



LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Handbook

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

2021– 2022

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Students,

Welcome to **Lakes Middle School**. Many of you will have a chance to renew old acquaintances, but better yet, to make new friends. We are happy to have the opportunity to work together this year to provide some new experiences for you.

As the year progresses, you will find several opportunities for involvement in school activities. Don't be afraid to try a new sport, join a new activity, or get involved in some other way at school. Remember you are here to learn and experience new things. The more we work together, the more pleasant your year will be. Don't hesitate to get help from your teachers, counselors or building administrators. This student handbook is designed to acquaint you with useful and important information about Lakes Middle School. Let it be a guide for your contributions to a more successful year!

Lakes Administration

Mr. Jeff Bengtson, Principal

Mr. Aaron Drake, Assistant Principal

Lakes Middle School “High Fives”

“High Fives”

In an effort to create a positive, safe, and caring environment, where student learning is a priority, Lakes Middle School has established five guidelines for all of our students and staff.

Those “High Fives” include:

Be Safe Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Kind Be Prepared

We have identified nine locations on school grounds where these “High Fives” will be taught: The classroom, hallway, library, bathroom, bus area, cafeteria, outside, gymnasium, and assemblies. During the first week of school, all teachers will dedicate some time to model the “High Fives” for each of the locations.

Anti-Bully Rules

- We will not bully others
- We will try to help students who are bullied
- We will try to include students who are left out
- If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home

COEUR D’ALENE SCHOOL DISTRICT 271 (INVEST • INSPIRE • INNOVATE)

Mission We invest in each student to prepare, challenge and advance well-educated, resilient and future-ready citizens.

Vision

Coeur d’Alene Public Schools is an education leader, promoting opportunities for innovation in learning and inspiring excellence in everyone.

Lakes 2021-2022 Bell Schedule

(Monday- Collaboration)

<u>40-45 Instructional minutes</u>	
9:00-9:30	Advisory
9:35-10:20	1st Period
10:25-11:10	2nd Period
11:15-12:00	3rd Period
12:00-12:30	1st Lunch
12:05-12:45	4th Period
12:45-1:15	2nd Lunch
12:35-1:15	5th Period
1:20-2:00	6th Period
2:05-2:45	7th Period

(Weather Related Late Start)

<u>40-45 Instructional minutes</u>	
9:35-10:20	1st Period
10:25-11:10	2nd Period
11:15-12:00	3rd Period
12:00-12:30	1st Lunch
12:05-12:45	4th period
12:45-1:15	2nd Lunch
12:35-1:15	5th Period
1:20-2:00	6th Period
2:05-2:45	7th Period

(Tuesday-Thursday)

<u>60 Instructional minutes</u>	
7:50-8:50	1st Period
8:55-9:55	2nd Period
10:00-11:00	3rd Period
11:00-11:30	1st Lunch
11:05-12:05	4th Period
12:05-12:35	2nd Lunch
11:35-12:35	5th Period
12:40-1:40	6th Period
1:45-2:45	7th Period

(Friday-AM Advisory)

<u>55 Instructional minutes</u>	
7:50-8:15	Advisory
8:20-9:15	1st Period
9:20-10:15	2nd Period
10:20-11:15	3rd Period
11:15-11:45	1st Lunch
11:20-12:15	4th Period
12:15-12:45	2nd Lunch
11:50-12:45	5th Period
12:50-1:45	6th Period
1:50-2:45	7th Period

