

FMMS STUDENT HANDBOOK – QUICK REFERENCE 2011-12

OUR HISTORY

Faircrest Memorial Middle School was completed in January of 1970. The school was named Faircrest because of its location on Faircrest Street in the heart of the Canton South community. The Memorial portion of the school name is to pay honor and tribute to those men and women from the Canton South area that gave their lives in the Vietnam conflict, as well as to recognize those who served and whose lives were spared.

It is with the deepest respect and reverence that we list here and also on appropriate school plaques, the names of those who paid the dearest price ever that we may enjoy our many freedoms.

IN HONORED MEMORY OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY

Army Nurse 1st Lt. Sharon A. Lane
Army Sgt. William J. Greavu
Army Spec. 4 William R. Masters
Army Spec. 4 Larry L. Rogers
Army Pfc. Fred D. Penland
Army Pfc. David L. Brooks
Marine Pfc. Frank R. Sills
Navy Lt. Leonard J. Schoeppner
Marine Pfc. Benjamin F. Stoffer II

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Students can enter the building at 7:25 a.m. Upon entering, they are to report directly to the cafeteria to pick up breakfast or go directly to homeroom. Students entering the building after 7:40 a.m. are considered tardy and must go to the office for an admission slip.

LEAVING SCHOOL

Parents/guardians must report to the office. For your protection, parents or guardians are required to show an ID and sign the register form in the office to officially release students into their custody.

HOME WALKERS

Home walkers are required to fill out a home walking card. For reasons of safety, walking to school is discouraged. Students transported to school by bus are NOT permitted to walk unless a parent sends a note giving permission. Students being picked up after school also must bring a note of permission. Home walkers and after-school pickups are released at the east entrance after busses have exited the building grounds.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Notification of Absence

If a student is absent from school:

- a. Parent/guardian should notify the school BEFORE 8:30 AM of the reason.
- b. Required: A written note shall be submitted to the school upon the day of return or a direct phone call made to school personnel documenting the reason for the excuse.
No written excuses or direct phone calls will be accepted beyond the 3rd school day following the absence. The absence will then become unexcused.
- c. Any doctor's excuse should be submitted within 3 days of the absence or it will not be accepted.

*Students with a chronic health condition, causing repeated absences, must submit to the school, a verification health statement from a registered physician each school year. If a health condition causes a student to be absent more than **10 days/year**, the student must be seen by a physician to be considered "excused".*

Medical and Dental Appointments

Parent/guardian notification must be given to the school to excuse a student for appointments. A medical note should accompany the student upon return. An appropriate amount of time will be granted when excusing a student to attend the appointment. If the absence exceeds 2 hours, the student will be marked as ½ day absent.

Extra-Curricular Attendance

Students must be in attendance for ½ day (11:00 AM) to participate in extracurricular activities, co-curricular activities, practices, and games on that school day.

Make-up Work Policy

Excused Absence: Students will be permitted the length of the absence plus one day

Unexcused Absence: Credit will not be assigned for missed work

Tests: Students will be required to take a missed test/exam the day the student returns to school. Special exemptions may be granted by the teacher.

Absence/Tardy Arrival and Departure Time

- a. Students arriving after the tardy bell will be considered tardy and must receive a tardy pass from the office to enter class.
- b. Students arriving 2 hours after the starting time will be considered absent ½ day AM.

- c. Students leaving after 9:30 and remaining out will be considered absent all day.
- d. Students leaving after 11:30 and remaining out all day will be considered absent ½ day PM.

Unexcused Tardy to School/Class Period

Beginning with the 4th tardy to school or class period, students will be issued a consequence by the building administrator. Repeated violations may be subject to more severe discipline.

ATHLETICS

Courtesy, cooperation, respect and consideration of one's fellow students and teachers are a must as the athlete represents his or her school. Any student who is under penalty of discipline or whose conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon Faircrest, may be removed from participation by the athletic director, coach or principal.

Interscholastic competition is provided in the following sports:

<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
Volleyball - 7,8	Football - 7,8
Basketball - 7,8	Basketball - 7,8
Track - 7,8	Track - 7,8
Cross Country – 7,8	Cross Country – 7,8
Cheerleading - 7,8	Wrestling - 7,8

ELIGIBILITY

A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and receive passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five of those subjects in which the student received grades.

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five of all subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

PHYSICALS

Each year students must have a physical examination in order to participate in inter-scholastic athletics. Physicals are good for one calendar year. The school will attempt each spring to contact a local doctor and provide an opportunity at school to obtain the physicals.

CAFETERIA

All students have the option of paying daily when going through the line or depositing money into a lunch account. Deposits should be done the first day of each week or monthly upon entering the building in the a.m. The cost for breakfast is \$1.50 and a regular lunch is \$2.50. Free and reduced lunch forms are available in our school office for those in need. Paperwork must be submitted and approved before discount can begin.

CLINIC

Faircrest is equipped with a health clinic to take care of minor first aid problems. A district health counselor (RN) spends some time in each building each week and is on call in an emergency situation. No medicines or treatments (except first aid when necessary) are administered. All prescription and nonprescription drugs must be delivered to the school by a parent/guardian. Completed forms from the back of the district handbook must also be turned into the office.

