

## Questions and Answers from 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

### **Environment**

**Bullies:** Biggest problem we have is rumor spreading and gossip. There is not a lot of physical bullying. There is also some electronic “cyber” bullying: Snapchat, Instagram, cell phones, etc.

Best Ways to stop bullying:

- Don't believe/or repeat things that you hear other people saying.
- If it does not involve you, keep out of it
- If you have nothing nice to say, keep quiet...THIS INCLUDES ALL SOCIAL MEDIA
- If you see someone is being repeatedly made fun of or hurt, TELL AN ADULT
- Be part of the solution not the problem

**Friends:** What to look for in a friend?

- Keeps your secrets unless you are in danger
- Says good things about other people (if your friend is saying bad things about other people to you, he/she is saying bad things about you to other people)
- Makes good behavior choices both in the classroom and outside the classroom
- Makes you feel good about yourself
- Be willing to talk to anyone...sometimes the quiet person in the corner will turn into your best friend

**Fights:** How do you NOT get into a fight?

- Keep your nose out of things that are none of your business
- Do not talk badly about other people
- If you think there is about to be a fight, walk away and tell an adult
- There are few physical fights at Powell Middle!

### **Hallway Supervision:**

Security Cameras: There are security cameras everywhere but inside the bathrooms

Teachers: Teachers monitor the hallways between classes

**School Counselors:** How do you see the school counselor?

Students can complete a self-referral on the School Counselor Canvas Pg..

Students can also fill out a counselor referral form, from one of their teachers, and the counselor will call for them.

If it is an emergency/someone is in danger, student should notify closest adult immediately

2 School Counselors: Mrs. Chopin and Mrs. Williamson

## **Rules**

**Cell Phones:** Must be kept off and put away as soon as you enter the building.

- If student caught with phone out, teacher takes phone and turns it into the office and parent must pick up
- Repeated offenses can result in disciplinary action

**Dress Code:** Full dress code is on the school and county website.

- Belly must be covered
- Back must be covered
- Shoulders must be covered
- Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh
- No chains
- No sagging pants
- No hats or sunglasses inside the building
- Holes in jeans must be below mid-thigh
- Leggings and yoga pants must be worn with a shirt or top that reaches mid-thigh

**Other Rules:**

- All electronics must be shut off and put away as soon as you enter the building
- No skate boards
- No gum
- Keep hands, feet, and all negative comments to yourself
- If students are fighting, all involved students will receive OSS regardless of who started it
- Be where you are supposed to be at all times (do not leave class without teacher permission)
- Be respectful to everyone in the school

## **Classes**

- 6th grade students only have classes with other 6<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Do not have to change clothes for Gym class – only need running shoes
- All your classes will have different people in them
- Classes have 20-25 students
- Depending on the teacher, if you get your work done in class, there is very little homework.
- Related Arts classes (art, music, P.E., health) change every 9 weeks
- You are encouraged to choose 1 Elective Related Arts class (Chorus, Band, Advanced Art) which will be the same all year long. Once you choose that class, you must stay for the whole year.
- If you do not choose a Yearlong Elective RA, you will repeat P.E., Health, General Art and General music multiple times with no options for change.