

Dear Parents,

As your Principal, I take great pride in welcoming you to Hope Mills Middle School. Our goals for this year are to provide strong instructional leadership, a positive school climate, a safe and orderly environment, and high expectations for all students with a strong academic program. We encourage students and parents to accept ownership in our goals and know that Hope Mills Middle exists for you. **Parents and students are encouraged to read the handbook carefully.** This handbook will explain the rules and regulations that must be followed at Hope Mills Middle School. Failure to read this book may cause your child to break a school rule. The administration will assume that all students understand the material within this book upon receiving it. Parents are encouraged to read this handbook and discuss school policies with their children.

Sincerely,

Regina Blanding, Principal

Rights and Responsibilities

Rights of Students:

Students shall have the right to:

1. Pursue a successful education in a safe environment without disruption.
2. Receive a fair and equitable treatment without discrimination in every aspect of the educational system.
3. Be treated respectfully and as an individual.
4. Be informed of their rights, responsibilities, and discipline policies.

Responsibilities of Students:

All students share with the administration and faculty responsibility to develop a safe learning environment within the school. Students shall have the responsibility to:

1. Attend school regularly, arrive on time, and bring materials.
2. Respect the personal, civil, and property rights of others.
3. Put forth conscientious effort in classroom work and homework.
4. Groom and dress appropriately.
5. Have knowledge of and conform to school rules and regulations.
6. Not use indecent, obscene, or foul language.
7. Report incidents or activities that may threaten or disrupt the school environment.

Rights of Parent/Guardians:

Parents shall have the right to:

1. Receive regular official reports of their child's academic progress.
2. Receive an explanation for the basis of any grade given by the teacher.
3. Request a conference with the teacher and/or principal.
4. Receive a prompt report of their child's attendance to class or school.
5. Bring, or have the District provide, an interpreter during disciplinary conferences or hearings, when a parent or student has limited English proficiency and the parent or student requests an interpreter or the school observes that a parent or student's limited English proficiency would deny them an opportunity to meaningfully participate in the conference or hearing.

Responsibilities of Parent/Guardians:

Parents/guardians shall have the responsibility to:

1. Ensure that their children between the ages of 6 and 16 enroll in schools regularly, on time and for the whole school day in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.
2. Present to school officials any concern in a calm, reasoned manner.
3. Work with the school on academic, disciplinary, or other related matters pertaining to their child.
4. Plan the time and place for homework assignments and provide necessary supervision.
5. Talk with their child about school activities and expected behavior.
6. Know the rules set for in this handbook and the CCS Student Code of Conduct and review them with their child.
7. Ensure that their child receives the periodic student health examinations that are required by law.
- 8. Review the Hope Mills Middle School Handbook and the CCS Student Code of Conduct with your child.**

COVID-19 DISCLAIMER: All Cumberland County Schools district-level and school-based communications or guidance (e.g., handbooks, websites, social media communications, etc.) are subject to change at any time due to changing COVID-19 conditions and related health or safety guidance.

Mission Statement

Our mission at Hope Mills Middle School is to provide a safe and orderly environment that fosters lifelong learning and challenges students to become successful in a globally

competitive society.

Hope Mills Middle School: www.ccs.k12.nc.us/hmms

Twitter: @HMMSVikingPride

Facebook: Hope Mills Middle School

Cumberland County Schools: www.ccs.k12.nc.us

Quick Links for CCS Families: <https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/domain/1095>

Phone: 425-5106

Address: 4975 Cameron Road Hope Mills, NC 28348

After-school Activities

After-school activities are meant to enhance the academic and social-emotional development of our students. However, it is imperative that students are picked up on time at the conclusion of all events. **If a student is picked up more than 15 minutes late from any after-school activity two times in a semester, he/she will not be able to participate in any of these events for the remainder of that semester.**

Arrival

Students cannot be dropped off prior to 7:00. Please obey the speed limit and all posted traffic patterns. Parents should drop off students in the rear parking lot area. Students will then report to the auditorium or gym depending on their grade levels.

