

## FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL 2015-2016 STUDENT HANDBOOK



We would like to welcome all new and returning students to Freeport Middle School, home of the Bulldogs! We are very excited about all of the opportunities that await you here at FMS. We look forward to creating an atmosphere conducive to learning and growing both academically and athletically. We will strive to meet your individual needs and to see that your experiences at FMS are memorable. Our best efforts are only accomplished through a collaborative effort between faculty/staff, students, and guardians. Once again, WELCOME to Freeport Middle School for the 2015-2016!

Freeport Middle School will follow the policy and procedures set forth by the Walton County Code of Conduct and Student Progression plan in all matters at the school level.

### SCHOOL PRIDE

School pride is demonstrated not only by our actions and behavior, but also by our attitudes. Keeping our buildings clean and attractive and being courteous and polite are all expressions of school spirit and pride. School pride is modeled in the following ways:

**CLASSROOMS, HALLS, RESTROOMS, and WALK WAYS:** Keep areas free from trash, litter, and graffiti. When entering and exiting school buildings, please enter and exit through the appropriate doors. Please walk on the right side of the hallway to and from all classes.

**LUNCHROOM:** All lunches brought to school must be eaten in the lunchroom. Students are responsible for cleaning their eating area to include the floors. Students are to remain seated at assigned class table unless a supervising adult excuses them. **All drinks from the machines must remain in the lunchroom for consumption and be disposed of prior to exiting the lunchroom. No carbonated drinks are allowed in the lunchroom.**

**ASSEMBLIES AND PUBLIC PERFORMANCES:** Please enter and exit quietly. Follow your teacher's instructions at all times. Applause is the **only** acceptable response in appreciation for a good performance or program.

**PEP RALLIES AND SPORTING EVENTS:** Support our FMS athletes by enthusiastically cheering them at appropriate times. Opponents are our guests and should be treated with respect at all times. Accept the decisions of the officials without complaints.

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Only students with scheduled, supervised activities are allowed on school property after the school day ends. **All other students should promptly leave campus at dismissal time.** Students staying for supervised activities may not leave school grounds unless accompanied by a guardian or someone designated by the guardian. This designation must come by way of a signed note to the administrative office. Transportation should be planned well in advance; however, a phone will be available for emergencies in the school office.

**DANCES:** Only Freeport Middle School students may attend dances. All students must remain in the designated areas for the entire dance until a guardian comes into the building and signs them out. A signed note from the guardian is the only way a student may leave a dance with someone other than their guardian. Students should be picked up promptly at the end of the dance. Please note, **if a student is absent from school on the day of the dance, admission is NOT permitted.**

## STUDENT SAFETY

Student safety is of primary importance at Freeport Middle School. With this in mind, the following policies are to be followed:

**SAFE AND SECURE LOBBIES:** Your child's safety is the number one concern of the Walton County School District. As our student population has continued to grow, the District's safety protocols have also changed in order to meet the needs of our students and staff.

This year we will be implementing Safe and Secure Lobby procedures. All Walton County schools will be equipped with a double-locked entry through which each school visitor must be buzzed in by school personnel in order to gain entry. Late-arriving students will be checked in through this lobby. In order to check a student out, visitors will need to be buzzed in and will need to present appropriate identification then wait for school personnel to call the student to the office. Any items being dropped off for a student will be left with school personnel in the lobby until it can be delivered to the student.

