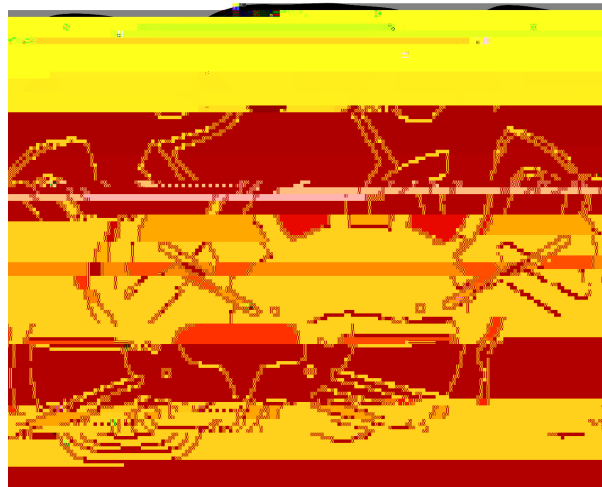


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Dear

We encourage students to arrive by 7:25 a.m. so that they may have time to get their breakfast, get to class on time, unpack, and be ready for the day.

- Students in grades K-2 and those wishing to eat breakfast will enter the front door.
- Students in grades 3-5 who do not wish to eat breakfast will go up the front steps to the second floor door.
- Students not eating breakfast will wait in the hallway until the bell rings at 7:25.
- Students eating breakfast will eat in the cafeteria. Once they have finished eating, they will report to the hallway outside of their classroom.
- Students who arrive after 7:25am who wish to eat breakfast will grab a breakfast to take with them to their classrooms.

- Do not drop students off before the doors open at 7:05.
- All car riders will need to stay in the car line. There will not be parking in front of the school or the teacher parking lot.
- To keep the traffic moving, please have students ready to exit the car. We can unload 3 cars at a time.
- Remember that the bus has priority to load/unload in the circular driveway.
- Do not go around the bus while it is loading or unloading. This is considered passing a stopped school bus and is punishable by law.
- Only make a right turn out of the parking lot.

All Gaston County schools are required to file an Asbestos Management Plan. The annual school inspection reports are available for review.

days.

We will use the "Parent Link" calling program to contact parents when absences occur. Please contact the school if your phone numbers change, so that we may contact you. Please observe the following procedures regarding necessary absences:

- All absences are coded unexcused until a note is brought to school.
- A note/e-mail must be sent to the teacher WITHIN 3 days of absence stating: child's name, date(s) & reason for absence.
- Excused absences: personal illness, family illness, quarantine, death in the family, court, doctor's appointment, and religious holidays.

Our School Social Worker will be in contact with families if student at , abllawi

3. Third Offense - Loss of bus riding privilege for 3 days.
4. Fourth Offense - Loss of bus riding privilege for 5 days or possibly for the remainder of the year.

For offenses that seriously hinder safety of self or the safety of others such as fighting and moving throughout the bus while it is in motion, an immediate bus suspension may be given without warning.

Riding a bus is a privilege. Improper behavior on the bus will result in loss of that privilege.

**** Thank you for understanding that North Carolina State Law prevents us from allowing outside food from restaurants or fast food establishments to be brought into the cafeteria during breakfast or lunch. This is a law we strictly enforce.**

The cafeteria operates independently from our school in that any questions about your child's lunch account or meals served should be directed to the Cafeteria Manager. Only the manager has access to lunch accounts.

Breakfast is served each morning. Students who arrive at school tardy will be offered breakfast, but the options will be limited after 7:35am. In the event of a one or two hour delay, breakfast will still be available.

All students are encouraged to eat a hot lunch provided by Gaston County School Nutrition.

- This school year, Gaston County Schools will go back to the school nutrition model used before the pandemic, where only families who complete specific paperwork have the chance to qualify for free/reduced priced breakfast and lunch.
 - Applications are available in the school office, cafeteria and at Gaston County School Nutrition in Lowell.
 - Only one application is required per family and will be sent home in students' back to school packets.
 - Applications should be returned to the cafeteria manager at the school or to Gaston County Schools Nutrition 500 Reid St., Lowell, NC 28098.
 - All households must submit a new application and be processed each year for benefits to continue after the first 30 calendar days of the new school year.
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- Breakfast \$1.40
 - Lunch \$2.90
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- Check, cash, or money order can be accepted in the school cafeteria. Checks should be made payable to McAdenville Elementary School.
 - Parents/Guardians may utilize the Family Portal Link <https://family.titank12.com/AEPULG> to pay with their credit or debit card.
 - Parents/Guardians may restrict or prohibit the purchase of meals or snacks by submitting a "Purchase Account Limits" form. (Available on the GCS web page in the School Nutrition section, and must be renewed annually.)
 - Students who do not have money to pay for their meals may charge a meal if their account has not exceeded \$14.50.
 - Students who do not have money to pay for their meal and have exceeded the \$14.50 charge limit will be given a complimentary alternate meal upon request.