Assemblies

During the school year, several assembly programs are held for the benefit of the student body. When in an assembly for any purpose, students are to refrain from talking and displaying disorderly conduct. Students who misbehave during assembly programs will be asked to leave and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Athletic Eligibility: Each student must receive a physical each year. Parents and students must complete all forms located at www.finalforms.com before he/she will be allowed to begin practice for participation in inter-school athletic activities. Students are not allowed to miss more than **13** days in the previous semester to be eligible to play sports and must have at least a **2.0** cumulative grade point average in the previous semester. **Athletes must be present during the school day in order to participate in after-school activities; this includes practice or a game. Students receiving ISS for the entire day or OSS are ineligible to play or practice during their time of suspension.** 6th Graders are allowed to play all sports EXCEPT football.

Attendance (Absences)

Cumberland County Schools have high expectations for student achievement. In order for students to meet these expectations, it is critical that we protect instructional time. Repeated absences and check ins/outs will accrue and can result in possible negative consequences such as lower grades, retention, visit from truancy personnel, notice to DSS and/or law enforcement, and court action.

Reasons for lawful absences are as follows:

1. Illness or injury which prevents the student from being physically able to attend school.
2. Quarantine when isolation of the student is ordered by the local health officer or by the State Board of Health.
3. Death in the Immediate Family - when it is the death of a member of the immediate family of the student.
4. Medical or Dental Appointments of the student.
5. Court or Administrative Proceedings if the student is a party to the action or under subpoena as a witness for court or administrative tribunal.
6. Religious Observation if the tenets are of a religion to which the student or his/her parent adheres, requires or suggests observance of a religious event. The approval of such absences is within the discretion of the local board of education.
7. Educational Opportunity for the purposes of taking advantage of a valid educational opportunity such as travel. Approval by the principal of such an absence must be granted prior to the absence.
8. Military deployment or reunification of the student's parent/guardian.

A student's absence from school for any reason other than those listed above will be considered unlawful.

Students who are absent for any reason must bring a note from home and present it to their homeroom teacher upon returning to school. All notes should contain the following information:

1. Date the note is written
2. Exact date(s) absence(s) occur
3. Exact and specific reason for absence(s)
4. Signature of parent or guardian

School truancy is a serious offense that may result in court action.

As part of the Every Minute Counts program, the parents/guardians of students with

excessive tardies and absences will have to attend a meeting with school system personnel.

Some cases will be turned over to DSS.

Books

The state of North Carolina provides most materials necessary for your public education. Textbooks are school and state property and should be treated accordingly. When lost or damaged, a fee will be assessed.

1. New Book Full Price
2. One year old 80%
3. Two or more years old 60% or pro-rated.
4. A fee of 50 cents or more will be charged for damaged books.

Once the classroom teacher issues a student his/her textbooks, these textbooks become the total responsibility of the student. The same books issued must be returned at the close of the school year or the student must pay for them.

Book Bags

Book Bags: Book bags are not allowed in the classrooms. Book bags should be left in the lockers at the beginning of the day, and students may pick them up before going home. Purses should not be used as book bags. Only **mesh or clear** Physical Education bags with gym attire are allowed. Books **ARE NOT** allowed to be carried in gym bags. Food and beverages **ARE NOT** allowed to be carried in gym bags. Gym bags should be placed in lockers when not in use. Gym bags can be purchased through the main office. **Non-mesh sports bags cannot be worn during the school day.**

Bus Conduct

Students who ride the bus are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Those who misbehave on the school bus may be suspended from riding the bus for an indefinite period of time. The school principal/designee has the authority to suspend students from the bus for the following infractions:

1. Delaying the bus schedule by failing to be at the designated stop

2. Fighting, using profanity, smoking, lighting matches or cigarette lighters, pushing and tripping.
3. Refusing to obey instruction of school authorities
4. Tampering with a school bus: Punching holes, tearing, cutting, writing, or marking on or willfully damaging any interior or exterior part of the bus. (Punishable by suspension and payment of damages.)
5. Holding any part of the body out of the bus windows or doors
6. Unauthorized exiting of the bus when en route to school or home
7. Entering or leaving the bus through the emergency door or through windows, as these are only used as exits in an emergency
8. Leaving your seat before you reach your destination
9. Holding or saving seats
10. Shooting rubber bands, water pistols, or any device containing water or any other liquid
11. Playing: throwing trash, paper, gum, or other materials or objects; popping caps or noisemakers
12. Crossing the street at the rear of the bus when entering or leaving the bus. **Cross only in front of the bus.**
13. Listening to electronic devices without earbuds.
14. Talking or singing too loudly, clapping hands, stomping feet, making excessive noises that may distract the driver and endanger the safety of others.
15. Refusing to remain in seats assigned by the school authorities or bus driver.
16. Failing to observe established safety rules and regulations.
17. Eating, drinking, and/or littering on bus
18. Having animals or pets of any kind on the bus
19. Bullying others
20. Possessing objects that will take up another student's seat, block the aisle, or obscure the driver's vision.
21. No non-instructional items (toys, food, etc.) on the bus. CCS issued devices need to remain in the child's book bag throughout the bus route.
22. If the bus driver has to bring your child back to the school for any reason on **two separate occasions**, your child will be suspended from the school bus for a length of time determined by school administration.

The Cumberland County Schools policy on Search and Seizure extends to students who ride the bus.

- *1st Offense* 5 day bus suspension
- *2nd Offense* 10 day bus suspension
- *3rd Offense* 20 day bus suspension
- *4th Offense* Bus suspension for the remainder of the school year

Cafeteria Procedures:

At Hope Mills Middle School, all students will be provided a healthy breakfast and lunch at no cost to students or their families. No outside food will be permitted. Food deliveries from parents/guardians and restaurants will not be permitted. For example: Class snacks, birthday treats, Grubhub, etc. Students can still bring their lunch from home.

Change of Address

Inform the front office and your homeroom teacher if you change your address or telephone number anytime during the year. Please provide the appropriate paperwork to confirm address change, which includes your new lease or contract, and utility bill.

Check-In

Students who arrive at school after 7:30 must report to the front door with their parents to check-in. If a parent does not accompany the student, the tardiness is unexcused, and parents will be notified of unexcused tardiness. Students must be in school a minimum of 3 ½ hours to be counted present for the day. **A student checked out before 11:00 a.m. will be counted absent.** Any student that accumulates three tardies/checkouts a grading period will not receive a Perfect Attendance Award. The only exceptions are for required medical appointments.

Check-Out

Once students arrive on campus, during the school day, they become the responsibilities of the school. Identification will be necessary from the parent when checking out a student. The safety and welfare of our children are of utmost importance to us.

Students checking out before 11:00 a.m. will be counted absent for the day. **No checkouts will be allowed after 2:15 p.m.** This is a busy time for the main office staff, teachers, and students, and instructional time does not end until 2:40 when dismissal begins.

Clubs and Organizations

A variety of clubs are offered to our students each year. A complete list of clubs and descriptions will be provided to our students and parents at Open House. Students that are picked up late from club activities on two occasions in a semester may be dismissed from that club. The days and times for each club will be shared by its Advisor.

Communication

The school will utilize multiple ways to communicate with parents and community members. Weekly Parentlink calls occur on Sunday evenings. If you do not receive a weekly Parentlink call, contact the school to ensure we have your correct number. Parents are also encouraged to follow CCS and HMMS on Twitter and Facebook. The Hope Mills Middle website will also be used to keep parents and community members informed.

Counseling Department

Hope Mills Middle provides an assortment of counselor services for the benefit of the student body. These services are intended to help the student learn about his/her abilities, skills, interest, and the world around them at work, as well as how each subject and activity of the school contributes toward his/her future success.

HMMS also has a full-time Social Worker, whose main function is to identify and assist in removing barriers to learning. This is carried out through direct services, such as home visits, and enforcement of the compulsory attendance law, as well as advocacy for students and families, and serving as a liaison between the home, school, and community.