- **VISITORS:** Guardians are always welcome at FMS. All visitors must check in at the safe and secure lobby for a visitor's badge.
- **AUTHORITY OF FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF:** All FMS employees have complete authority to maintain student safety and appropriate behavior.
- **MORNING ARRIVAL ON CAMPUS:** Students may not arrive on campus until 7:00 A. M. Students coming early must report to the lunchroom. Students who eat breakfast must do so in the cafeteria.
- **ASSIGNED STUDENT AREAS:** Students shall remain in assigned student areas at all times. During inclement weather, students will be moved to a secure area.
- **EMERGENCY DRILLS and WEATHER CONDITIONS:** These will be conducted periodically throughout the year. Teachers will instruct students concerning the proper procedures for all emergency drills. The emergency exits/routes will be posted in each classroom.
- **STUDENTS CHECKING OUT/LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS:** If a student must leave school at any time during the day, the adult whose name appears on the office Emergency Card, must sign the check-out roster located in the office before the student leaves campus. Please be prepared to present a form of photo identification before checking the student out. If a student plans on returning to school, the student must either bring a note from a medical/dental establishment that shows the same date /time of the appointment or have the responsible adult come into the office and sign the student back in. **At no time should a student leave FMS campus without prior permission from office personnel.** Failure to comply with this will result in disciplinary action.
- **CHECK-OUT OF STUDENTS DURING SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS:** During severe weather, the safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance. When schools are directed by District or school administration, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, to initiate the severe weather procedure drill, students will not be allowed to be checked out. When the threat of dangerous weather has passed, schools will resume normal check out conditions.
- **SCHOOL BUS:** Riding a bus is a privilege and students must abide by all bus safety rules noted in the Walton County Student Code of Conduct. Any requested changes to bus transportation must be in the form of a written note from a guardian and must be signed by a school official. Requests should be brought to the Administrative office before 1<sup>st</sup> period for approval.
- **STUDENT CAR RIDERS:** Students must exit their vehicles upon arrival on the east side of the school and at no time will be allowed back into a parked vehicle. There is only one (1) designated loading and unloading zone, and that is in front of the office in the parking area closest to the road.

- **EXCESSIVE HORSEPLAY, PUSHING, CHASING, TRIPPING, SHOVING, BOOKING, ETC:** Will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary actions as outlined in the Walton County Student Code of Conduct.

### **COMMUNICATION**

**Emails:** A guardian email database is compiled at the beginning of each school year for communication purposes. If you wish to receive emails regarding important dates, events, etc...relevant to FMS students, please make sure that your email address is on file with Mrs. Twila Shields, FMS Data Control Specialist.

**Monthly Newsletters:** FMS sends a monthly newsletter at the end of each month for the upcoming month of all school related events with students during 6<sup>th</sup> period. This newsletter is also posted on the FMS website.

**Remind 101:** This is a text formatted system that is used by many teachers at FMS to remind parents of upcoming classroom events and assignments relevant to the classroom. Please check with your child's teacher to see if they utilize this device as a form of communication.

### **DRESS CODE**

**Only Freeport Middle School shirts in the colors of orange, blue, or black are allowed in the 2015-2016 SY.** If students have Freeport Middle School shirts from the 2014-2015 school year that are blue, orange, black, or gray, these may be worn as well. Shirts altered to meet dress code requirements are not allowed. (Examples: Marker writing, paint, home-made shirts, iron-ons, etc.) **UNALTERED** school shirts are required on the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**. Required school shirts can be purchased from Deanna's Embroidery and other WCSD approved vendors. These vendors will be available at orientations and their contact information will be available in the Administrative office. The requirements for pants, slacks, shorts, layered clothing, and shoes will be the same as outlined in the **WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2015-2016 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**. All shorts and skirts must be at least to the knees. Spandex, leggings, and jeggings are not appropriate attire for FMS students per Walton County Student Code of Conduct. If you have questions, please call the school at 850-892-1221. Students not meeting the Dress Code will be sent to the office.

### **SCHOOL ISSUED STUDENT MATERIALS**

**TEXTBOOKS:** All students will be given a set of school textbooks. Textbooks should be kept in good condition and handled carefully. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1006.28(3) (b), the school principal shall collect from each student or the student's guardian, the purchase price of any instructional material the student has lost, destroyed, or unnecessarily damaged. The failure to collect such sum upon reasonable effort by the school principal may result in the **suspension of the student from participation in extracurricular activities at the school site** as determined by the school principal, pursuant to policies adopted by district school board rule.

**WCSD HANDBOOKS:** Uniform Code of Student Conduct will be given out to each student. The Code of Conduct will be thoroughly explained. All students must sign the back of the student handbook and return signature page to your first period teacher.

### **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

Supervision of students by school personnel is provided:

- During the time the student is being transported on a Walton County school bus to or from school.
- During the time the student is attending school.
- During the time the student is on the school campus participating with authorization in a school-sponsored activity.

### **OFFICE ASSISTANCE**

**EMERGENCY CARDS:** Emergency cards are sent home at the beginning of the school year. The emergency card should be completed by the guardian and returned to school promptly. These cards are kept in the office and are used as a reference in case of an emergency. **Notify the school in writing if there is a change in address or phone number during the school year.** The name of any adult designated to check students out of school must be indicated on the emergency card or a student will not be allowed to leave.

**HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS:** Students, who have been out of school for two or more days with excused absences, may request homework through FMS office. Please call by 8:30 A.M. if possible to make arrangements to pick up the work between 2:00 and 3:00 P.M. As per the Student Progression Plan, students are expected to make up all work missed during an excused absence within a reasonable time after returning to school or other such time as determined by the teacher or the Principal, and credit will be granted for all work completed. At least 1 day shall be allowed for each day of missed work. Homework assignments will be limited to twenty (20) minutes per night per subject area.

**SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION:** School bus route information can be found at the following website.  
<http://www.transfinder.com?cid=WCS2FFW5Q8X5>

**TELEPHONE USE:** Students may only use the office telephone with a pass from the teacher and with administrative approval.

### **GUIDANCE**

**HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED:** Students who have been out of school for three weeks or longer may be eligible for the Homebound Program through the District. Guardians should contact the guidance counselor for information.

**MTSS:** The Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) is in place at all Walton County schools. MTSS is designed to monitor student progress and to develop and implement interventions. Parents are a welcome part of this process. Parents can initiate MTSS meetings by request to school officials.

**PARENT CONFERENCES:** If guardians desire a conference, please notify the school by phone, email or note. Email addresses are available on the Walton County School District web site and they may be found at <http://fms.walton.k12.fl.us/>. The office will then inform the teacher(s) and they will contact you concerning an appointment. If for some reason you are unable to attend the conference, please contact the office.

**WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL:** Before a student transfers to another school, a guardian must sign a withdrawal form in the guidance office. All school property is to be turned in to the appropriate teacher. Failure to follow this procedure will result in FMS notifying the receiving school that all withdrawal procedures were not followed upon exit from FMS

### **SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS**

Freeport Middle School utilizes the PBS (Positive Behavior Support) system in regards to student behaviors. PBS is the application of evidence-based strategies and systems to assist schools to increase academic performance, increase safety, decrease problem behavior, and establish positive school cultures. On an individual level, PBS uses functional behavior assessments to understand the relationships between a student's behavior and characteristics of his or her environment. The functional behavior assessment identifies multiple strategies to effectively reduce problem behavior including changing systems, altering environments, teaching skills, and focusing on positive behaviors.

In order for Freeport Middle School to create a safe/learning environment, students will adhere to the following discipline plan for both the classroom, school sponsored events, and campus:

- Completing your class work on time.
- Raising your hand before speaking.
- Respecting school/other student's property.
- Moving through the building in an orderly manner.
- Following classroom, school, and cafeteria policies/procedures.
- Using appropriate language.
- Treating yourself, your peers, and faculty/staff with respect.
- Showing school pride in your behavior and attitude.

## **CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT MEETING SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS**

The following are disciplinary actions that may be taken by the Principal or his/her designee(s) for not meeting school expectations:

Verbal Warning	Behavior Contracts
Parental Contacts	After-school detention
Lunch Detention	In or Out of School Suspension
Recommendation for Expulsion	Referral to Alternative Placement

In the event of ZERO TOLERANCE offenses administration will follow the procedures in the 2015-2016 Walton County School District Student Code of Conduct.

Occasionally an action occurs that is not referenced in the FMS student handbook. In this case the FMS administration has the right and responsibility to address such actions in a manner consistent with School Board policies and procedures. Students are expected to act as responsible members of the student body at all times.

**For Major and Minor infractions involving formal and informal consequences please refer to the Walton County School District 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct.**

**BOOK BAGS/BACKPACKS/PURSES:** Backpacks are allowed on campus. Backpacks can be defined as any bag or purse that could hold notebooks, books, planners, etc. Backpacks and purses are subject to search by FMS administration.

**INTERNET ACCESS:** All students and parents are required to complete and sign the Walton County Internet Acceptable Use Policy, which provides students the opportunity to have access to the internet.

**CELL PHONES and ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Freeport Middle School will follow the guidelines set forth in the Walton County School District 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct regarding electronic devices and internet access and restrictions.

## **BULLYING and HARASSMENT**

It is the policy of the Walton County School District that all of its students and school employees have an educational setting that is safe, secure and free from harassment and bullying. Walton County School District and Freeport Middle School will not tolerate bullying and harassment of any type. Bullying and harassment are prohibited during any education program or activity, during any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity, on a school bus or through the use of data or computer software that is accessed through a computer, computer system or computer network (cyber-bullying).