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- All students will have a chromebook assigned to them on the first day of school.
- Students should bring their chromebook to school with them daily. The charger should stay at home.
- Students are responsible for their chromebook while at school and at home.

Both the Gaston County Schools' web site , GCS Facebook Page, and Time Warner Cable Channel 21 provide updated information about events happening in our school system. These are important resources for inclement weather reporting (weather delays).

The student planner will be used not only to keep up with assignments, but also to inform you about student behavior and as a tool to build responsibility and self-reliance as students learn os

Parents who have custody issues should inform the school. We ask that you send a copy of any court documents so that we may enforce any judgment

- Harassment - Code of Conduct Rule 17 and Rule 25
- Disrespect to faculty/staff (major) - Code of Conduct Rule 1 and Rule 12
- Communicating Threats - Code of Conduct Rule 3 and Rule 4
- Tobacco possession - Code of Conduct Rule 15
- Property Damage - Code of Conduct Rule 8
- Inappropriate Items on School Property (ie weapons) - Code of Conduct Rule 13
- Theft - major (electronic device, purse/wallet) - Code of Conduct Rule 9
- Repeated School Violations (repeated above the line offenses)- Code of Conduct Rule 19

On the first day of school, teachers will need to know how your child will be getting home that day as well as for the rest of the year. If changes need to be made regarding how your child will be getting home from school, those changes need to be made in writing.

Walkers

- Walkers will be dismissed starting at 2:05 p.m. Any students walking will need to be picked up at the end doors. Family members should wait on the sidewalk for your child as they exit the building. A staff member will walk your child to the end doors so they can be picked up prior to the traffic moving. For safety purposes, the doors will remain closed.
 - Cramerton Police Crossing Guard will escort the parent and student across the road.
 - This procedure is for walkers only. If you are in a vehicle, you will be asked to get in the car line. No one is to park and pick up a student as a walker.
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- Car riders will be dismissed right after the walkers starting at around 2:10 p.m. All car riders will exit the building from the back of the school.
 - We will be loading 10 cars at a time. Cramerton police and McAdenville Elementary School staff will dismiss cars when loaded, with traffic flowing in a northerly direction.
 - Cars should line up at the back of the school.
 - Families will be provided 2 car tags at the beginning of the year. Families who need more than 2 car tags are asked to see the office for additional tags. This car tag is to be displayed on the rearview mirror each day. A child will not be dismissed in the car circle without the proper identification. If you do not have your tag, you will be asked to present a picture ID. This is for the safety of our students.
 - School staff will escort your children to the passenger side of the vehicle
 - Cars wishing to head south to Wilkinson Blvd. after loading children are asked to use the traffic roundabout. You can only make a right turn out of the parking lot.
 - There is no parking in front of the school between 1:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m.
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- Students who are cared for after school hours by local daycare establishments will be subject to the expectations that company holds for using their transportation.
 - While waiting for the daycare to pick them up, students are expected to wait in their classroom.
 - A staff member will escort the students to the daycare vans.

Our school is participating in an important initiative. It is called Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS).

What is Positive Behavior Interventions and Support?

PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior plans for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or curriculum. It is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and students can learn.

What is PBIS at our school?

We have adopted a unified set of school rules that define our expectations for

the following months regarding student progress. The principal reserves the right to make the final determination in promotion or retention.

As a means to measure your child's academic success, interim reports and report cards are sent home quarterly. Each 4½ weeks interim reports show areas of growth and areas for growth.

meets with students only after approval by parents. They are provided through a partnership with a local mental health agency.

Tardies will be coded unexcused unless a doctor's note is presented. Traffic can be particularly congested in the morning, so please plan to leave home early enough so that your child can arrive at school on time. A student's job is school.

Appointments need to be scheduled so that students do not miss instruction.

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- All parents must be approved volunteers to assist in classrooms, , or help with school activities.
- Approved volunteers must re-activate their application and update their information online each year.
- Becoming a volunteer is easy. Simply go to the GCS website at www.gaston.k12.nc.us. Click on the Communities tab to complete an online application and background check.
- A short orientation session will be required. Orientation sessions are held weekly throughout the school year at the Gaston County Schools office.

If families find that during the school year they need to

Dear Parents,

Please read and review the Student/Parent Handbook as well as the *Gaston County Code of Student Conduct* with your child and discuss it with him or her. All students, regardless of their age, should have some age appropriate knowledge of our school expectations after discussing the handbook content.

Please complete the following below and return it to your child's teacher tomorrow.

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