HONOR ROLL AND MERIT ROLL

HONOR ROLL

Pupils are accorded nine weeks Honor Roll status if their grade point average is 3.5 or above and no D, F, or I grades are received in any subject.

MERIT ROLL

Pupils are accorded nine weeks Merit Roll status if their grade point average is 3.0 to 3.49 and no D, F, or I grades are received in any subject.

LOCKERS

Lockers are the property of the Board of Education and made available to the students on loan. The school has the right to inspect a student's locker when it is felt necessary in order to preserve the order and educational environment of the school.

HALL LOCKERS

Hall lockers are provided to store books, supplies and clothing. Personal valuables that serve no useful purpose at school should be left at home. **Money, purses, or items of value should not be kept in hall lockers.** The school office when necessary can hold these items. Examples of items not permitted to be brought to school include radios, CD players, ipods, cameras, electronic games and cell phones. Personal locks are not permitted on lockers.

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| 1. Present and on time for class | 1. Engaged in learning |
| 2. Prepared for class | 2. Respectful of others |
| 3. Completes quality assignments | 3. Follow student conduct code |
| 4. Collaborative worker | |

GYM LOCKERS

A gym locker and lock is assigned for physical education class. All clothing and valuables should be **locked** in this locker during and after gym class. It is the student's responsibility to use gym lockers and the locks provided.

LOST AND FOUND

Please return all lost and found articles to the "lost and found" in the main office. We would like to impress upon each of you to respect your fellow students' personal belongings.

TELEPHONE

The office and classroom phones are primarily for school business but may be used by students when emergencies exist. Staff permission must be requested. Board policy states that students are not permitted to have cell phones at school.

SMART AND GOOD BEHAVIOR PLAN

The basic philosophy of this plan is to help students make **Smart** achievement choices and **Good** behavior choices.

Smart and **Good** expectations are listed below. As students meet classroom expectations, they will be rewarded with the opportunity to participate in two fun activities each nine weeks, one in the middle and one at the end. If expectations are not being met, consequences are in place to help students reflect on the poor choices they are making. These **Smart** and **Good** life choices will also be reported on quarterly interims and report cards.

Now would be an excellent time to have a conversation with your child about their current level of learning and to help them set some **Smart** and **Good** goals.

Classroom consequences include warnings, lunch detentions, afterschool detentions and office referrals. Office referral consequences include detentions, in-school HOPE suspensions, and out of school suspensions.

Teachers will be in contact if concerns about your child's **Smart** or **Good** choices should arise.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODE

The purpose of the student discipline code is to provide a safe learning environment for all students and school employees.

The complete discipline code can be found in the Canton Local District Handbook.

STUDENT DRESS STANDARDS

General Guidelines

- Clothing must be safe, neat, in good repair, in good taste and must be worn appropriately.
- Clothing intended for outside wear, including jean jackets and hats, may not be worn in the classroom.
- Clothing and jewelry bearing patches, drawings, or sayings (stated or implied) which refer to drugs, violence, weaponry, alcohol, tobacco, sex, obscenities, symbols of death, gangs, or cults or reflect discrimination, prejudice, bigotry, hatred are not permitted.
- Any student wearing clothing and/or accessories so extreme that it disrupts the orderly process of the school will be required to change his/her attire.
- Males may not wear earrings.
- No body or facial piercings are permitted by males or females.
- Tattoos are not permitted to be visible and must be covered.
- Chain wallets are not permitted. Chain belts and large metallic chains worn as jewelry are not allowed.

Hair

- Hair for female students shall be neat and clean and shall not be worn covering the eyes.
- Hair for male students shall be neat and clean and shall not be worn covering the eyes, in a ponytail, or extending beyond the bottom of the regular shirt collar.
- Males shall be clean-shaven at all times. Neatly trimmed mustaches, which do not extend below the lip line are acceptable. Side burns shall not extend more than one inch below the ear lobe. Beards are not permitted.
- Punk-look colored hair, wigs, and extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Sweatbands, scarves and bandanas covering the hair are not permitted.

Clothing

- Bare midriffs and tube tops are not permitted.
- Sweat suits and sweat pants are not permitted at the middle school and high school.
- A blouse or other appropriate garment must be worn over a tank top, or tank top style sundress.
- Illustrated patches may not be worn unless they are for repair and are not in sharp contrast to the pants.
- Skirts, dresses and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh.

- Skirts, shorts and pants must be worn at the natural waistline. Undergarments must be covered by outerwear.
- Shorts shall meet the following criteria: no spandex, Speedo, or tight-fitting shorts are permitted.

Important Clarifications

*Holes in pants, shorts, and skirts are not permitted.

*The easiest way to test for shorts and skirts is to ask your child to hang their arms to their sides. Shorts and skirts must be longer than fingertip length.

*No spaghetti strap or tank top style shirt is appropriate for school unless covered by a blouse or other appropriate garment.

*Due to the fact that styles and fads change, it is impossible to anticipate and list all areas where a decision on “extreme” and “acceptable” will need to be made.