



Student and Family Handbook

2024-2025

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Principal: Wakili Moore
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Learning Hours: 9 am to 4pm

VISION

Our vision is to foster a community of togetherness, where integrity, growth, excellence, respect, and strength are valued and embraced.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Andrew Langston Middle School is to provide engaging and rigorous instruction in a supportive and inclusive environment, enabling all students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

A Message from Principal Moore

There are five very important areas in this handbook that we must improve on for our school to work. In order for us to accomplish the mission and vision stated, Parent Involvement, Student Attendance, Dress Code, Student Conduct, and Student Preparation must be top priority.

Mr. Moore's BELIEFS:

1. Everything that we do, will be in the best interests of OUR children
2. We WILL give everything we have every day for OUR children
3. We WILL have fun while preparing OUR children to be successful at the next level



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TIME SCHEDULE

2024-2025

Grades 7-8

Arrival/Breakfast

House A				House B			
Period	Min	Start Time	End Time	Period	Min	Start Time	End Time
1	48	9:00 AM	9:48 AM	1	48	9:00 AM	9:48 AM
2	46	9:51 AM	10:37 AM	2	46	9:51 AM	10:37 AM
3	46	10:40 AM	11:26 AM	3	46	10:40 AM	11:26 AM
4C	40	11:29 AM	12:09 PM	4	46	11:29 AM	12:15 PM
5L	30	12:12 PM	12:42 PM	5C	40	12:18 PM	12:58 PM
6	46	12:45 PM	1:31 PM	6L	30	1:01 PM	1:31 PM
7	46	1:34 PM	2:20 PM	7	46	1:34 PM	2:20 PM
8	46	2:23 PM	3:09 PM	8	46	2:23 PM	3:09 PM
9	48	3:12 PM	4:00 PM	9	48	3:12 PM	4:00 PM

Your child will have lunch either period 5L or 6L- see student schedule

Student Expectations

Per the Andrew Langston Middle School, the expectations for our students in the classroom and hallway are as follows:

Classroom Expectations	Hallway Expectations
Arrive on time.	Walk safely.
Be ready to learn.	Use appropriate language and volume.
Follow directions and classroom routines.	Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
Stay engaged and on task.	Respect directions from all staff members.
Create work that makes you proud!	Arrive on time.

Parents, we need your support in this area when we assign a consequence, whether it be OSS, ISS, detention, or Saturday School. Please explain to your child why they might receive a consequence and what they could do differently next time.

Cell Phone and Electronic Devices

All student cell phones will be collected upon arrival. Cell phones will be returned to the 8th period class and the teacher will distribute them to students during the ***last 5 minutes*** of class.

Dress Code

All persons are expected to give proper attention to personal hygiene and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. When on school property or at a school function, a person's dress, grooming and appearance, including jewelry, make-up and nails, must:

- ***Not include clothing, headgear or jewelry that is associated with or identifiable as a symbol of gang membership.***
- ***Cover buttocks, stomach/midriff and chest.***
- ***Be void of abusive, suggestive or profane language; symbols of illegal substances; or any other words, symbols or slogans that disrupt the learning environment or deny dignity or respect to others.***
- ***Include shoes, which are to be worn at all times for health and safety reasons.***



Locker Usage

- *Passes for locker usage will not be given during any class period.*
- *Ideal Locker Usage:*
 - Start of the Day: Go to your locker and take everything that you'll need for your morning classes.
 - After Lunch: Go to your locker and take everything that you'll need for your afternoon classes.
 - Passing Time: Don't be late! Use your four minutes wisely and get to class on time.
 - End of the Day: Quickly take what you need home and leave the rest in your locker.

Bathroom

- *No passes the first or last 10 minutes of class.*
- *Students are encouraged to use the bathroom during their lunch period.*

Help Zone

- *Students who are experiencing social-emotional distress and/or having a conflict with another student may ask for a pass to the Help Zone.*

Parent Expectations

Parents and visitors: To enter the building, you must press the intercom button at the main entrance and wait for the door to be opened for you to enter the building. At that point, **you must report to the front security desk, provide your identification then sign in, retrieve a visitor's badge and report to the main office where a clerical assistant will assist you.**

Early Dismissal: For safety reasons, we can ONLY release a student if we received verification from a parent or guardian via phone call or written note. Please provide adequate time for staff, if calling in an early release. Parents must sign children out in the main office. Only the persons listed on the students contact list are allowed to give permission for early pick up of the students.

Weapons: Weapons of any kind will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in a severe manner. Punishment for possession of a weapon on school property will result in the parent being banned from the building.

Medication: To give medication to your child, we need:

1. A doctor's order with diagnosis, name of medicine, dosage, etc.
2. Parent medication permission slip signed.
3. Medication must be labeled in prescription bottles only.
4. All medications should be given directly to the nurse, not the main office.

Dismissal and after school activities: Parents, please be prompt in picking up children after school.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Speak with your child about his/her experiences at school.
- Attend all scheduled parent/teacher conferences.
- Celebrate the successes your child achieves in school.
- Be sure your child is prepared each day for school.
 - Call your child in if they will be absent and send in a note upon their return. Notes should contain the student's name, date of absence and reason, with parent/guardian signature.



At the Andrew Langston Middle School, staff , students and community members are in agreement that parents play a critical role in the academic and social development of our children.

Parental Rights:

- You may view your child's records with the school principal.
 - You have the right to vote on school issues such as the election of parent groups and the election of parents as School Based Planning Team members.
 - You have the right to become involved or make your feelings known at any level within the district without being an official delegate of any group.
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Parent & Resource Center and Home School Assistant

Home School Assistants

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Home School Assistants are located in the main office. They are able to assist with attendance concerns and conduct home visits as needed.

Health Related Agencies

Family Support

Education Related Resources



~We must work together if we want to become the BEST school. If we work as a team, we will make this happen!!

Academic Integrity: The pursuit of knowledge can proceed only when students take accountability and receive credit for their work. Cheating and plagiarizing are acts of taking another person's intellectual property and will not be tolerated at our school. Presenting another student's work as your own is dishonest and undermines the educational process. Below are examples of acts of academic dishonesty that will not be tolerated at the Andrew Langston Middle School:

- Cheating is the unauthorized use or attempted use of material, information, notes, study aids, devices, or communication during a lesson, project, paper or test. Examples of cheating include:
 - **Plagiarism** is the act of presenting another person's ideas, research or writings as your own.
 - **Internet plagiarism** includes submitting papers or copying information from the internet without citing the source.
 - **Forgery** is the act of falsifying signatures of authorization or identification.

Athletic Ineligibility

Students who fail two or more subjects (in any quarter) are ineligible to participate in organized school activities after the distribution of report cards. The list of ineligible students will be distributed to the appropriate school personnel. Once a student's name appears on the list, it can only be removed by the Principal.

Athletic Requalifications:

Parents, we need your help in this area. In order to have a successful athletic program, we need as many students as possible to participate in a sport. In order to accomplish this, students have to be requalified. The following has to happen to get re-qualified:

Fill out and have your parent/guardian sign all of the forms located on FAMILY ID