

Lackawanna Middle School

Student & Parent Handbook

2018-19



Motivating Minds for Success

We are ALL in @LMS!!

This handbook belongs to:

Name _____

Grade _____

Middle School General Information for Handbook

Welcome to the Middle! Our middle school staff is working hard to raise the bar for all of our students. Raising the bar is a direct result of our staff members shared beliefs.

We believe all students must learn at high levels.

We make the collective commitment to ensure learning occurs for every student.

Our beliefs stem from our commitment to teacher collaboration to find the answers we know are in the room as we are professional educators. Our staff commitments are...

- ❖ Our staff will celebrate positive results that are reflected through positive growth.
- ❖ We encourage collaboration of ideas will be the force that drives us forward.
- ❖ As lifelong learners we will embrace the learning process.
- ❖ Clear rules, goals & expectations.
- ❖ We maximize class time through engaging lessons.
- ❖ We will communicate strategies for motivating students by developing grade level teams, collaborate & share ideas and create data system of practices for individual students.

Our guiding mantra is Motivating Minds for Success and we look forward to guiding our middle school students towards this direction. ~ Beth Schill (Principal), David Hall (Assistant Principal) and LMS Faculty & Staff.

2018-19 LMS BELL SCHEDULE

Breakfast Program: 7:15 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

ALL students are eligible for breakfast and there is no charge.

**There is no breakfast on days with a delay. Students not eating breakfast are not permitted in the school building prior to 7:25 a.m as there is no supervision.

<u>Period 1:</u>	7:30 – 8:16
<u>Period 2:</u>	8:19 – 9:01
<u>Period 3:</u>	9:04-9:46
<u>Period 4:</u>	9:49-10:31
<u>Period 5/6:</u>	10:34-11:16
<u>Period 6/7:</u>	11:07-11:49
<u>Period 8/9:</u>	11:52-12:34
<u>Period 10:</u>	12:37-1:19
<u>Period 11:</u>	1:22 – 2:04 Dismissal
Extra Help	2:04-2:34

Bus students may ride 2:30pm bus w/teacher permission only & 3pm bus with admin permission. Student names must be on the pink sheet handed into the office.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

It is the student's responsibility to be in school, and on time, every day.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that his/her child is on time every day.

Students will be considered in attendance if the student is:

- a) Physically present in the classroom or working under the direction of the classroom teacher during class scheduled meeting time; or
- b) Receiving approved alternative instruction

A legal absence includes sickness, death in the family, religious observation, quarantine, a court summons or a remedial health treatment prescribed by a physician. All other absences are marked in the state register as illegal.

1. A written note from the parent or guardian explaining the reason for any absence or tardiness should be brought to the attendance office.
2. Early dismissal is granted with a written request turned into the attendance office, signed by the parent or guardian containing an explanation, the specific time the student is to be dismissed, who will be picking up the student (must be listed on Emergency Contact Sheet) and a phone number where the parent can be reached, if necessary.

Only the nurse or prior written permission from a parent or guardian allows for an early student pick-up. Students may not call home during the day and ask to be picked up.

Any adult picking up a child from school must sign out with the attendance office or security. The adult must be listed on their Emergency Contact Sheet. If you need to update an Emergency Contact Sheet, please contact the main office.

Please call the Attendance Office by 7:30 A.M., on the morning of your child's absence to inform the school that he/she will not be in school.

*****The telephone number is: (716) 821-5610 ext 2922*****

LACKAWANNA MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

Based upon our districts education and community need, values, and priorities, the School District has determined that the absences, tardiness, and early departures will be considered excused or unexcused according to the following standards:

Excused Absence: An absence, tardiness, or early departure may be excused if due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance and the education pursuant to Commissioner's Regulations, religious holidays as determined by the Superintendent of Schools, quarantine, required court appearances, medical appointments, administratively approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs, military obligations, administratively approved school-sponsored activities, or other such reasons as may be approved by the Board of Education. Students with excused absences, tardiness, or early departures will be provided the opportunity to make up missed class work as further elaborated in this policy.

Unexcused Absence: An absence, tardiness, or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories (e.g., family vacation, hunting, babysitting, haircut, obtaining learner's permit, road test, oversleeping). Students with unexcused absences, tardiness, or early departures will not be provided the opportunity to make up missed class work.