Lakes Middle School Staff 2021-2022

Lakes Middle School Staff 2021-2022		
Office Staff		Paraprofessionals
Mr. Jeff Bengtson	Principal	Mr. Steve Bartlett
Mr. Aaron Drake	Assistant Principal	Ms. Linda Bauer
Mrs. Jennifer Zaike	Counselor (A-G)	Mrs. Kelli Booterbaugh
Mrs. Emma Young	Counselor (H-O)	Mr. Mason Hartwell
Ms. Natalie Taylor	Counselor (P-Z)	Mrs. Dedra Anderson
Ms. Leanne Bullamore	School Nurse	Ms. Emily Castle
Mrs. Michele Torres	Office Secretary	Ms. Nichole Redl
Mrs. Ann Carver	Office Manager/Asst Treasurer	
Ms. Amy Howland	Registrar/Attendance	
Ms. Rachel Meyer	School Psychologist	Librarian
Mrs. Alicia Johnson	Speech/Language Pathologist	Ann Wyttree
Mrs. Dani Gray	Career and College Counselor	
Certified Staff: 8th Grade		Custodian
Mrs. Traci Lewis	Math	Mr. Carl Hosking Lead
Mr. Marcus Ross	Math	Mr. Gary Williams-Night Custodian
Mrs. Margo Swanson	Language Arts	
Mrs. Ali Mancha	Language Arts	
Mrs. Tanya Lilley	Social Studies	Food Service
Mr. Chad Booth	Social Studies	Ms. Dee Tridle
Mrs. Liz Smith	Science	Ms. Heather Waites
Mr. Ron Meier	Science	Mrs. Amber Drechsel
Mr. Thomas Barnett	Design Tech, Jr. Eng., TV271	Mrs. Aimee Wright
Certified Staff: 7th Grade		Ms. Shilo Harwood
Mrs. Julia Smulkowski	Math	
Mrs. Nicole Symons	Math	
Mrs. Jennifer Nelson	Language Arts	Student Support Center
Ms. Mary Hamilton	Language Arts	Ms. Katherine Cline
Mr. William Vaughan	Social Studies	
Mrs. Tanya Lilley	Social Studies	Student Resource Officer
Mrs. Stacey Doerr	Spanish	Officer Josh Reneau
Mrs. Annette Brennan	Science	
Mrs. Liz Smith	Science	
Mrs. Becky Orchard	Health	
Certified Staff: 6th Grade		
Mrs. Maddie Emerick	Language Arts/Science	
Ms. Josie Miller	Language Arts/ Science	
Mrs. Sydney Smyly	Language Arts/Social Studies	
Mrs. Lisa Barnett	Language Arts/Social Studies	
Mrs. Linley Devlin	Math	
Ms. Kristin Odenthal	Math	
Mrs. Tammy Waldo	Social Studies	
Mr. Jason Shanley	Science	
Mrs. Stacey Doerr	Language Arts	
Certified Staff: Special Education		
Mrs. Karen Toomey	Special Education-6 th Grade	
Mrs. Jontie Meehan	Special Education-7 th & 8 th Grade	
Mrs. Kathryn Lillie	Special Education-7 th & 8 th Grade	
Mrs. Christy Crowley	Special Education- 7 th & 8 th Grade	
Mr. Aaron Fox	Therapeutic Support Classroom	
See more on next page....		

Certified Staff: Elective		
Mr. Jonathon Madrid	Band, Orchestra	
Ms. Kimberly Cunningham	Choir	
Mr. Nick Lieggi	Woodshop	
Mr. Roy Carlson	PE, Weights & Fitness	
Mrs. Summer Kaurin	PE	
Ms. Cailyn Knudtsen	Art, Yearbook	

Lakes Middle School (General Information)

Administration/Staff

The administration and staff at Lakes Middle School are dedicated to making your educational experience as positive and rewarding as possible. You will see the administration and staff at various times during the school day visiting with students. It is their hope that if they can be of any assistance to you that you will let them know. It is through this “open” communication that many of your questions can be answered and many problems avoided!

