

# Welcome to Bear Branch Intermediate!



## BBIS Administration

- Tommy Burns, Principal
- Jim Gassaway, Assistant Principal
- Laura Mrazek, Academic Coordinator
- Sarah Kassuba, Counselor

## The Basics

- School hours are 7:20 - 2:30. \*TBD
- Students may arrive at 6:40.
- Students will have an 8 period day.



The car rider drop off and pick up area is located at the front entrance of the building.



Bear Trail is used for students arriving and departing by bus.



## EXAMPLE Schedule

Language Arts	1st period	– 7:20 – 8:05
Language Arts	2nd period	– 8:10 – 8:55
PE	3rd period	– 9:00 – 9:45
Science	4th period	– 9:50 -10:35
Social Studies*	5th period	- 10:40 - 12:00
Lunches		

5A lunch 10:40 – 11:10

**\*5B lunch 11:10 – 11:40 10:40-11:10 & 11:40-12:00**

Class Time  
11:15 - 12:00

Elective	6th period	– 12:05–12:50
Math	7th period	– 12:55 - 1:40
Math	8th period	- 1:45 - 2:30

Dismissal at 2:30 pm

## Academic Classes

- Language Arts - double blocked
- Math - double blocked
- Science - one class period
- Social Studies - one class period



## PE

- Students attend PE every day.
- It is one class period long.
- Students will NOT dress out for PE this year, but tennis shoes must be worn.
- The emphasis is on physical fitness and team sports.



## Electives

- Music, art and technology.
- Students will rotate through all 3 electives by the end of the school year.
- Students attend their elective every day.
- It is one period long.



## Lunch

- A and B lunch
- Each lunch period is 30 minutes long.
- Students may bring lunch from home, purchase lunch at school, or purchase snacks.
- Students are allowed to choose their seats.
- Lunch prices and account numbers are the same as elementary school.



## Library

- 21st century design!
- This will be a creative hub and a central area of the campus.

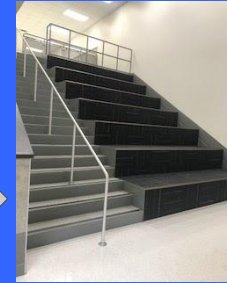


## Additional Learning Spaces

Outdoor Learning Space!



Learning Stairs!



## Behavioral Expectations

- Schoolwide expectations & procedure
- Positive Office Referrals
- Discipline Procedures

## Dress Code

**See District Guidelines (on website)**

**Not Allowed:** Tank tops, spaghetti strap shirts, short shorts, holes, hats/caps, LEGGINGS without an outer garment that meets dress code.

## Cell Phones & Electronic Devices

- Phones are to be turned off when students enter the building and remain off until the student leaves the campus.
- Phones and electronic devices may be used for educational purposes only when directed and supervised by a teacher.
- Texting is not allowed during the school day; students are allowed to use the front office phone if they need to contact parents during the day.



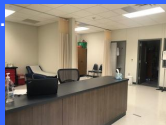
## Attendance

- **ABSENT**: When a student is absent, he should bring a parent or doctor's note to the front office (or parent may email the attendance clerk) upon returning to school.
- **LEAVE EARLY**: When a student needs to be released early from school, he should bring a parent or doctor's note to the front office (or parent may email the attendance clerk) prior to being released early.
- **TARDY**: Between classes. 5 minutes.



## Medication & The Clinic

- Students cannot carry medication to or from school (even over-the-counter meds).
- Parents may bring medication to the clinic if students need to take it during the school day; a note from the parent giving permission to administer it is required.
- All medication must be in original container with instructions.
- Students can carry cough drops without a note.





## Tools worth using:

- Grading communication program where you can log in to monitor your child's grades.
- School wide communication tools for updates and reminders.
- We are currently using our website to share important information.
- PTO/School Interest Survey (link on the website/handout).



## STAAR

- 5th graders take Reading, Math and Science STAAR tests in May.
  - This is an SSI year meaning students must pass the STAAR tests!
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## For information:

Important Dates (Handout)

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## 2018-2019

It's going to be a great year at a new school!

We look forward to helping your child make the transition from elementary to junior high!