Excuses: All absences require a written note, including date and reason for absence, from the parent/guardian on the student's day of return to school. Excuses may be verified for authenticity.

LACKAWANNA MDLE SCHOOL CLASSWORK MAKE-UP PROCEDURE

Students who are absent from class due to:

Participation in related services as recommended in the current IEP;

Building administration request; or

Participation in a school sponsored activity, are to arrange with their teacher to make up any work missed in a timely manner as determined by the student's teacher.

Upon returning to school following a properly excused absence, tardiness, or early departure, it shall be responsibility of the student to consult with his/her teacher(s) regarding arrangements to make up missed work, assignments and/or tests. Completed work must be submitted to the student's teacher no later than 5 days after the student's return to school. Alternate assignments, tests, and/or class work may be assigned at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

Tardiness: Students that arrive to school after 8:00 a.m. must report directly to the Attendance Office to sign in. The student is to bring a Tardy Note signed by a

parent/guardian. Car problems, oversleeping, and inexcusable personal reasons are not acceptable justifications for lateness.

Tardy Note: must be legible and include the student's full name, tardy date(s), the parent/guardian's full name, a phone number for the parent/guardian, the reason for the tardy.

Lateness: Those students who are persistently late to school will be subject to interventions that may include but are not limited to: Home visits, Counseling meetings, parent meeting with school personnel, CPS intervention, or progressive disciplinary measures.

GENERAL SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Students must be in their classroom when the late bell rings.

ALL STUDENTS will be expected to leave the building at 2:05 PM. unless they:

1. Are attending an extra-help/tutorial session;
Are participating in an organized athletic club activity or an after-school program;
2. Must remain for a school or classroom detention.

All students must be in an after school activity by 2:10 P.M. or will be escorted out of the school building.

HONOR ROLL

Lackawanna Middle School recognizes academic accomplishment. There is merit roll, honor roll, and high honor roll. Each one has its own criteria. When a student has consistent appearances on the merit, honor, or high honor roll, it increases their opportunity to take honors and advance classes. The requirements are:

High Honor Roll	94.5 +
Honor Roll	89.5 – 94.4
Merit Roll	84.5 – 89.4

HONORS BREAKFAST

Students are recognized for their academic performance, effort and attendance. The breakfast is conducted to celebrate achievements during the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters. Grades, teacher recommendation and meeting behavior expectations are used to determine qualification for the honors breakfast. Parents are highly encouraged to attend this event in May to reinforce the benefits of consistent hard work.

PROMOTION POLICY

Failure in two or more of the core subjects (math, ELA, science, social studies) may result in a student being retained at his/her present grade. Student retention decisions are not taken lightly and a committee of teachers will provide information to the building principal regarding each student's situation prior to the decision being made.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued four times during the school year, (every 10 weeks). They are intended to provide communication between teachers and parents. Numerical grades are used to indicate the level of academic performance in most subjects. A student's final average is based on their performance during the four marking periods and their final exam grade. A passing grade is 65. Report Cards and grades can be found on the Parent and Student Portals. Students are shown the student portal by guidance counselors and are encouraged to often check it to see missing assignments and current grades.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be issued at the mid-point (5 weeks) of each marking period to advise both parents and students of progress/difficulties in each subject area. They are also available on student and parent portals.

LACKAWANNA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Lackawanna Middle/High School Library is available for students to visit throughout the day. The best times for students to utilize the library for book selection is during their QUIPS class, when assigned by a teacher, or directly after school.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)

The goals and objectives of the National Junior Honor Society are to promote the four ideals: scholarship in our school, service to the community, leadership of the people, and character. The National Junior Honor Society accomplishes these goals by holding the students inducted into the society to high standards of academics, leadership, character and service. Our members volunteer in the community at various events in the city, set an example in school all while excelling academically.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks will be issued to every student at the beginning of the year. They are free of charge and the property of the Board of Education. Students are responsible for the condition of all books issued to them. Keep textbooks covered at all times. Be sure that the book is returned in the same condition in which it was received.

Each textbook assigned is numbered so that the student and teacher recognize the individual responsible. Teachers maintain a log that indicates when the textbook was issued, who it was issued to, and the book number. Students should keep textbooks free of writing. Students should keep books in a safe place to keep them from being lost or stolen. Lost or damaged textbooks must be paid for by the student at full cost. Report lost or stolen textbooks immediately to your teacher.