Expected Behavior in School

- * Respect for staff and fellow students
- * Respect for school property (Help us take care of it).
- * Proper language in the school at all times
- * Orderly conduct in the building and on the grounds
- * Harassment and bullying are not tolerated
- * No tobacco, alcohol or drugs
- * No fighting or the promotion of fighting

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Student rights and responsibilities in School District No. 271 shall be based on the following assumptions:

- * That the right to attend school is purposeful
- * Students are free to exercise their constitutionally protected rights
- * Fair treatment and due process shall be guaranteed to all students
- * Students shall be encouraged to exercise their rights and responsibilities by being an active member of the school
- * Students shall have a right to the equality of educational opportunity regardless of race, creed or sex
- * The effective development of a climate for learning requires understanding and good faith on the part of all concerned

All Visitors Must Register in the Office

Visitors both from within and out of the school district are welcome in School District 271. However, to ensure that the educational process is not impeded by such visits and to ensure the health and safety of students, it is expected that visitors will arrange their visitations with school officials ahead of time.

Visitors to any school district building must first register their presence and the purpose of their visit at the building office. Visitors to other school district buildings may be subject to offender screening. The principal or other building administrator shall determine the appropriateness of the visitation. Unauthorized visitors will be required to leave school property. Policy references Idaho Code Section 18-33021.

Closed Campus

The district has established closed campuses for each middle school. This means that **once students arrive at school they may not leave the campus**, unless excused as part of a school function or excused by a written pass from the office.

Passes to Leave Campus during School Hours

No student is to be excused from school except on the request of the parent or guardian. It is expected that except for urgent necessities, parents should not make such requests, since a student's regular school attendance is essential to maintaining satisfactory schoolwork. In the event that a student needs to leave campus, the student must come to the office and obtain a building release pass.

Electronic Devices

With regard to portable communication and other electronic devices, the administration recognizes the need to stay in touch with parents/guardians.

If it is necessary to bring your cell phone, iPods, etc. to school, it must be "off" during the instructional day. The electronic devices/cell phones must be kept in your locker or backpack during class. Electronic devices may be used before school, at lunch, or after school.

Consequences for not following the above guidelines:

First Offense: The cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and held until dismissal from school.

Second Offense: The cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and held until a parent/guardian can pick the phone up from the school.

Ongoing offenses: As typical of any situation requiring student discipline, the district endorses a policy of escalating disciplinary consequences.

Bicycles, Skateboards and Rollerblades

Bicycles, rollerblades and skateboards may be used to come to school, but they must not be used on the school grounds. To ensure security, bicycles must be locked and in the bike racks that are provided on the west side of the building. Skateboards must be stored in the student's locker or ISS Room during school hours.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria will be open each school day for breakfast and hot lunch, unless otherwise noted for holidays, vacations and special schedules. A daily menu will be posted in the cafeteria near the serving window. **Student use of this facility is dependent upon conduct. Misuse may result in disciplinary action or privileges in this area being withdrawn.** It is expected that all students clean their own table and areas and also return their trays to the designated location.

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are free for the 2021-2022 school year.

Each student is provided with a 30-minute lunch.

The menus of the Coeur d'Alene School District Food Services are prepared on site. All lunches, hot or cold, must be eaten in the cafeteria area only. *No food or drink items may leave the cafeteria.*

Students may go outside after eating. Students may go to the library with permission and a pass from the school librarian. Students are expected not to loiter in the foyer at lunch. Students need a hall pass to go to a classroom.

Lost and Found

A lost and found is located next to the school office. Students who find lost articles are asked to turn them into the office where the owner may claim them. Unclaimed items are given to charity at the end of each quarter. Nothing should be removed from lost and found until permission has been obtained from an office secretary.

Parent Teacher Association

Lakes's PTA meets monthly to review activities for parent involvement. All parents are welcome to these meetings. The best way for parents to assist in these activities is to sign up at open house (or call) to indicate what projects you are interested in. When an item of your interest comes up, you will be called and invited to assist.

Lockers

Lockers will be optional for students. If a student uses a locker, they must be locked at all times. Lockers are the property of the school and may be randomly searched at any time. Students may not share a locker and they should not give out a combination of their lock. Backpacks and supplies should be labeled with permanent marker. (First and last name).

