

# MADISON UPDATES FOR STUDENTS – 2023-2024

The following information about new procedures and policies is being provided to students and their parents. The information contained here will be posted on the Madison website and will be covered again during the Student Rights and Responsibilities presentation during Warhawk Time the first week of school. If you have any questions, reach out to your [school counselor](#) or [assistant principal](#).

## Attendance



### Period Attendance and Period Tardies

- Students must be in their classes on time, every day, every period.
- **Students who reach a total of 5 unexcused absences, unexcused tardies or cuts in a two week period will receive consequences that could include lunch detentions, in-school suspensions and activities suspensions. Activities suspensions include participation in clubs or teams as well as attendance at school events, i.e., no practice or games.**

### Late Check-In

- Students arriving late after 8:10 am will be marked unexcused tardy unless they check in through the attendance office and present a handwritten note from a parent or doctor to be excused. Parents may also contact the attendance office by email or phone call.
- Valid tardiness reasons include doctor's appointment, illness or family emergency.

### Early Check-Out

- Student brings a **note** to the Attendance Office **before 9:45 am.**
- **Teachers will NOT allow students to leave class without this pass or confirmation from the attendance office.**
- Parents must come into the attendance office if no note is provided AND it is after **12:00 p.m.**
- If returning to school that same day, students must check in at the Attendance office before going back to class, even if it is between classes.

## Leaving School Grounds

To ensure the safety of all students, students are not permitted to leave school grounds without permission at any point during the school day unless they have an academy course or off-campus waiver. This includes during advisory, Warhawk Time or lunches. Per the SR&R, students who leave campus will be subject to a search, lunch detention(s), an in-school suspension and/or an activities suspension, to include no participation in club, team or school events.

### Food Deliveries

Parents are welcome to drop off food for their student in the main office on the 'I Forgot Shelf.' For safety reasons, food deliveries are **NOT** permitted throughout the school day. The front office will not accept any deliveries and Security will turn away any drivers who attempt to

make a delivery. Students who disregard this guidance will be subject to disciplinary consequences.



## Cell Phone/Airpod/Headphone Use

In line with the Fairfax County Public Schools SR&R, **students will not be permitted to use their cell phones during class unless permitted by the teacher for instructional purposes, this includes using airpods or headphones.** Research shows that managing phone use during class time supports students' attention and ability to fully engage in their learning. We ask that parents talk to their students about these expectations for this upcoming school year.



### Parking

Information about parking for Seniors and Juniors is available on our [website](#).

## Hallway Passes

All students must have a pass to be in the hall during class periods, this includes to go to the bathroom or get a drink of water. Teachers will also have special passes for the Clinic, Counseling and Library.

## Bathroom Stalls

Multiple students in a bathroom stall is a safety issue. If multiple students are found in a bathroom stall they will be subject to a search and disciplinary consequences.

## Grading/SIS Updates

- Assignments in SIS will be labeled either practice or assessment; and **all** your skills assessments for the year will average to determine your final grade.
- Reassess not Retake: No more retakes. Instead reassessment is built in with replacement grades. Each time you are assessed on specific skills, the most recent skill grade will replace the previous skill grade, if the most recent skill grade is higher. Skill assessment grades may only be replaced if you completed the previous skill assessment.

## Warhawk Time

Students will have the opportunity to move twice during this block. Students are expected to arrive on time to all advisory and Warhawk Time periods.

- **Advisory** - 26 min - **no movement**
  - Students will participate in required lessons
  - If no lessons are required, Advisory will serve as an independent study time.
  - Students may only be in the hallways with a pass
- **Transition** - 6 min
- **WT 1** - 26 min – **no movement**
- **Transition** - 6 min
- **WT 2** - 26 min – **no movement**