FIELDTRIPS

All students are allowed to go on walking fieldtrips without a permission slip. Notification home does need to occur between the teacher and the parent/guardian. Any fieldtrip requiring transportation requires a signed permission slip.

PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEOS

Individual student photographs and/or video are not allowed to be posted on any website or social media site without written permission from the parent/guardian. Students may be photographed or video taped for use within the school building unless a parent/guardian completes a form in the guidance office explicitly stating that photographs of the student are not allowed.

LOCKERS

Students are assigned individual lockers at the beginning of the school year. They must follow the district-wide behavioral expectations set forth in the Code of Conduct. The school administration reserves the right to search a student's locker as lockers are the property of the school and are loaned to the students for the time they are at the Middle School. A student cannot expect this locker to be free from inspection if the administration considers a search necessary to maintain the integrity of the school environment and to protect other students.

Students sometimes complain of articles missing from their lockers. In most cases, lost property is the result of carelessness. To avoid any loss of property, we strongly urge strict adherence to each of the following suggestions:

- Lockers are for your use only so do not share your combination.
- Keep your locker locked at all times. Test the lock after it is closed to make sure that it is locked.
- The school is NOT responsible for the loss of cell phones, Ipods or any other electronic devices and/or non-school related items. These items should be off and away during the day.

STUDENT ID CARDS

Students will receive an ID card after having their yearbook picture taken. It can be used as legal identification for cashing checks, attending events, or registrations.

CAFETERIA EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to follow behavioral expectations while using the cafeteria. It is important that our cafeteria is kept clean and neat at all times. Students may purchase up to two additional snack items. Eight students are allowed at a table unless special permission is granted from an adult. When more than 8 students sit at a table, an adult has the right to ask students to move from the table. The student(s) asked to move will be determined by the adult supervising the cafeteria.

All students must complete a lunch application. These applications are provided at the beginning of the school year in homeroom and the main office. They should be returned to your homeroom teacher or the main office.

BUS INFORMATION

Your child should be at his/her location (pick-up area) ten minutes before the pick-up

time. The school district's current bus transportation pick-up and drop-off areas will be sent in the mail prior to the beginning of the school year (contact the bus company with any questions). Students AM pick up will also be their PM drop off. Student must ride to and from school on their assigned bus. Students may not ride another bus for any reason.

Late buses at 2:30pm require a pass from the teacher supervising the student (pink sheet and bus pass). The 3:00pm bus requires a pass from an administrator.

*If you have moved, please go to District Office to complete Change of Address form.

If you have any other questions concerning transportation, please contact transportation at 716- 821-5615 ext 7768.

BUS BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to follow the district-wide behavioral expectations set forth in the Code of Conduct when riding a bus to and from Lackawanna Middle School. In addition to adhering to the Code of Conduct, below are some additional bus expectations:

- Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right.
- Students should adhere to all the driver's directions so that they are safe at all times.
- When entering or leaving the bus students should be respectful of others.
- Students should remain seated while the bus is in motion and be considerate by providing space for their peers as they enter the bus.
- Students should be courteous to the driver and their peers on the bus by keeping their hands and objects to themselves and speaking appropriately to one another.
- In order to maintain a clean and safe environment students should not eat or have open containers with liquids during their bus ride.
- As an extra safety precaution students should immediately move away from the bus when exiting.
- Late buses are provided only for bussing students who remain in school for after school activities; such as extra help, clubs and/or sports.
- Violation of bus rules may result in loss of bus privileges.

NURSES OFFICE

The school nurse is a registered nurse who is responsible for providing first aid and referrals for more serious injuries. She also supervises school physicals, administers hearing exams and monitors the immunization programs. Any health related issue is discussed and implemented by the nurse.

If a student feels ill or has an accident during the school day:

- The students should notify his/her teacher and request a pass to the school nurse.
- Report immediately to the Nurses office.

- The school nurse will diagnose the extent of the illness or apply first aid and, if necessary, notify a parent or guardian.
- Students who are required to take medication during the school day must have their parent/guardian bring their medication to the health office together with a note from their doctor and an Authorization to Dispense Medication in School Form.

