibility requirements (No F's) to attend Columbine's quarterly activity night.**

STUDENT DETENTION

An administrator or teacher may require a student to stay after and/or come before school for additional instruction or for work detail because of inattentiveness in class or misconduct. Such detention takes precedence over all club and athletic activities, including practices. Students, who ride a bus or have another urgent need, may have one day to arrange for transportation before doing their detention. Students should report directly to the individual teacher on the correct day. A student who does not report to an assigned detention will be referred to the Principal or Assistant Principal for direct disobedience. Detention time may be doubled for the disobedience of not showing up for an assigned detention. Students should bring reading and writing materials to all detentions and are encouraged to make positive use of this time.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday School is another alternative that may be assigned for truancy or other major infractions. Students assigned to Saturday School are required to attend. It is a supervised study time and students are required to bring reading and writing materials. Assignments may be obtained from regular classroom teachers. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the school. Failure to attend or being late to Saturday School may result in suspension.

ACADEMICS

GRADING SCALE

LETTER	PERCENTAGE	QUALITY
A	90 – 100%	Excellent

	<i>Excellent scholarship, which far exceeds the achievement of all basic standards: Always exhibits independent initiative and cooperative, positive attitude.</i>	
B	80 – 90%	Good
	<i>Above average scholarship which meets all, and exceeds most standards: Show significant individual improvement in acquiring knowledge & skills: A self-motivated and cooperative learner.</i>	
C	70 – 80%	Average
	<i>Meets most standards in acquiring knowledge and skills: Evidence of average achievement with normal initiative, attitude and cooperation.</i>	
D	60 – 70%	Below Average
	<i>Not achieving many standards: Minimal marked individual improvement: Extra study or remediation needed for student to meet all standards.</i>	
F	0 – 60%	Failing
	<i>Meets or exceeds few if any standards: Very minimal growth or achievement: Lack of initiative, cooperation and individual improvement.</i>	

An incomplete grade is given only when work has been missed because of an excused absence. Incomplete grades which occur at the end of regular grading periods and appear on the report card automatically become an **F** in **two weeks** after given, except at the end of the school year.

In case of an extended absence for illness, etc., a student is required to do what work he/she is capable of doing and he/she will be evaluated by his/her self-improvement and not with regard to the rest of the class.

It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements with the teachers for any work he/she may have missed during the absence. Work must be made up in order to receive a grade.

HONOR ROLL ELIGIBILITY

Minimum GPA is 3.5 - 4.0
Honor Roll is posted by the Main Office and in the Daily Press quarterly. Students are recognized with an Honor Roll Celebration that is held at the end of the school year. The Reception only includes quarters 1-3.

PROMOTION AND RETENTION

At the end of each year, Core teachers evaluate the progress of each student. On the basis of the student’s achievement, a recommendation is made to promote or retain. When a recommendation is made to retain a student, the student and parents will have the opportunity to meet with a committee. The decision will be based on what is best for the student. **Any student failing two classes per quarter will be recommended for summer school, failure to successfully complete summer school may result in retention.**

P.E. DRESS AND PARTICIPATION

Students are required to dress out daily for P.E. P.E. uniforms will be required and all articles of clothing will be labeled with the student’s name. P.E. uniforms must be purchased through the school for \$25.00. Repeated failure to dress out for P.E. may result in detention.

Any student unable to participate in P.E. because of injury or illness must have a written excuse from his/her parents or doctor. At the beginning of the school year, the Physical Education Dept. will send information on the P.E. program home with each student. This information will give both parents and students an exact explanation of the physical education curriculum.

STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL SERVICES AND AMENITIES

COUNSELOR AND GUIDANCE

Students are encouraged to go to the guidance office for assistance needed in dealing with school or personal problems. They may ask their teacher or the guidance secretary to help them arrange a good time to see one of the

counselors. Except in an emergency situation, students should have a pass from either the teacher or the counselor to visit the guidance office during class time. Counselors also collaborate with other staff members to provide various affective education, transition and career exploration activities throughout the school year.