Students are requested to put their names on each piece of equipment they use for physical education. The name should be written in the garment or tennis shoes in such a manner that it would not wear off or wash out.

Backpacks

For the 2021-2022 school year, students will be allowed to take their backpacks to their classrooms. Backpacks should be labeled with permanent marker. (First and last name).

Counseling

Our counselors, Mrs. Zaika (A-G), Mrs. Young (H-O) and Ms. Taylor (P-Z) are available every day to assist students, parents, and school staff in a variety of ways. Their door is always open. Here is a sampling of their activities on a typical day:

* Assisting with personal issues individually and in groups: grief/loss of a loved one, parent-child conflict, friendship conflict, student-teacher conflict, depression, anger, self-injurious behaviors, divorce, etc.

* Making referrals to community resources: private counseling, Kootenai Behavioral Health, Child Protective Services, domestic violence assistance, law enforcement, etc.

* Support in academic areas: scheduling classes for individual needs, transitioning students to alternative programs, parent-teacher conferences, registration of new students, and conferencing with students who are failing, attendance concerns, etc.

Progress Reports

Student progress can be viewed at any time on Family Access. To sign up for Family Access, please contact the front office at 208-667-4544. Progress reports will be emailed on the dates listed below.

Report Cards

Report cards are issued each semester. They are to be taken home by students or mailed home to their parents. Parents and students should discuss these reports to plan for adjustments in study time and work habits as necessary. Grades will be reported in letter grades.

Make-Up Work

Because it is extremely difficult for students to complete assignments without teacher directions and assistance, we encourage students to gather make-up work upon their return from their teachers. In an attempt to establish a consistent policy regarding make-up work, the Lakes Staff has agreed to the following: All students will receive the number of school days they are absent plus one additional school day to complete and turn in make-up work. EXAMPLES:

- Student misses Tuesday -- work due Friday.
- Student misses Wednesday & Thursday -- work due the following Wednesday.

It will be extremely important for students to meet with their teachers before school, at lunch, or right after school for assistance in completing missed work. It is our hope this procedure will better enable our students to successfully complete missed assignments in a timely fashion.

7th and 8th Grade Promotion (Board Policy 2600)

Progressing to the next grade level is earned through academic achievement. All 7th and 8th grade students must meet the following criteria to advance to the next grade level:

1. Attain eighty percent (80%) of the total credits attempted;
2. Attain a portion of the total credits attempted in each content area in which courses are taken except for areas in which instruction is less than a school year; and
3. Comply with the District's attendance policy.

Students who do not meet the main pathway requirements may be promoted through either the credit recovery or an alternate pathway. A student's alternate pathway will be shared with parents.

A student who does not meet the minimum credit requirements may be eligible for grade level promotion, if the student successfully completes the alternate pathway. The student must demonstrate proficiency of the appropriate content standards. The school administration and staff will form a credit retrieval board to review the student's application for alternate pathway and determine how the student will be required to demonstrate proficiency. Factors that the committee will consider include the student's grade point average (GPA), end of course assessments (EOCA), state required assessment scores, and attendance.

Students who choose the alternate pathway must meet three (3) of the following requirements:

1. Finish the school year with 2.0 grade point average or higher;
2. Earn expected growth or proficiency on all state required assessments;
3. Miss no more than eighteen (18) days per school year; and
4. Pass assigned course(s) end of course assessment(s).

The credit retrieval board will design a plan to help students meet requirements. The final decision rests with the credit retrieval board. For social-emotional retention not related to credits, refer to K-6th grade retention guidelines on page 20.

A student who does not meet the minimum credit requirements may recover credit by obtaining a passing grade for an approved course in summer school or an approved online course. The parent or guardian of the student is responsible for any fees associated with attendance at summer school or an approved online course.

If a student earns a grade of C or higher in an advanced course in middle school which meets the same content standards that are required in high school for the same course and is taught by a Highly Qualified Teacher as defined by federal guidelines, the student will be granted high school credit. The grade will be included in the high school GPA and the credit will meet graduation requirements.