Teachers and students are not permitted to contact parent/guardian regarding an illness unless permission is obtained from the Nurse or an administrator. Phone calls to pick up a student should ONLY come from the Nurse.

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION

Students must have proper immunizations in place or risk not being allowed to attend school.

WORKING PAPERS

For a student to obtain Working Papers, they must be 14 years of age. All working papers can be obtained through the main office with at least 48 hours notice. It is the student’s responsibility to have all necessary documents signed and returned to their respective places.

STUDENTS RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

We believe that by accepting and fulfilling appropriate responsibilities, individuals will come to value the privileges that result. It must be understood that with every right comes a responsibility.

<u>It is the Student’s Right:</u>	<u>It is the Student’s Responsibility:</u>
1) To attend school in the district in which his/her parent or legal guardian resides.	To attend school, daily, regularly and on time to perform assignments, and strive to do his/her highest quality work.
2) To expect that school will be a safe orderly and purposeful place for all students to gain an education and to be treated fairly.	To be aware of all rules and expectations regulating student’s behavior and conduct him/herself in accordance with these guidelines.
3) To be respected as an individual.	To be aware of all rules and expectations regulating student’s behavior and conduct him/herself in accordance with these guidelines
4) To express his/her opinions verbally or in writing.	To express his/her opinions and ideas in a respectful

	manner so as not to offend, slander, or restrict the rights and privileges of others.
5) To dress in such a way as to express his/ her personality.	To dress appropriately in accordance with the dress code in order to present oneself as a safe, respectful and responsible student.
6) To have an opportunity to present your version of the facts and circumstances in all disciplinary matters.	To be truthful and respectful when responding to authority.
7) To be afforded equal and appropriate educational opportunities.	To be aware of available educational programs in order to fully benefit from school.
8) To take part in all school activities on an equal basis regardless of race, sex, religion, age, political affiliation, sexual orientation, use of a recognized guide dog, hearing or service dog, national origin, or disability.	To work to the best of your ability in all academic and extracurricular activities, as well as being fair and supportive of others.
9) To have access to relevant and objective information concerning drug and alcohol abuse, as well as access to individuals or agencies capable of providing direct assistance to students with severe personal problems.	To be aware of the information and services available and to seek assistance in dealing with personal problems, when appropriate.
10) To be protected from discriminatory practices.	To refrain from participating in any discriminatory practices against others.
11) To have choices	To accept the consequences for these choices with our Code of Conduct.

PHONE CALLS

Students are expected to make plans with their parents before coming to school and to be responsible for bringing all necessary materials each day. This will eliminate the need to call home for lunches, instruments, materials, assignments, etc. or to make after school plans. In an emergency, parents may contact the main office to leave a message for their child. Students will not be pulled from class to speak to a parent. All student phones are off and away during the day.

TECHNOLOGY

All technology is to remain off and away during the day. Teachers may allow permission for a class to utilize personal technology for an academic purpose. Students are not allowed to wear headphones during the day at the middle school unless required by a class. All student phones that come to the office for any reason are confiscated until a parent picks up.

STUDENT DRESS STANDARDS

The responsibility for student dress and general appearance rests with individual students and parents. We do need to insure that students attend school or school-sponsored events in appropriate attire that meets health and safety standards and does not interfere with the learning process. We ask all student to adhere to the district dress policy found on page 10 of the District Code of Conduct.

Examples of prohibited wear described in the District Code of Conduct for Lackawanna Middle School are:

- Outer coats/jackets and hats
- Any article of clothing that is sexually suggestive, offensive, displays profanity or references drugs, alcohol or tobacco
- Under clothing or clothing that reveals the midriff and stomach areas
- Shorts that do not extend beyond the fingertips when standing
- See through clothing
- Backpacks, laptop bags, or any type of bag that goes over your back
- Spaghetti strap tops or dresses

LOST AND FOUND

Items will be maintained inside the middle school cafeteria. Periodically, unclaimed items will be removed from the cafeteria and donated in an effort to maintain found items. Electronics and eye glasses/contacts may be relocated to the middle school main office.

VISITORS

Welcome!! Please ring the buzzer located at the front door. ALL visitors are asked to go to the front desk to sign in. Please sign out prior to leaving the building. Visitors should have a prior appointment time set with the person he/she is visiting.