LOCKER PROCEDURES

Locker cards are given to teachers the first day of school to assign lockers; locker cards are returned to the Counseling office and locker assignments are imputed into Infinite Campus. Locker change requests must come through the counseling office in order to keep accurate records in Infinite Campus. Requests can be based on conflicts with locker partners, organizational problems which effects relationship with locker partner etc. Combination changes must also come through the Counseling office for accurate record keeping. Students are not allowed to move lockers without approval from counseling office. If students are in a locker they are not assigned, there will be consequences. Locker inspections are performed by administrators or teachers at unannounced times. Students should keep their lockers neat and clean. Books, coats and papers should be placed in the locker in such a way as to prevent interference with the locker mechanism. Loss of books and other property is the responsibility of the student. **Please do not bring valuable items or large amounts of money to school.** Do not go to the office first if you have locker trouble. Please check in with your classroom teacher and get permission to go back to the locker. No food or drink other than a sack lunch is allowed to be stored in or above the student's locker. Students are not allowed to bring open drinks into the locker area. Students may use their own lock on the P.E. lockers, but they must provide the P.E. teacher with a key, which is clearly marked. Students are responsible for locks assigned to them and will be assessed for loss.

PERSONAL CELL PHONES / I PADS / TABLETS

These items will be turned off during school hours, with the exception of teacher authorized classroom instruction. **Games or Social Media apps are not allowed.** If phone calls are necessary students must obtain a pass from their teacher and go to the office to make any phone calls.

LEARNING CENTER

The learning center will be open for students' use before and after school and at lunch time. Reference books and magazines are checked out for overnight use only after the last hour of the school day and are due back BEFORE the beginning of class the following day. Students may check out two items at a time. Students will be responsible for the replacement cost of lost books (refundable if found later). We encourage students to contact the librarian if a problem arises pertaining to a book. Students will be charged \$ 0.10 a day for overdue books.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found is located in the office. Lost clothing or other articles may be found in the main office, and lost textbooks may be found in the guidance office. Students should mark all items with their name to ensure their return. **Unclaimed items will be donated to good will**

HEALTH SERVICES

The school district will provide screening tests on vision, hearing, and scoliosis at various times during the school year. There is no school nurse available at the building level, but there is a health technician available in the building. A student who becomes ill in school must get permission from a teacher to report to the sickroom. **All sick related phone calls must be made from the sickroom/Office. No student is to leave the building without first reporting to the office.** If a student is too ill to remain in school, his/her parent or guardian will be contacted to pick the student up. Students with no fever or other obvious signs of illness will not be allowed to stay in the sick room past the next class period. The student can call to go home or return to class. **Students must bring any prescription medication to the office. A medication form from a doctor with directions must be on file in order for a student to take prescription medication / non-prescription medication at school.**

2017-2018 FEES

ACTIVITY CARD	\$20.00
YEARBOOK (color & hardcover)	\$25.00
PE SHIRT	\$12.50
PE SHORTS	\$12.50
SPORTS 7th & 8th Grade (Per student/per sport)	\$50.00

(Helmet reconditioning-football only) \$20.00
Available for 6th Grade, Cross Country & Wrestling

6 th GRADE	
TECH NOLOGY	\$30.00
COMPUTERS	\$10.00
ART	\$10.00
FAMILY & CONSUMER STUDIES	\$10.00
SHOP	\$10.00
BAND (sheet music & transportation)	\$10.00
CHOIR	\$10.00