Daily Schedule

When the tardy bell rings at 7:30 a.m., all students should be in class in order for instruction to begin. The school day consists of four 90-minute blocks that include core content (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies), electives, and lunch. Dismissal will be at 2:40 p.m.

Deliveries to Students During School Hours (CCS Regulation Code 5020-R)

The paramount concern of the board and administration is to provide a safe and orderly learning environment in which disruptions to instructional time are kept to a minimum. For safety's sake, access to schools during school hours must be carefully regulated.

In the interest of security and minimizing disruptions to the instructional environment, only the parents/guardians on file with the school shall be permitted to make deliveries to or for their student(s) only. Commercial deliveries to or for students are not permitted. **Deliveries of flowers or balloons are not permitted, and deliveries of food shall be limited to lunch items only. Any deliveries of student medications by parents/guardians must conform to the requirements of Policy 6125 and Regulation 6125-R. Approved by Superintendent: June 26, 2019**

This policy prohibits deliveries of all party and birthday treats to school for our students! Birthday parties will not be permitted at school.

Dress Code: (CCS Regulation Coded: 4316-R4)

All students are required to adhere to the prescribed dress guidelines. All Cumberland County Schools will make any necessary religious accommodations for any type of headgear or head coverings otherwise restricted or prohibited under existing individual school dress codes. No student shall be suspended out of school based solely upon violation of an existing individual school dress code. However, students will forfeit participation in various reward programs and activities if they repeatedly violate the dress code.

1. No undergarments should be visible at any time.
2. Clothing should not cause a disruption of the educational environment.
3. Students may not wear or carry clothing, jewelry, book bags, or other personal articles that depict or display profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, nudity of any degree, violence, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, controlled substances, firearms, or any illegal activity, or which advertise products or services illegal to minors.
4. Any symbols, styles or attire frequently associated with gangs, intimidation or violence which are disruptive to the educational environment are prohibited.
5. Adornments or accessories, such as chains or spikes that could reasonably be perceived to be a weapon or could be utilized as a weapon are prohibited.
6. Head coverings (including hats, hoods, sweat bands, and bandanas) are generally prohibited in school buildings. However, students may wear head coverings in the school building as an expression of sincerely held religious belief (e.g., hijabs or yarmulkes) or cultural expression (e.g., geles) or to reasonably accommodate medical or disability-related issues (e.g., protective helmets).
7. Trousers and pants are not to be sagging about the hip area.
8. Shoes are to be worn at all times in the building and on the campus.
9. No pajamas, bedroom shoes/slippers will be permitted.
10. No leggings, unless worn with a top long enough to cover your bottom.
11. Dresses, shorts and skirts must pass “the fingertip” test.
12. Coats must be placed in closets upon arrival at school.
13. Spaghetti straps, tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, racer back tops, shirts revealing midriff or cleavage, and any other revealing items of clothing are prohibited.
14. Hoodies can be worn, but the hat will not be worn on any part of the student’s head while in the building.

15. No holes or tears exposing the skin are allowed on clothing above fingertip length.
16. Flip flops and slides are not permitted.
17. Rubber-soled shoes, i.e. closed toe/closed back shoes are encouraged to maximize student safety.
18. Other items that pose a danger to student health may be prohibited by administration.

Due Process: The Board of Education mandates and the law requires that all students be treated fairly and honestly in resolving grievances, complaints, or suspensions/expulsions. Due process shall be defined as fair and reasonable approaches to all areas of student governance and discipline on the part of all school officials. Whenever a student or parent has a complaint regarding a decision made by a teacher, principal, or other local school employee which cannot be resolved by the principal at the school, the student or parent shall provide the complaint in writing to the appropriate assistant superintendent no later than fifteen days after the disposition of the matter by the principal.

Electronic Devices: The board recognizes that cellular phones and other wireless communication devices have become an important tool through which parents communicate with their children. Therefore, students are permitted to possess such devices on school property **so long as the devices are not activated, used, displayed or visible during the instructional day** or as otherwise directed by school rules or school personnel. Wireless communication devices include, but are not limited to, cellular phones, electronic devices with internet capability, paging devices, two-way radios and similar devices.