STUDENT ENTRY

Students will be allowed in the building at 7:15am for breakfast. All other students should arrive at 7:25am. There are no early entries into the building.

HONOR'S AND ADVANCED COURSES

Each student nominated for an honor's or advanced middle school subject should meet several criteria:

- ✓ Demonstration of outstanding motivation

- ✓ Demonstration of work/study habits, task commitment & organization skills
- ✓ Demonstration of a strong academic average in the content area
- ✓ Demonstration of strong standardized test scores
- ✓ Commitment to regular attendance
- ✓ Ability to effectively & efficiently work independently and in groups
- ✓ Parent support to pursue this experience

TESTING

Each year we publish the district and NYS Education Department testing schedule, in advance, so families can avoid scheduling vacations, doctors' appointments etc. at these times. We publish these dates in our quarterly newsletters as information becomes available us so there are no misunderstanding or conflicts. If your students is gravely ill on the day of the assessment and cannot report to school, a parent should call school before 8am to notify us.

SCHOOL STORE

The school store is open during most lunches and available to students. Your child can purchase a variety of school supplies at reasonable prices. Students may also purchase items with Steeler cash, part of our positive behavior initiative. The store is located in the middle school cafeteria. Parent volunteers are always welcome.

DISCIPLINE

As with any incident of student behavior, school administrators must exercise informed judgment as to whether a student's actions constitute an infraction of policy. Principals, teachers and staff may use varying levels of disciplinary consequences according to the level of misconduct and interpretation of related district policy.

Consequences should have the following characteristics:

Relevant = Meaningful to the student

Reliably Enforced = Provide in a consistent way

Related = Have direct connection to the misconduct

Respectful = Helpful, but not a "put down" to the student

The district code of conduct is our guide with any discipline issue. Parents and students should be well informed as to the expectations and consequences utilized in the code of conduct.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to adhere to all classroom rules. The rules will describe what students should and should not do in the classroom as well as their conduct in the hallways. Violations of the expectations will lead to referrals as well as informing parents of the incident and consequence. Multiple referrals could also lead to students participating in reteach during the PBIS events. To participate in any school event means that the student has met the expectations outlined in the classroom as well as our district code of conduct.

The specific behavior exhibited by the student will determine how a consequence is

enforced. Lackawanna Middle School will identify problem behaviors as; above the line, below the line or bottom line:

Above the Line Behaviors – are behaviors that meet middle school expectations

Respectful, Responsible, Follows directions, listens to adults, materials are ready, speaks respectfully

Below the Line– are behaviors that do not meet expectations and will be handled by a teacher

Preparedness, Calling out, Classroom disruption, Refusal to follow a reasonable request, Refusing to work, Inappropriate language, Inappropriate tone/attitude, Misuse of electronic devices, Dress Code Violation

Bottom Line Behavior – are intolerable acts that do not only meet expectations but can result in an in-school or out of school suspension and will be handled by an administrator

Weapons, Fighting or aggressive physical contact, Aggressive language, Threats, Cut class, Smoking, Vandalism, Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Failure to serve a teacher detention, Leaving school grounds, 3 minor offenses in 1 class, Failure to serve a principal detention

SKIPPING CLASS

At Lackawanna Middle School we value instructional time. Students who cut class miss the interactions that are necessary for their own understanding. A student cuts a class when they are not present for a scheduled class but are present in the building. Class cutting is a serious offense and will be subject to disciplinary action. If a student is given a pass to go to a specific location but decides to go to another location, it is an incident that is subject to the same disciplinary action as a class cut.

CELL PHONE VIOLATIONS

Students must keep all cell phones off and away during the day. If a parent must contact the student, all communication must be done through the main office. If a student violates the cell phone policy it may be confiscated by a teacher or administrator and only released to a parent or legal guardian. We are not responsible or liable for any cell phone.

SKIPPED TEACHER DETENTION

When a student does not meet classroom expectations, a teacher may issue them a teacher detention. If the student does not arrive at the scheduled detention the incident may cause a principal's detention.

TRESSPASSING

All students must follow the assigned schedule. Any student in a location that is not assigned is considered to be trespassing.