Bullying means **repeated** (systematic and chronic) infliction of physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees which includes, but may not be limited to: teasing; social exclusion; threats; intimidation; stalking; physical violence; theft; sexual, religious or racial harassment; public humiliation or destruction of property. Further details regarding this policy may be found in the Walton County Student Code of Conduct or in Chapter 5.301 of the Walton County School Board Policy Manual.

Incidents of bullying and harassment should be reported to the school administration using the form for that purpose provided in the Walton County Student Code of Conduct. If desired, the complainant's name will be kept confidential. A designated school employee will conduct an investigation, interview the parties involved and assist the Principal in determining if the events violate policy. The school administration will determine the severity of the incident, determine the appropriate response and notify the parties involved of the actions taken.

## **STUDENT PROGRESS**

**AWARDS:** Students at FMS are recognized for A Honor Roll and A/B Honor Roll at the end of each semester. To be listed on the Honor Roll, a student must have no grade lower than a "B" in any subject. Perfect attendance awards are also presented at each semester to those students who have not been absent, checked out early, or checked in late to school.

**REPORT CARDS/INTERIM REPORTS:** Report cards will be sent home every nine weeks. Interim reports will be sent home approximately mid-way through each 9-week grading period.

**GRADING SCALE:**

A	90-100 Outstanding	D	60-69 Lowest passing
B	80-89 Above average	F	0-59 Failure
C	70-79 Average	I	Incomplete

\*Incomplete-If a student has make-up work due to excused absences or extenuating circumstances and has not completed all assignments by the end of the grading period; an “I” is assigned for the grade. Unless assignments have been completed or special arrangements made with the Principal, the “I” automatically becomes an “F” ten (10) days after the end of the grading period.

**PROMOTION AND RETENTION:**

**Required for grades 6-8:**

Language Arts	3 years
Mathematics	3 years
Science	3 years
Social Studies	3 years
Physical Education	½ semester for 3 years (or 1.5 semesters)

**Required for grade 5:**

Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
Physical Education
Elective

**STUDENT ATHLETICS**

The Florida High School Activities Association determines eligibility requirements for the athletic program at Freeport Middle School. In accordance with these requirements, a student must have a 2.0 or higher GPA the semester prior to their participation and be enrolled at Freeport Middle School in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Tryouts determine the selection of students for all athletic teams. Students are required to have a physical examination signed by a doctor prior to trying out for any athletic activity and a copy of their birth certificate must be on file. Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) grade students may not participate in middle school sports due to FMS’s membership to the Florida High School Activities Association.

No gym bags of any kind are allowed except a plastic bag to bring gym clothes and shoes to and from school.

Sports Bags: Your sports bag (for example – bat bags) when brought to school, must be placed in the locker room in the gym, carried to your 6<sup>th</sup> period teacher’s classroom, or brought to the office. Students will not be allowed access to sports bags throughout the school day.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

All students are required to participate in athletic activities during P.E. classes. Proper attire and active participation is expected during physical education classes. Students will be required to wear FMS/WCSB approved attire.

**TARDY POLICY**

**TARDINESS:** The tardy bell is the signal that class is to begin. Any student arriving to school late during first period shall report to the tardy detention classroom for first period. Students will be responsible for gathering any missed assignments for the first period class they must spend in the tardy detention classroom. Instructors will document tardies for periods 2 through 6 throughout the school day. All students who arrive on campus, after the first bell, must sign-in at the main office. Tardiness will be handled by Administration using the FMS discipline plan. This policy will take effect ten (10) days after the first day of school.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Florida law requires the regular attendance of students during the 180-day school year. Students are expected to be present and to be punctual for all classes. FMS staff will be contacting first period absentee student's guardians by phone each day. These phone calls are an attempt to verify student absences and maintain student safety. Students are to remain on the school campus during school hours and must receive permission from the office to leave campus.

### EXCUSED ABSENCES:

- ✓ Brief student illness/injury
- ✓ Medical/dental appointments
- ✓ Death of an immediate family member
- ✓ Religious holiday of the specific faith of the student (principal approved)
- ✓ Compelled absence (e.g., judicial)
- ✓ Natural/major disaster that would justify absence (principal approved)
- ✓ School-sponsored/related activity (principal approved)
- ✓ Financial or other insurmountable conditions (principal approved)
- ✓ Other advanced notice absences (principal approved)

### UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

- ✗ Unverified absence (absences other than those defined above)
- ✗ Truancy
- ✗ Suspension
- ✗ Expulsion
- ✗ Missing school bus/oversleeping
- ✗ Shopping/pleasure
- ✗ Excessive illness (without physician verification that medical condition justifies pattern)
- ✗ Failure to communicate the reason for absence(s)

**READMITTANCE TO SCHOOL:** Students returning from an absence should report to the FMS Administrative office with a note from the guardian the day the student returns to school. The office will provide the student with a re-admittance pass. Students are allowed up to 3 days to present a note for an approved absence upon return to school after this time the absence will be unexcused.

### LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Breakfast:	Reduced - \$0.30	Regular - \$1.70
Lunch:	Reduced - \$0.40	Regular - \$2.70 (6th, 7th, 8th grades) \$2.45 (5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
Adult:	Breakfast - \$2.10	Adult Lunch - \$3.45

Extra Milk: Half Pint - \$.50 Milk will be served only at meals.

(Note: Students are not allowed to bring carbonated drinks.)

Free/reduced breakfast/lunch forms must be obtained and returned to Mrs. Averell in the lunchroom. Students who were on free/reduced breakfast/lunch the preceding year will be considered at the same status for the first 10 school days. By the 11<sup>th</sup> school day a new completed breakfast/lunch form must have been returned to the school for the free or reduced status to continue. If not, the student will have to pay full price for breakfast and lunch until the form is completed and returned.

Lunches may be purchased by the day, week or month. Students paying for meals by the week, month etc. are encouraged to do so on Mondays (or the first day of the school week). When paying for a child's lunch and/or breakfast, please stipulate on the check your child's name and their lunch number so we are sure that it is deposited into the correct account.

**We do not have the funds to allow students to charge lunches**, but we are aware that unforeseen events may occur. If a student does not have lunch money, every effort will be made to contact guardians. Arrangements such as an alternative lunch (sandwich) will be made on an individual basis if the student's guardian can't be reached. Guardians should take responsibility for monitoring their child's lunch account. If a guardian email address is available, you will be notified by email of account charges and delinquencies, account balances, and account credits to student accounts.

If students choose to bring their lunch, they may do so. No food in advertised wrappers will be allowed (for example, food in a Hardee's or other "named" wrapper). All brought lunches must be brought in plain wrappers.

Questions regarding student lunch/breakfast accounts should be directed to the school lunchroom manager, Mrs. Mary Jo Averell, who may be reached at (850) 892-1221, extension 3215.

### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

The nurse is available throughout the school day. A pass from the teacher is required for a student to visit the nurse. Administering medication during school hours should occur only when medication schedules cannot be adjusted to permit administration of medication at home.

- ❖ Guardians **MUST** sign a "Request to Administer Medication" form available in the nurse's office.
- ❖ Medication **MUST** be brought to the school by the guardian in the original container with the student's name, name of medication, and directions for dosage, time to be administered, physician's name, and date. The medication will be received, counted and verified by the nurse, her designee, or principal's designee. Any changes in the dosage or time must be accompanied by another form. Medication will be stored in a locked area. At no time should a student have possession of prescription or over-the-counter drug.
- ❖ The first dose of any new medication should be given at home in case of a reaction.
- ❖ Guardians **MUST** pick up any unused medication within one week of the expiration date. After one week the nurse will destroy the medication. Medication given throughout the school year will be destroyed if not picked up after the last day of school.
- ❖ If it is necessary for a student to carry an inhaler with him/her at all times, a "Permission to Carry an Inhaler on School Grounds" form **MUST** be signed by the guardian and physician (form available in the nurse's office). A signed permission form also must accompany ingestible medications.

**Students with special health care needs:** Every year students come to school after being in the hospital, having surgery or with cast or crutches. Parents are requested to notify the school nurse if this happens to your child. A physician's note may be required in some situations.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

All guardians are encouraged to volunteer at Freeport Middle School. We realize that parents are the first "teacher" that a child has and we value their contributions. Please call Mrs. Twila Shields at 892-1221 if you wish to volunteer.

## **FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, STAFF, AND GUARDIANS... BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME**





# BULLDOG NATION



## Guardians and Students:

Please sign and return to Freeport Middle School as directed by your teacher.

### GUARDIAN and STUDENT NOTICE OF RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING FOR FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK

By my signature below I am acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Freeport Middle School Student Handbook, as well as, my understanding as to its contents.