A. AUTHORIZED USE

Administrators may authorize individual students to use wireless communication devices for personal purposes when there is a reasonable need for such communication. Teachers and administrators may authorize individual students to use the devices for instructional purposes, provided that they supervise the students during such use.

Although use generally is permitted before and after school, use of cellular phones and other wireless communication devices may be prohibited on school buses when noise from such devices interferes with the safe operation of the buses. In addition, elementary and middle school students who participate in after-school programs are prohibited from using wireless communication devices during such programs. No pictures or videos are allowed to be taken on school buses by students. Cell phone use that results in Code of Conduct infractions can result in suspension or expulsion.

B. CONSEQUENCES FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE

School employees may immediately confiscate any wireless communication devices that are on, used, displayed or visible in violation of this policy. Absent compelling and unusual circumstances, confiscated wireless communication devices will be returned only to the student's parent or guardian. The disciplinary consequences for violations of this policy shall be consistent with Section D of policy 4300, Student Behavior Policies. The superintendent or designee shall

list in the Student Code of Conduct the specific range of consequences that may be imposed on a student for violations of this policy.

Aggravating factors may be considered when assigning consequences. Aggravating factors may include, but are not limited to, using wireless communication devices (1) to reproduce images of tests, obtain unauthorized access to school information or assist students in any aspect of their instructional program in a manner that violates any school board policy, administrative regulation or school rule; (2) to bully or harass other students; (3) to send illicit text messages; and (4) to take and/or send illicit photographs.

The following procedures will be followed when electronic devices have been confiscated:

- 1st Offense- Warning
- 2nd Offense- Device sent to the main office, STUDENT may pick up AT THE END OF DAY.
- 3rd Offense- Device sent to the main office, PARENT may pick up AT THE END OF DAY.
- Subsequent violations may result in revocation of privileges.

C. SEARCH OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES

In accordance with policy 4342, Student Searches, a student's wireless communication device and its contents, including, but not limited to, text messages and digital photos, may be searched whenever a school official has reason to believe the search will provide evidence that the student has violated or is violating a law or a school rule. The scope of such searches must be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the nature of the suspected infraction.

D. LIABILITY Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their wireless communication devices. **The school system is not responsible for the theft, loss or damage of a cellular phone or other personal electronic device.**

Email

Faculty Email: All faculty email addresses are posted on our school's website.

Student Email: Students and parents can access student email accounts by going to www.ccs.k12.nc.us and clicking on CCS Google Mail.

Emergency Information

Each parent must make an effort to supply the school with information pertinent to emergencies. Students can be better protected if we have at least one phone number where one or both parents can be reached in case of an emergency.

Finances

Most financial transactions with the school will be completed using SchoolCashOnline.
ccs.schoolcashionline.com

No refunds will be given for any field trips if a student cannot attend due to illness or inappropriate behavior.

Checks will only be taken with a driver's license number, address, and current phone number on the check.

Food/drinks: All food/drink items brought to school will be consumed in the cafeteria during lunch and/or breakfast hours. Students are permitted to carry a store bought bottled water or bring a clear water bottle to refill throughout the school day. The consumption of food or other drink items will not be permitted in the classroom, hallway, gymnasium, media center, auditorium, and restrooms. Students will not be permitted to use microwaves at school to heat their meals. Any violation will result in the confiscation of the food/drink item. Food items are not to be sold by students. *****Students are not permitted to use school vending machines.**

Grading Scales

Grades: Grades can be accessed online via PowerSchool. Login information is also available through the HMMS Guidance Office.

A = 90-100 B= 80-89 C = 70-79 D = 60-69 F = 59 and Below S = Satisfactory N =

Needs Improvement U = Unsatisfactory

Grade 6, 7 and 8 Requirements:

A passing grade in: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and one other course.

