



2021-2022 School Year

Dear Parents and Students:

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff at the Dolores Middle School we welcome you back. School resumes the week of August 16th at 7:45 AM and ends at 3:45 PM. We are excited to be starting school a bit differently this year: MS students will be having a 2 day week for their first Welcome Back Week. Each MS Grade Level will have their very own first day of school and then return again on Thursday, August 19th. Specific details are outlined later in this letter.

On each student's first day of school, the student will receive his/her schedule, meet teachers, visit classrooms, discuss pertinent school rules, and participate in several team-building activities. Remember to dress for success in school appropriate attire, as this is your first official day of school.

We have a special Welcome Back lunch planned and will be barbecuing hotdogs for the students on their special first day of school. We ask parents to please donate a salad or dessert to complete our Welcome Back lunch.

- Students with last name **A-M** are asked to please bring a **dessert**.
- Students with last name **N-Z** are asked to please bring a **salad**.

Here is the Welcome Back Schedule for the first week of school:

Monday, August 16th, is set for our Super Sixth Graders' FIRST DAY– At 7:45 AM, students will meet in the Auxiliary Gym for a short welcome and to prepare for the rest of the day. Class t-shirts will be distributed at this time. **The sixth graders will return back on Thursday, August 19**th.

• Monday, August 16th, at 4pm we will have a meeting for 6th grade parents & students. This will be a great opportunity to meet the staff and walk through your student's schedule with them.

Tuesday, August 17th, is set for our Spectacular Seventh Graders' First Day - At 7:45 AM, students will meet in the Auxiliary Gym for a short welcome and to prepare for the rest of the day. Class t-shirts will be distributed at this time. **The seventh graders will return back on Thursday, August 19**th.

• Tuesday, August 10th there will be a Welcome Back Open House from 1-4pm for the 7th and 8th grade parents and students. This will give the parents and students an opportunity to meet staff and walk through their schedule.

Wednesday, August 18th, is set for our Awesome Eighth Graders' First Day - At 7:45 AM, students will meet in the Auxiliary Gym for a short welcome and to prepare for the rest of the day. Class t-shirts will be distributed at this time. The eighth graders will return back on Thursday, August 19th.

• Tuesday, August 10th there will be a Welcome Back Open House from 1-4pm for the 7th and 8th grade parents and students. This will give the parents and students an opportunity to meet staff and walk through their schedule.

All DMS students will return Thursday, August 19, 2021 and attend all classes.

We look forward to seeing you! We expect this year to be a great time to renew friendships, achieve great academic success and get to know the amazing staff. Please contact the school office at (970)882-7288 if you have any questions or concerns. The office will reopen on August 2, 2021.

With respect, Dolores Middle School Staff

Information:

1) Lockers – Lockers will be assigned by the office to all middle and high school students. Students are not allowed to share lockers unless assigned by the school. All lockers are school property and subject to search at any time. Locks will be provided.

2) Backpacks/Bags - To ensure the safety of students and staff, students will not be allowed to have backpacks/bags in classrooms. Students are expected to keep their backpacks/bags locked in a school-provided locker or vehicle during school.

4) Cell Phones/Electronic/Technology Equipment (JICJ) – Students may have their cell phones and other electronics on campus; however, they may only use their device(s) (including cell phones, ipods, smart watches, and listening devices such as earbuds, headphones and smart watches) before and after school. At all other times when the student is on campus (including passing time, recess and lunch), devices must be turned off and put away in the student's locker or vehicle. If the student has a smart watch, it MUST BE IN TIME MODE ONLY. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones or other devices.

5) Dress Code (JICA) - The following is intended to provide clarification and interpretation for the application of the District's Dress Code Policy.

- Reasonable cleanliness of clothing is expected as a matter of general health and welfare.
- To avoid injury and disease, shoes, sandals, or boots must be worn in the buildings.
- Beach or swim wear is inappropriate.
- Undergarments worn as outer garments are inappropriate.
- Shorts, dresses, skirts or other similar clothing must **NOT** be shorter than mid-thigh length, 4 inches above the knee.
- Clothing with holes front and back must **NOT** show skin above the 4" mark.
- Sheer, tight, or low-cut clothing (ie: crop tops, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar material, muscle tops, etc) that bare or expose private parts of the body including, but not limited to the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts (cleavage) are inappropriate.
- Clothing should cover the stomach (If the student raises their arms above their head and skin is exposed, the shirt is deemed inappropriate for school).
- Dress that causes or is likely to cause disruption of the educational process is prohibited.
- Tank top straps must be 1.5 inches in width. Spaghetti straps, strapless and one shoulder tops are not allowed.
- Wearing apparel that interferes with or endangers the student while he/she is participating in classroom or other school-sponsored activities is prohibited. The decision as to the safety or unsuitability of the clothing is a matter for the instructor's or school administrator's judgment.
- No blankets or pillows in classrooms
- Hats may **NOT** be worn inside school buildings.
- Hoods may **NOT** be worn inside school buildings.
- Sunglasses may **NOT** be worn inside school buildings.
- Any manner of grooming or apparel, including clothing, jewelry, hats, emblems, tattoos and badges, which by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute is associated with or denotes membership in or affiliation with any gang, or promotes alcohol, drug use, other illegal or sexual activity, will not be allowed. The prohibition on the aforementioned apparel shall be applied at the discretion of building-level administrators after consultation with the superintendent or designee as the need arises at individual schools

Middle School General Supplies:

<u>✔ 6th Grade</u>

- ✓ (2) 5 subject notebooks
- ✔ Pencils
- ✔ Colored Pencils
- ✔ Calculator
- ✔ Lined paper
- ✔ Kleenex

<u>7th / 8th Grade</u>

- ✔ Calculator
- ✓ (2) 3 ring binders and dividers
- ✓ College ruled paper (loose/one package)
- ✔ White board markers
- ✓ (3) Composition books (college ruled)
- ✔ Pencils
- Pens (blue and black)
- ✔ Colored pencils
- ✔ Kleenex
- ✔ Highlighters
- Note cards

Some teachers will require additional supplies for their specific subject areas.