7 th GRADE		8 th GRADE	
TECHNOLOGY	\$30.00	TECHNOLOGY	\$30.00
COMPUTERS	\$10.00	COMPUTERS	\$10.00
ART	\$15.00	ART	\$30.00
FAMILY & CONSUMER STUDIES	\$15.00	FAMILY & CONSUMER STUDIES	\$30.00
SHOP	\$20.00	SHOP	\$30.00
BAND (sheet music & transportation)	\$30.00	BAND (sheet music & transportation)	\$30.00
JAZZ BAND	\$20.00	JAZZ BAND	\$20.00
CHOIR	\$10.00	CHOIR (sheet music & transportation)	\$20.00
SHOW CHOIR	\$20.00	SHOW CHOIR	\$20.00

***FEES GO TO OFFSET COST OF SUPPLIES**

*At the beginning of the semester students will receive all necessary textbooks. These books will be assigned to each student and are pre-numbered. Both the number and condition of the books are noted. Damage to or loss of books is the responsibility of the student. Fines are assessed if the book becomes damaged through carelessness or abuse. If the book becomes lost, the student must pay for another book of equal value before another textbook will be issued. Assessment of fines and/or damages to books will be determined by the teacher.

FEES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

STUDENT LUNCH PROGRAM

The prices of regular lunch tickets are \$2.75 and breakfast is \$1.85. We will allow students to charge lunch if they forget to bring lunch money but cannot charge more than a week of lunches. For students who qualify, reduced lunch is available for 40 cents and breakfast is free. The applications are available at the office. The lunch program is subsidized by the Federal Government and subject to Federal guidelines, which may result in a price increase for the 2017-2018 school year. **We also will not charge any lunches after May 1, 2018. Money owed needs to be paid one week prior to the end of the school year.**

ATTENDANCE

The School Board, administration, and faculty of District RE-1J provide the facilities, learning environment, instruction and effort to offer the best possible education for each individual student. A student must satisfy two basic requirements in order to achieve acceptable class work and good attendance. The State of Colorado mandates that children 6 years of age and under 17 years of age shall attend school. The parents or legal guardians and the students are responsible for regular school attendance. Students must attend regularly if they are to develop habits of responsibility and self-discipline. Continuity in the learning process is seriously disrupted by excessive absences. In most situations, the work missed cannot be made up adequately if students miss such educationally sound activities as (1) lectures, (2) special instruction and individual help on skill development, (3) group discussion, (4) performance tests, (5) and films.

I. MAKE UP WORK

Students will be allowed one (1) day for everyday missed to complete make up work for the day/days the student was absent--to a maximum of 10 days. Also, if homework is due on the day of your absence it will be due the day you return, it is not subject to extended time. If requested,

a homework slip will be sent around to teachers to gather missed work only after the student has missed two days.

II. TRUANCY POLICY

Truancy is an unauthorized absence during which the student's location is not known by the parent or school officials. Truancy is considered an unexcused absence and requires students to make-up the time missed from school according to the following: **STUDENTS OF AGE 6 TO 17 YEAR WILL MAKE UP THE TIME MISSED FROM SCHOOL AS SOON AS IT CAN BE ARRANGED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE, EITHER AFTER REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS OR ON SATURDAY.**

ACTIVITY NIGHTS

Students must be at school the afternoon of the day of Activity Nights to attend, unless pre-excused or a school related activity.

*** Students must meet eligibility requirements (No F's) to attend Columbine's quarterly activity night.**

PRE-EXCUSED ABSENCE – EARLY DISMISSAL

When a student needs to be absent other than illness, he/she is expected to secure a pre-excused form by bringing a written note signed by a parent/guardian requesting permission to leave and stating the reason for early dismissal or pre-excused absence. He/she must bring this note to the office. Generally, a student who acts in good faith and whose grades and attendance record are acceptable, who presents a genuine need to be absent, and is doing so with the knowledge and approval of his/her parents will not be refused. Any assignments issued prior to the absence are due upon student's return to school.