No Fail Procedure: To support the education of our students, it is recognized that a grade below 50% puts our students in a position of certain failure. Therefore in recognition of the need to give students an opportunity to succeed, a grade of no lower than 50% will be the minimum grade for the report card grade for the first two quarters. On rare occasions at the discretion of the Student Services Team, a third quarter report card grade of 50% can be given rather than the lower grade earned by the student for that quarter. The principal or the teacher can't give the third quarter report card grade of a 50% without the consent of the Student Services Team.

Hours of Operation

Students and parents are advised that the official hours of operation at Hope Mills Middle School are 7:00-2:55. Students attending athletic events and school-sponsored activities must exit campus and return no more than 15 minutes prior to the event. Students staying for these

events must be picked up within 15 minutes of the ending time of the activity.

Lockers: Each student will be assigned a locker only after a lock has been purchased. School locks are \$6.00. Only school approved locks are to be used on lockers unless otherwise approved by administration (this includes band & orchestra students). Do **not** give your lock combination to any other student. Students may **not** share lockers. All lockers are subject to a locker search. Students are to adhere to their assigned locker schedule.

Loitering

Students are not permitted to loiter on school property after hours, before school, or on non-school days. Students are not to be on campus after 2:40 p.m. unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher. Students are not allowed to arrive at school before 7:00 a.m. as there is no adult supervision before that time.

Make-up Work

Once missed, classroom instruction can never be completely recovered or made up. However, a student is allowed to make up his/her work, so far as possible, when he has missed school for illness or emergency, or another reason which is classified under the Board of Education Attendance Policy. Immediately, upon his/her return to school, the student should ask the teacher for detailed assignments. The student must complete the work in five days or less after returning from an absence. The burden of responsibility for completing make-up work rests entirely upon the student rather than the teacher. Parents and teachers need to communicate to ensure that students are able to complete makeup work in a timely manner.

Media Center

Media Center: Students are allowed to visit the Media Center anytime throughout the school day as long as they have a written pass from their teacher.

- Loan Period: Students are allowed to check out up to three books at a time for a three week period.

Library Fines: Students are charged a \$0.05 fine per book each day it is late. Fines do not accumulate over \$5.00 per book. If a student loses a book, he/she is responsible for paying for the book.

Medication

Students cannot bring medication to school. In order for the school to administer medicine to a student, the appropriate medical forms must be completed and the parent must sign the medication into the front office. Students cannot bring to school medicine-related items such as cough drops, nasal sprays, etc. The school cannot administer medication, including aspirin, unless students have a "Request to Administer Medicine" form signed by a physician and parent authorizing the medication. The medication, original container, and form must be left in the

guidance office. All medicines will be administered in the guidance office.

Non-Educational Items At School

Students are prohibited from bringing items such as fidget spinners, toys, i-pods, music players, cameras, electronic games, PSPs, hats, sunglasses, trading cards, etc. to school. These items will be confiscated and placed in a locked administrative office. The items will only be returned to the parents of the student they were confiscated from. Items not retrieved by the last day of school will be discarded.

Parent Conferences

Official Parent Conference Days and Times have been placed on our school calendar. If concerns arise between these days, parents are encouraged to make appointments for conferences with teachers, counselors, or the principal, by telephoning the school office. We request that all conferences be made after school hours or during a teacher's planning period. Please allow the school sufficient time to set up conferences.

Planners: Students MUST have planners with them **at all times**. All students are issued a planner. If lost, the replacement cost is \$5.00.

Safety Requirements

For In-person schooling: Please ensure that your child's records reflect current medical information, i.e. asthma action plan, seizure plan, etc. Please provide medical documentation to the school upon your child's return from an absence. **Parents must provide an accurate Attestation Form per the CCS guidelines.**

Search and Seizure – School Property: Desks, lockers, and other equipment at any school belong to the school district, and although assigned to particular students for use, may be entered and searched by school officials whenever said school officials have reasonable belief that some substance or other material is contained therein which is illegal, harmful to the safety of the student, or the student body as a whole, or significantly disruptive or dangerous to the overall discipline of the school.