LACKAWANNA MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAMS

We are very excited to be able to offer modified soccer to our 7th and 8th grade students. 7th and 8th grade students may also try out for JV sports. All sports participation require a valid physical exam. Students must be academically and behaviorally eligible to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) is a school-wide program that is implemented in our building. The goal of the program is to get students to take ownership of the expectations in and out of the classroom and to recognize consequences for not meeting them. Much of the focus is on the positive behavior that students do and creating interventions for those that find it difficult to comply. PBIS consist of three support tiers that relate to school expectations.

Tier 1: Building-wide expectations that most students adhere to, such as being on time for class, listening to teacher directions, or speaking respectfully to staff members

Tier 2: Students who are experiencing difficulty with expectations are referred to a Tier 2 team. The team consists of grade level teachers who take the time to create a success plan for the student.

Tier 3: Students who need more intensive supports are referred to a Tier 3 team. This team examines the behavior and creates a plan that may include recommendations for outside support.

HALL SWEEPS are an example of Tier 1 interventions that is conducted throughout the school year. Student's caught in a hall sweep will receive re-teaching and a consequence determined by administration.

PBIS EVENTS

Students who consistently meet building-wide expectations are awarded an opportunity to participate in PBIS events. These events are scheduled at least once a quarter and are highly supported by our staff and administration. Students who do not meet expectations are obligated to a time of reteach. Students may then attend the end of events as we want all of our students to know that they are a valuable part of our school community.

PE ABSENCE/MEDICAL

Long-term absence from the physical education program requires a written statement from a physician. Long-term excuses (5 days or more) will be processed through the nurse's office in conjunction with the physical education office. A written report or project may be assigned to students who have long-term absences.

Temporary absence from the physical education program (1-4 days) requires a written statement from the parent/guardian or physician and is given directly to the physical education instructor. All students excused from physical education will remain assigned to the gym class.

DASA (BULLYING)

The Board of Education of the Lackawanna Public Schools is committed to providing an educational environment that promotes respect, dignity, and equality. The board recognizes that acts of discrimination and harassment, including bullying, taunting, or intimidation, are detrimental to student learning and achievement. These behaviors interfere with the mission of the district to educate its students and disrupt the operation of its schools. Such behavior affects not only the students who are its targets, but also those individuals who participate in, and witness such acts. To this end, the board condemns and strictly prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment, including bullying, taunting or intimidation, against students by students and/or employees on school property, which includes (among other things) school buses, and at school functions, which means school sponsored, extra-curricular events or activities.

The Dignity Act prohibits discrimination and/or harassment of students on school property and at school functions by students and/or employees. However, harassment can include, among other things, the use, both on and off school property, of information technology, including, but not limited to, email, instant messaging, blogs, chat rooms, pagers, cell phones, gaming systems and social media websites, to deliberately harass or threaten others. This type of harassment is generally referred to as cyberbullying. Effective July 1, 2013, the New York State Legislature passed an amendment to the Dignity for All Students Act to specifically address cyberbullying. The Lackawanna Public Schools prohibit any form of cyberbullying as harassment or bullying that occurs through any form of electronic communication, including off school property where there is a foreseeable risk of substantial disruption with the school environment.

All harassment and bullying incidents as defined in our district Code of Conduct will be taken extremely serious and result in disciplinary action. We encourage all students to report any form of harassment or bullying to staff or administration.

TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are available upon request. Please contact your child's guidance counselor. Please note that conferences must be scheduled according to teacher availability during non-instruction time. Teaching time will not be interrupted. It is hoped that these conferences will:

- a. contribute to improved student learning.
- b. clarify intended learning outcomes.
- c. provide feedback concerning learning progress.
- d. provide suggestions for overcoming learning difficulties.
- e. contribute positively to the student's motivation to improve achievement.

WAYS TO CONNECT ON LINE

- Go to: <https://steelerslms.edublogs.org> Look for announcements, stories, and events from the middle school.
- Remind - This is a notification tool to send text messages and emails to parents as reminders of events or changes in schedules. Registration is free and your cell number and email is not shared amongst users. To sign onto this tool, simply text @lmsprin to 81010 or to receive email messages only, send an email to lmsprin@mail.remind.com, leaving the subject line blank.

Please feel free to call the main office with any questions or concerns.

716- 821-5610