

Dear Guardians,

July 21, 2017

School is quickly approaching. I hope your child is enjoying summer break. If you have not had the opportunity to review the supply list for Rock Hill Middle School, it may be viewed at [www.rockhill.org](http://www.rockhill.org), then by clicking the middle school tab to see the listings for each grade. We have also posted supply lists at the Wal-Mart stores of Ashland and South Point. Moreover, I often times receive telephone calls from guardians during the summer asking about the school dress code. This, too, can be viewed by navigating to the Rock Hill webpage, clicking on the middle school link.

In addition, to those Rock Hill Middle School guardians who transport their children from school via car at the end of the school day, it is important to take note that there will be a new afternoon pickup procedure that will be enacted at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year in order to safeguard your children. This procedure will be listed in your child's school handbook, as well.

Upon picking up a student at the conclusion of the school day, guardians or authorized people listed on the emergency medical card must park on the side lot of the middle school before walking to the east entrance of the building, located between the fitness center and annex building. Be cautious of any buses that may pass by. Parents or authorized transporters will remain in a line outside the building along the sidewalk. All pickup students will begin by lining up together downstairs in front of the office after the 2:40 pm bell, and will walk with staff members to the east exit, where they will remain in a line inside the building until the appropriate individual signs them out.

Each individual must show picture identification to the staff members in charge before signing out a child. Multiple staff members can be on duty in order to minimize wait time. If there is failure to show the appropriate identification, or a person is not listed on a child's emergency medical card, the said student may not be released to the individual until proper protocol is followed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause guardians, but the safety of each child is our first priority. After procuring a child, guardians are asked to exit the lot by driving behind the school and stopping at the stop sign at the west end of the building, providing for a safe passage of all vehicles. Please note that buses have the right of way on the school property. It is crucial that cars exit by driving behind the building, stopping at the stop sign on the west side of the building. This can aide in the deterrence of potential collisions with a school bus.

Moreover, children who are picked up early during fourth block without an appropriate state sanctioned excuse submitted the following school day can be identified as an unexcused sign out. The same rules for tardiness to school and its consequences can apply in this regard. Thank you for supporting our school and allowing us to educate your children. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at 740-532-7026 ext. 11588.

Sincerely,

Jason Owens  
Principal  
Rock Hill Middle School