Searches – Student's Person: The Board of Education authorizes teachers and administrative personnel who have reasonable belief that a student or students are in possession of weapons, illegal drugs or other items harmful to the student or students or to the welfare of the student body to search the person of said student(s). The above shall be within the knowledge and under the supervision of the principal.

Section 504/Americans with Disabilities Act: No otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of his or her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination from any program or activity of the school. Qualified disabled students are

entitled to a free appropriate public education. Disabled persons who believe they have been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability may appeal to the person in the school designated to hear said grievances. If still unresolved, grievances may then be appealed to the school district ADA / Section 504 Coordinator Cumberland County Schools, P.O. Box 2357, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28302, Phone: 678-2430.

Student Behavior: At Hope Mills Middle School, we believe that good discipline is essential to learning. Each student has the right to a positive, nurturing interaction with the faculty, staff, and administration, and the right to be free from distractions caused by the inappropriate behavior of others. Disruptions to the educational environment will not be tolerated. Over-familiarity between students to include hugging and kissing and an open display of affection will not be permitted and will result in disciplinary action as will the use of profanity and abusive language. Each student will receive a copy of the Cumberland County Schools Student Code of Conduct, which defines the system’s expectations for proper behavior. In addition to the violations and consequences listed in the Cumberland County Schools Student Code of Conduct, students are also advised of the following guidelines for Non- Major offenses:

- First Offense – Verbal Warning/ Phone Call to Parent
- Second Offense – Warning/Phone Call to Parent
- Third Offense – Phone Call to Parent/Team-Teacher consequence ●
- Fourth Offense – Office Referral

Tardy Policy:

1st Tardy	Warning
2nd Tardy	Call to parent
3rd Tardy	Call Home/Teacher-Team Detention
4th Tardy and Subsequent	Administrative Referral

***Tardies will reset at the beginning of each new grading period.

Telephone Use

Students will not be allowed to use school telephones. All emergency calls will be made by school personnel.

Theft prevention

The best way to stop thefts is to be conscious of the fact that you can eliminate the opportunities

for thefts to occur. **If you have something stolen, report it to the office and your teacher immediately. The school cannot be responsible for items that are lost or stolen. We ask that students not bring items to school that are valued at more than ten dollars. This includes, but is not limited to, jewelry, expensive headphones/earbuds, etc.**

Use of Restroom Facilities

Students will only be given permission to use the restroom during class in case of emergency. They must adhere to the posted restroom schedule.

Visitors at School

All visitors must report directly to the front office. After ringing the “buzzer” at the front door, approved visitors will be admitted to the building. It will be necessary for all visitors to present identification at the main office. ***During Covid-19 restrictions, visitors must pass health screening protocols and not be admitted to any section of the school other than the front office and student services.

Weather

In case of inclement weather, parents should review with their children the procedure they want their children to follow when early school dismissal occurs. Parents will be notified of early dismissals via ParentLink calls, local radio, Twitter, and local television stations.

Inclement Weather Procedures: Below are answers for the most Frequently Asked Questions regarding weather procedures.

Two-hour delay:

- 1) School Building Opens at 9:00. Tardy Bell Rings at 9:30.
- 2) Breakfast will not be served.
- 3) Lunch will be served.

Two-hour early release:

- 1) Students will be dismissed at 12:40.
- 2) Breakfast and lunch will be served.

One-hour early release:

- 1) Students will be dismissed at 1:40.
- 2) Breakfast and lunch will be served.

For all weather emergencies, the Superintendent or Ms. Blanding will call you via Parentlink.

Emergency information will also be on the Cumberland County Schools website (www.ccs.k12.nc.us), Cumberland County Schools Facebook and Twitter, Hope Mills Middle School Facebook and Twitter, and on local radio and t.v. stations.

FYI: If you receive a Parentlink call, please listen to the message completely before calling the school. We have a very limited number of phone lines and we really need to keep them clear for emergencies. Thank you for your cooperation.

Withdrawals and Transfers

Notify the school data manager 24 hours in advance of your withdrawal date.