



# **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

*It is important that everyone is familiar with the policies, procedures, and expectations at Meeker Middle School. An extended version of this handbook is available online.*

## **MEEKER BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

Meeker Middle School students are held to the same standards and expectations in order to help everyone be safe and successful. Students who meet expectations, without issues, are considered "in good standing" and enjoy all of the privileges of being a Meeker student. Students who struggle to meet expectations may lose certain privileges or face other disciplinary consequences.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

- Students should be in class, on time, every period, every day. Exceptions to this should come with a note from a parent/guardian or staff member.
- Student absences should be reported to the attendance office by a parent/guardian by contacting [MKattendance@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:MKattendance@kent.k12.wa.us) or calling 253-373-7284.
- Students who are absent or arrive at school two hours after school starts are not eligible for after-school activities or sports that day.
- Planned absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals should be arrived ahead of time, when possible.
- Being tardy means a student is NOT in their seat when the bell rings. Dropping off a backpack then heading to a locker or the bathroom does NOT count as being in class on time.

### **DRESS EXPECTATIONS:**

- All clothing must be modest with NO indecent exposure.
- No inappropriate messages (e.g., tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances, weapons, vulgar words/slogans, confederate flag, sexual innuendo).
- Gang related attire is prohibited.
- No hoods may be worn during the school day
- Sunglasses may not be worn (covering students' eyes) during the
- Ski masks (including balaclavas) are not to be worn at any time on campus.
- Cloth, surgical, and K/N-95 masks designed to protect against viruses are permitted.

### **CELL PHONES & PERSONAL DEVICES**

- Cell phones and personal electronic devices (earbuds, Switches, etc.) may NOT be used during class or instructional time.
- Cell phones and personal electronic devices MAY be used during a student's assigned lunch - IN THE CAFETERIA - and before/after school.
- Meeker Middle School is NOT responsible for lost or stolen cell phones or personal electronic devices and may NOT redirect resources to find personal student items. We STRONGLY discourage students from bringing cell phones and personal items of value to school and encourage students to store them in individual lockers if they do.
- Parents may contact students through the main office by calling 253-373-7284

#### *MISCELLANEOUS*

- No item that resembles ANY type of weapon may be brought to school or on a student's person. This includes water guns, fake knives, laser pointers, rubber-band guns, Nerf guns, etc. Any student with items such as these may face stern disciplinary consequences for disrupting the learning environment.*
- Skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, etc. should be locked and stored away during the school day.*
- No food deliveries (including UberEats or DoorDash) are permitted during the school day. This includes special events such as Valentine's Day and birthdays.*
- Students must have an eHall Pass or signed pass anytime they are out of class during instructional time.*