Coeur d'Alene School District Dress Code

3255 - Student Dress - Students

Student Dress

One of the fundamental purposes of school is to provide the foundation for the creation and development of a proper attitude toward education. While recognizing the importance of allowing students to express their individuality through their attire, the school is responsible for ensuring that student dress is conducive to a positive and respectful environment for all students. Student attire impacts the teaching and learning environment. It can either promote a more effective educational environment, or it can disrupt the educational climate and process. All students are required to dress in a manner that promotes a safe and healthy school environment and is not disruptive or distracting to the educational climate and process. Student attire that is acceptable for some social settings may not be acceptable for the educational environment of the school.

Students are reminded that their appearance, clothing, and grooming, significantly affect the way others respond to them. Matters of dress remain the primary responsibility of students, in consultation with their parents or legal guardians. Nevertheless, since it is the duty of the Board of Trustees to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning, minimizing disruptions or distractions, and to protect the health, safety, and morals of students all students will adhere to the following certain minimum standards of dress when the student is on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location.

In general, students are not to wear or carry items of apparel (clothing, accessories, cosmetics, tattoos, jewelry—including body piercings) which depict or allude to, by picture, symbol, or word, drugs, including alcohol and tobacco/nicotine; controlled substances; drug

paraphernalia; gangs; violence; sexually explicit, lewd, indecent, or offensive material; or illegal acts. The wearing, use, or display of any gang clothing or attire (based upon the principal/designee's reasonable belief that gangs may be present in a school) jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, codes, or other things which evidence membership or affiliation in any gang is prohibited on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location...

(for remainder of policy see board policy 3255)

Student Insurance

Lakes Middle School and School District #271 do NOT have health insurance for accidents that occur at school. It is the family's responsibility to insure their student while attending WMS. Every fall, insurance is offered during registration for families to purchase. If you have any questions concerning insurance, please contact the office.

In case of an accident or illness at school, students will report to the office for assistance. If the injury or illness is serious and requires further attention, the office will notify the parents.

Telephone

Use of the office student telephone by students is limited to emergency calls and/or school business calls only. Students requesting to use the office phone during class time must have a pass from their classroom instructor and receive permission from the secretary before using the phone.

Messages to students from friends, etc. should be taken care of outside of the school day. Every attempt is made to deliver IMPORTANT messages; however, we will not be responsible for messages that are not responded to by students.

Textbooks/Chromebooks

Textbooks and Chromebooks are issued, by an identification number, to each student. The student will sign for their materials to verify issuance. Students are responsible for the care of their books and Chromebooks throughout the year. Fines will be issued for lost and/or damaged books.

Disciplinary Action

Disciplinary action refers to all consequences that are assigned to a student because of that student's inappropriate behavior. The staff deals with most disciplinary action. In those cases where inappropriate behavior is severe or chronic, students will be referred to the administration for disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action may include one or more of the following:

- * Counseling
- * Detention
- * Referral to other agencies
- * Suspension
- * Referral to Special Services
- * Expulsion
- * Parent Conferences
- * Work detail
- * Home Visitation
- * In-school Suspension

Tardiness

Students arriving late to school need to sign in at our office before proceeding to class. It is the student's responsibility to be in class and at all assigned events on time.

The office deals with first period tardiness. All other tardies are dealt with by Administration. Students who amass more than four tardies in a class per semester will be required to spend lunch detention at the administration discretion.

