

PIERCE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The information below is being provided to make each of you aware of new and/or updated policies at PCMS. Please take a few minutes to read through these changes with your student and initial beside each update to demonstrate your acknowledgement.

Attendance Policy

Georgia law requires that parents or guardians have children under 16 years of age in attendance at school each day school is in session. **Students should not miss more than ten (10) days of school each year. Pierce County Middle School policy is that students in grades 6-8 who are absent from the same class more than 10 times during a school year may risk being retained when attendance is considered with other factors outlined in school policy.** Regular and punctual attendance is necessary for success in school. Repeated tardies, checkouts, and absences may cause a student to become discouraged and bring about failure in school. Being tardy or checking out early will result in an absence for the class(es) missed. Early checkouts cause multiple interruptions in the classroom and also lead to traffic problems. **No check outs after 2:45 unless an emergency or prior appointment.**

Parent Initial

Tardy Policy

1. When a student accumulates four (4) tardies, lunch detention will be assigned by the administrative team.
2. When a student accumulates five (5) tardies, the administrative team will create a discipline referral in Infinite Campus. The student will be assigned one (1) day of ISS.
3. For each tardy accumulated after the 5th tardy, the student will be assigned one day of ISS each time.
4. This process will start over each nine weeks grading period.

Parent Initial

Cell Phone Policy

Students have **no** need for cell phones during the school day. If students bring cell phones, it should be powered off and put away in the student's bookbag during school hours (7:50am-3:15pm). No cell phone should be kept on a student's body or in his/her clothing. Pierce County Middle School will assume NO liability for lost, misplaced, or stolen phones.

The following tier will be in place for students who violate this policy:

- 1st Offense - Warning on grade level/team.
- 2nd Offense - Cell phone sent to the office and a parent must pick up the phone from the front office.
- 3rd Offense - Discipline referral for ISS and school will retain the phone for three days before a parent is allowed to pick this up from the front office.
- Recurring Offense – Repeat Step 3

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