



NEED TO KNOW FOR NYACK MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES

NYACK MIDDLE SCHOOL

98 S. Highland Avenue, Nyack, NY 10960 <http://ms.nyackschools.org/>

Main Office: 845-353-7200

Guidance Office: 845-353-7220

Nurse's Office: 845-353-7210

Family Resource Center: 845-353-7214

ATTENDANCE: Regular school attendance is very important, but in case of absence:

1. Call the Attendance Office at 353-7205 each morning of the absence between 7:25 a.m. and 7:55 a.m.
2. Absences must be called in within 48 hours, or an absence note must be brought in within 48 hours, for the absence to be considered excused.
3. If a student is going to be absent for two or more days, have the Guidance Department arrange to gather homework assignments. Parents may pick these homework packets up after 2:50 PM, or they may be sent home with a friend. In case of a one-day absence, the student should contact a friend with the same schedule to get the assignments.

SCHEDULE: The school day begins at 8:04am and ends at 2:50pm. School periods are slightly staggered so that each grade switches classes and eats lunch at different times.

LATE BUSES: NMS students who usually ride the bus, and who remain afterschool for activities can take a later bus. Late buses drop students off near their homes and do not follow the exact route of their usual afternoon bus. Walkers are expected to walk home or get picked up.

LATE BUS #1 leaves NMS at 4 pm

LATE BUS #2 leaves NMS at 5 pm

HW HELP: Starting in October, students can attend our Homework Club every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3pm to 3:45pm. Teachers also encourage students to seek them out during lunch for assistance during the school day.

CLUBS: All NMS Clubs begin in October and run after school from 3pm to 3:45pm.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Supply lists for each grade can be found on the NMS website under the "Families/Students" link. The Family Resource Center also accepts school supply donations year round in order to provide students with supplies when needed.

CLASS PAGES: For the latest information about what your child is studying, homework, projects, test announcements, etc., visit their teachers' class page on the NMS website under "Class Page Directory" which appears under the "Families/Students" link.

PARENT PORTAL: Please sign up for the Parent Portal. You can find the Parent Portal Request Form on the NMS website under the "Families/Students" link, and return the completed form to our Main Office. The Parent Portal provides you with the perfect way to know how your child is doing in each of his/her classes in real-time including HW assignments, projects, quizzes, exams and attendance. All progress reports and reports cards can also be accessed via the Parent Portal. If you have problems accessing your account once activated, please contact the Main Office.

PARENT TEACHER CONFS: Parent-Teacher Conferences are held ONCE A YEAR in November during two weeknights, and one weekday afternoon. Parents sign-up for conferences starting in mid-to-late October using TEESO, a website service (<http://www.TEESO.com/nps>). Translation assistance for Spanish/Creole is offered in the Guidance Office during evening conference times only. For more information regarding translation assistance, contact the Family Resource Center at 845-353-7214.

SPORTS: All registration for fall, winter and spring sports must be done online:
<http://Nyack-ar.schooltoday.com> Questions? Call 845-353-7135