TARDINESS

For students arriving late to school, parents can escort their child to the front desk or they can write a signed and dated tardy excuse that morning for their child to receive an excused tardy. All students arriving late to the building must report to the office for a late pass excused or unexcused. If detained in the office or by a teacher, late passes will be issued. After four tardies (unexcused), students will be assigned a C-Hall detention. Eight or more tardies may result in an in or out of school suspension.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Any student withdrawing from school must contact the **guidance office**. There the student will pick up the necessary forms needed to withdraw from school. The student's parent/guardian should notify the school when moving and sign the proper form. The student will take a **checkout sheet** to each of his/her teachers. The teacher will assign the final grade, collect all books, and assign any fines due at that time. The form should then be returned to the guidance office for the final process.

ATHLETICS

PHILOSOPHY

All three middle schools in the district, Centennial, Columbine and Olathe, share the same Athletic Philosophy. Our athletic program includes 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. We concentrate on participation and skill development. All participants will receive playing time in each sport in which they choose to participate. We do not have a cut policy; therefore, all players will participate. Coaches will focus their instruction on skill development and understanding of the sport. This will build a strong foundation for their athletic opportunities in the future.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must complete and submit the following forms, along with their sports fee, to the office before being allowed to participate in practice:

- Current Physical Form
- Parent Consent Form
- Insurance Form
- Training Code

Before being allowed to participate in an athletic contest, a player must:

- have participated in a minimum of five practices
- meet academic eligibility requirements (**students may not have any F's to meet eligibility requirements**)

Academic eligibility will be done on a weekly basis. Ineligible students are expected to be at practice and sit with the team during home games. Failure to attend practice will be considered an unexcused practice.

ABSENCES

Sport seasons are very short for middle school; therefore, we will remove a player from the team after a second unexcused absence. This is only fair to the players who attend practice all of the time. A player must be in school from noon until 3:30 p.m. the day of a game to participate. A pre-arranged excuse will be the only exception to this rule. Missing practice, excused or unexcused, will affect playing time.

TRANSPORTATION

Each player will ride the bus with the team to all away games. A player may only leave the game with their parent or legal guardian, and the parent or legal guardian must see the coach to sign his/her child out before leaving with the student.

COSTS

The fee for each sport is \$50.00; Football has an additional \$20.00 helmet reconditioning fee.

SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

Student spectators not accompanied by their parents who leave the gymnasium area (to include the bathroom and pay phone areas) will not be allowed to return. Students are expected to remain in their seats, leaving only during intermissions. CMS student spectators are not allowed to dress up or bring props to games. Parents are encouraged to attend with their student spectator. Students who commit behavioral infractions will not be allowed to attend future events unless a parent is present.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION / LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

We will have practice fire/lockdown drills during the school year. The fire alarm system, which is located throughout the building, is for our protection. All drills are to be taken seriously, because only through such precautions will we be familiar with the evacuation/lockdown procedures in case of a real emergency.

WHEN EVACUATING THE BUILDING, DO NOT STOP FOR UNNECESSARY DELAYS SUCH AS A DRINK AT THE WATER FOUNTAIN OR FOR GETTING A COAT.

RE: IMMUNIZATION

The Colorado School Entrance Immunization Law now requires **ALL** students to provide proof of immunization to attend school. A record must be presented when you register your child for school.

For 2017-2018 school year all students entering 6th Grade:

Will be required to have a dose of Tdap. Students who have received Tdap at an earlier age (minimum age to receive Tdap is 7 years) have already met this 6th grade Tdap requirement)

Non-medical exemption (religious and personal belief) will expire June 30th of every year. Non-medical exemptions are to be submitted annually at each new school year.

Please go to the Vaccine Exemption page at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption to obtain guidance regarding exemptions for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

Equal Opportunity

The Montrose County School District, RE-1J, is committed to equal opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, marital status, handicap, national origins, or ancestry, and that no person shall suffer discrimination with respect to employment, recruitment, selection, retention, promotions, educational programs, classes, services, or activities. This shall be applicable to employees, potential employees, parents, patrons, and students. Compliance officers are

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