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Printed Student Name

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date

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Printed Parent/Guardian Name

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

# 2015-2016 Freeport Middle School Faculty and Staff

Charlie Morse, Principal  
Donna Honish-Bryan, Teacher on Special Assignment

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Mrs. Miller  
Mr. Carroll  
Mrs. Peloquin  
Mrs. Ellison  
Mrs. McCoy

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Mr. Wilkerson, World Cultural Geography  
Mrs. Vickers, Science  
Mrs. Farris, Math  
Mrs. Henry, Language Arts

## Electives:

Ms. Moody, Art and AVID  
Mrs. Cheatham, Technology  
Mrs. Balentine, Reading & PE  
Mr. Miller, Band  
Mr. Missildine, Pre-Engineering STEM

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Ms. Job, Civics & AVID  
Mr. Sink, Science  
Mr. Vickers, Language Arts  
Ms. Hudson, Math

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Mr. Bump, U.S. History  
Mr. Appel, Science, Medical STEM  
Mrs. O'Hare, Language Arts  
Mrs. Rodriguez, Math & Algebra I

## Special Areas:

Ms. Benner, Guidance  
Ms. Miller, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Grey, PE  
Ms. Hawkins, Intensive Reading  
Mr. Farrar, ESE  
Mrs. Evans, ESE  
TBA, ESE Inclusion  
Mrs. Allen, ESE Inclusion  
Ms. White, Media Center

## Educational Support Personnel Staff:

Ms. Dier, Instructional Aide  
Mrs. Shari Anderson, Nurse  
Mrs. Thomas, Bookkeeper  
Mrs. D. Tullis, Custodian  
Mr. Allen, Custodian  
Mrs. A. Tullis, Cafeteria Worker  
Mrs. Shields, Data Control Specialist

Mrs. Wilburn, Instructional Aide  
Deputy Hicks, SRD  
Mrs. Averell, Cafeteria Manager  
Mr. Wilburn, Plant Manager  
Mrs. Taunton, Custodian  
Donna Garrett, Assistant Cafeteria Manager

Mrs. Schantz, ESE Aide  
Mrs. Dickey, Secretary  
Mrs. Petrone, Instructional Aide  
Mr. Farris, Custodian  
Ms. Cerda, Cafeteria Worker

# WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2015-2016 School Calendar

(Approved by WCSB – May 5, 2015)

August 03, 2015	Teachers Return – Professional Development
August 04-07, 2015	Teacher Work Days
August 6, 2015	Instructional and Clinic Aides Return
August 10, 2015	Classes Begin for Students
September 7, 2015	Labor Day (all personnel out)
October 8, 2015	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks (43 days)
October 9, 2015	Early Release Day for Students/Professional Development for Staff Teacher Work Day (students out)
November 11, 2015	Veterans' Day (all personnel out)
November 20, 2015	Early Release Day for Students/Professional Development for Staff
November 23-27, 2015	Thanksgiving Holidays (all personnel out)
December 18, 2015	End of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks (44 days)
December 21, 2015-January 1, 2016	End of First Semester (87 days) Christmas & New Year's Holidays (all personnel out)
January 4, 2016	Teacher Work Day (students out)
January 5, 2016	Professional Development Day for Teachers (Students out)
January 6, 2016	Students Return
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (all personnel out)
February 12, 2016	Early Release Day for Students/Professional Development for Staff
February 15, 2016	Presidents' Day (all personnel out)
March 10, 2016	Early Release Day for Students/Professional Development for Staff
March 11, 2016	End of Third Nine Weeks (45 days)
March 28-April 1, 2016	Teacher Work Day (Students out) Spring Break (all personnel out)
May 25, 2015	Last Day for Students
May 26, 2016	End of Fourth Nine Weeks (48 days) End of Second Semester (93 days) Teacher Work Day

### **Graduation Dates**

May 19, 2016 Walton High School (7PM)  
May 20, 2016 Paxton High School (7PM)  
May 21, 2016 Freeport High School (2PM)  
May 21, 2016 South Walton High School (7PM)

### **DESIGNATION OF DAYS**

**Teacher Work Day(s):** August 4-7, 2015, October 9, 2015, January 4, 2016, March 11, 2016, and May 26, 2016 are planning days for teachers to work in their classrooms.

**Early Release Day(s):** October 8, 2015, November 20, 2015, February 12, 2016, and March 10, 2016 are designated for professional development.

**Professional Development Day(s):** August 3, 2015 and January 5, 2016 are designated for professional development for staff.

### **Attention Administrators:**

All schedules, class rosters and other materials needed for the classroom are to be ready on August 3, 2015 to hand out to teachers.