Excused Absences

An excused absence is one that results when a child misses school for the following:

1. Illness or emergency medical treatment
2. Death in the immediate family
3. School-approved activities
4. Requirement to appear for legal proceedings
5. Documented family crisis or emergency
6. All District-approved testing or counseling
7. Medical appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of the school day
8. Other unusual circumstances judged by the principal as "excused" on the individual merits of the case

Administrative Procedures

1. Parent contact should include:
 - a. phone contact
 - b. truancy letters
 - c. parent/administrator/student conference
2. After school detention, lunch detention and/or in school suspension
3. In/out of school suspension may result (up to 5 days)
4. Driver license prevention or suspension for eligible high school students
5. Referral to the Board of Trustees for determination as a habitual truant or a case of educational neglect
6. Request for expulsion may be made in cases of habitual truancy

Withdrawal from School

If it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from school during the school term, a note should be brought in from either a parent or guardian requesting that a transfer be given. The note should state the reason for withdrawal and destination so the student's records can be sent properly. Students that are withdrawing will be given a withdrawal sheet from the office to take to their teachers for proper clearance.

Damages to Property

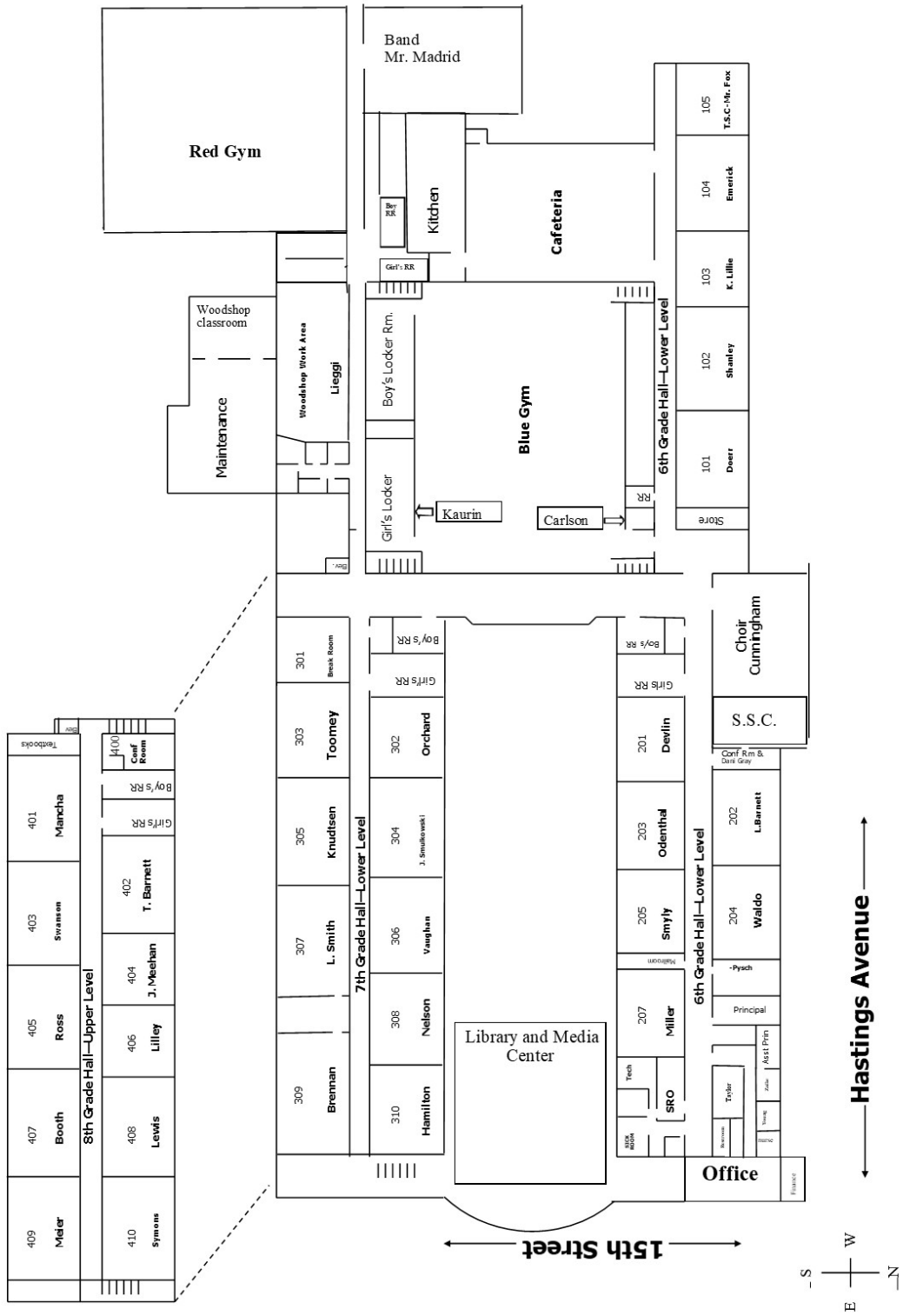
Students are responsible for all damage to building or property caused willfully or carelessly. This applies to textbooks issued as well as other forms of school property.

