

Ringgold Middle School Frequently Asked Questions		
Questions	Answer	Contact/Information
Attendance		
What time does the school day start?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RMS doors will open at 7:20 and close at 7:45 a.m.</li> <li>• Any students arriving after 7:45 a.m. will be considered tardy.</li> <li>• Students must be in their first period by 7:45 a.m.</li> <li>• If you are planning on driving your child to school, be sure to allow enough time for your child to be seated in their first period at 7:45 a.m.</li> </ul>	
What is the earliest time that I can drop off my child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students can be dropped off at 7:20 a.m.</li> </ul>	
Car rider information	<p>Car riders will enter the building via the gym doors. Families can drop off students starting at 7:20 a.m. You will enter campus via Ram Drive. Travel behind the High School towards the gym entrance.</p> <p>For pick-up drivers may enter campus at 2:20 p.m via Ram Drive. Cars will line up at the stop sign near the gym entrance.</p>	
What time does the day end?	Students are dismissal at 2:36 p.m.	
How do I report that my child will be absent today?	Call 724-258-2211. Please leave a message for Ms. Grimm which includes your child's name and grade.	Ms. Nina Grimm
Do I still need to send a note when my child is absent from school	<p>YES! If your student is absent, you must send a note to school within three days of their return.</p> <p>Handwritten notes can be sent in, or an email can be sent to Ms. Grimm at <a href="mailto:ngrimm@ringgold.org">ngrimm@ringgold.org</a></p>	
Why are letters/notifications sent to me about my child's attendance?	Letters are sent in compliance with the compulsory attendance laws for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.	Student Handbook District truancy officers
What is the daily schedule for my child?	There are 9 periods in our academic day. Students have courses in 4 content areas, lunch, electives, music performance and intervention. We have approximately 40-minute periods.	

What must my child do if they arrive at school late?	Students that arrive late at school must submit a note upon arriving at school.	
What if my child has to leave school early?	Students needing to leave school early for an appointment should provide a note to the office upon their arrival or via a team teacher.  If an emergency arises, please call the school to prepare your child for their early dismissal.	
Is my child permitted to participate in after-school activities/events/programs/sports on a school day when my child arrives late or leaves early?	A student that misses more than half an academic day of school is <b>NOT</b> permitted to participate.	
I want to take my child on an educational trip on a school day or days what do I do?	There are many holidays and days off during the academic school year. Please plan your trips/vacations so they occur during those times. Should you still need to take your child out of school due to a trip preapproval for excused absences is need from the Assistant Principal. Pre-approval should be completed at least ten days prior to the date of the trip.  Paperwork for pre-approval of an educational trip can be found in the student handbook.	Student Handbook
My child forgot something at home, can I drop it off?	Forgot items can be dropped off during school hours to our vestibule. Be sure to clearly label all items with your child's name.  We will contact your child and ensure they have the materials by the end of the day.	
<b>Transportation</b>		
Change in transportation- how do I notify the school if there is a change in transportation for my child?	If you need to change your child's transportation from bus rider to car rider, please contact the school via phone.	RMS Main Office 724-258-2211
Is my child permitted to ride the bus home with a friend?	<b>NO</b> , students are <b>NOT</b> permitted to ride home with friends or family	

	members. Students are only permitted to ride the bus which is assigned to them.	
<b>Processes and Procedures</b>		
What is the cost of breakfast and lunch?	<p>Ringgold School District is proud to continue to be able to offer FREE breakfast and lunch to ALL students.</p> <p>Additional food lunches or a-la-carte items (chips, cookies etc.) are available to purchase at lunch for an additional cost. Purchases can be made via monies in a student account or cash.</p>	Ms. Amanda Pounds
I need to change the information (phone number, emergency contact) which is listed on my student records.	<p>If you need to change emergency contact information or add additional contacts, please contact Mrs. Mathews.</p> <p>If there are any changes in legal custody, all documentation can be sent to Ms. Jen Caulkett</p>	<p>Mrs. Nikki Mathews</p> <p>Ms. Jen Caulkett</p>
We moved and I need to change our residential address- what do I do?	Proof of residency must be provided to the district to show your change in residency. This will include a copy of driver's license and two proofs of residency.	Mrs. Nikki Mathews
<b>Sports, Clubs and Activities</b>		
When can my child participate in WPIAL/PIAA sports?	<p>Students in grades 7 and 8 are permitted to participate in WPIAL/PIAA sports. Students must complete the required paperwork to participate that includes a physical.</p> <p>There is also an academic eligibility requirement.</p>	<p>Athletic webpage</p> <p>Student Handbook-eligibility</p>
What sports are available for Ringgold Middle School students?	<p>Boys/Girls Soccer</p> <p>Football</p> <p>Boys/Girls Basketball</p> <p>Wrestling</p> <p>Volleyball</p> <p>Cross Country</p> <p>Track</p>	Check the weekly newsletter about sign-up information.
What are other clubs and activities for my child?	<p>Show Choir</p> <p>Student Council</p> <p>RAMS Ambassadors</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Club</p>	RMS Main Office

	Library Helpers Yearbook NJHS Newspaper	
<b>Academics</b>		
How can I track my child's academic progress?	Student academic progress should be checked weekly in FOCUS  If you have issues with FOCUS, please contact your child's counselor.	Melissa Berry Jessica Mooney Amy Lucas
How do I schedule a meeting with my child's teachers?	If you need to meet with teachers, please contact teachers via phone, email or dojo/remind.  You can also reach out to the school counselors.	Melissa Berry Jessica Mooney Amy Lucas
If I have concerns about the instruction my student receives, whom do I contact?	Contact the building administrators at 724-258-2211	Ken Patterson, principal
How can I speak with my child's counselor?	Please contact the school via phone or email.	Melissa Berry Jessica Mooney Amy Lucas
<b>District Policies</b>		
Where can I find information about district policies?	District policies can be found on <a href="http://www.ringgold.org">www.ringgold.org</a> under school board.	
Where can I find more information about the student handbook and behavioral expectations?	Student handbook is posted on the Ringgold Middle School website.  Additional information regarding behavioral consequences can be found in district policy.	

All other questions, should be directed to Ringgold Middle School Administration at 724-258-2211