Public Displays of Affection

Holding hands is the only public display of affection permitted at Lakes. It may also be restricted per COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

School Map

Lakes Middle School Building Map



Extra-Curricular Information

Activity Offerings

Because of the many changes happening for the 2020-2021 school year, athletic schedules may change from previous years.

Middle School Athletics are offered to all students who meet eligibility requirements and desire to participate in such activities provided for their grade.

The athletic program will provide all interested students with an opportunity to explore a variety of sports that transitions them from recreational interest to high school athletics.

Athletic Goals

- Develop skills through quality instruction, while providing maximum participation for each athlete
- Develop understanding of the concepts necessary to participate in higher-level athletic competition
- Develop positive self-image and attitudes
- Enhance the pleasure of athletic participation

Eligibility

Participating in co/extra-curricular activities within the district requires that the student maintain successful performance in academics and citizenship and that the student remains in good standing as defined within the school district co/extra-curricular activity code.

All inter-scholastic sport participants must have the following:

* **Physical:** Complete one (1) during the middle school years, and it must be on file in the school office.
Physical is good for ALL three years at Lakes.

* **Activity Contract:** It is MANDATORY that each student who participates in extracurricular activities sign and return the Activity Contract Agreement prior to participation in any extracurricular activity. Failure to comply will result in non-participation.

* **Insurance:** Athletes are required to sign a form acknowledging insurance coverage or purchase school insurance each year.

* **Student Body Card:** Athletes are required to purchase a Student Body Card each year. \$15.00.

These forms are available in the office.

Youth Suicide: Helping Yourself

If you are having problems and thinking of hurting or killing yourself, tell a trusted adult who can help. If you cannot talk to your parents, find someone else: a relative, an adult friend, a teacher, a coach, the school nurse or guidance counselor, or a friend's parents. Or, call the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273- TALK (8255) or call/text (208) 398- HELP (4357).

Protecting the health and well-being of all students is of utmost importance to the school District. The school board has adopted a suicide prevention policy which will help to protect all students through the following steps:

1. Students will learn about recognizing and responding to warning signs of suicide in friends, using coping skills, using support systems, and seeking help for themselves and friends. This will occur in all health classes, but the encouragement of help seeking behavior should be promoted at all levels of the school leadership and stakeholders.
2. Each school will designate a suicide prevention team to serve as a point of contact for students in crisis and to refer students to appropriate resources.
3. When a student is identified as being at risk, they will be assessed by a member of the school suicide prevention team who will work with the student and help connect them to appropriate local mental health resources.
4. Students will have access to Idaho resources which they can contact for additional support, such as:
5. The Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline- 208-398-4357 / www.idahosuicideprevention.org
6. All students will be expected to help create a school culture of respect and support in which students feel comfortable seeking help for themselves or friends. Students are encouraged to tell any staff member if they, or a friend, are feeling suicidal or in need of help.
7. Students should also know that because of the life or death nature of these matters, confidentiality or privacy concerns are secondary to seeking help for students in crisis.
8. For a more detailed review of policy changes, please see the District's full suicide prevention policy.

Group Counseling

Consultation

Collaboration

Referral

Classroom Lessons

504 Case Management