



WELCOME TO HOLMES!!

New Parent
Orientation

8/28/19

A LITTLE BACKGROUND





Student Last Name Starts With:	Counselor	Assistant Principal
A-EI	Mr. Victor Carias	Ms. Rose Moore
Em-L	Ms. Bessie Fealey	
M-Qu	Ms. Kelly Murphy	Mr. Justin Simmons
Ra-Z	Ms. Erika Davis	



Team Holmes - Admin & Security

- Mrs. Giron - Director of Student Services
- Mrs. Moore - Assistant Principal, Last Names A -L
- Mr. Simmons- Assistant Principal, Last Names M-Z
- Mr. Barrow - Dean of Students
- Ms. Taylor - After School Program Specialist
- Officer Gray - School Resource Officer
- Mr. Banks - Safety & Security Assistant
- Ms. Welch - Instructional Assistant / Behavior Support

Team Holmes - Student Services

- Mrs. Giron - Director of Student Services
- Ms. Hindi - Registrar
- Mr. Carias - Counselor, Last Names A-EI
- Ms. Fealey - Counselor, Last Names Em-L
- Ms. Murphy - Counselor, Last Names M-Q
- Ms. Davis - Counselor, Last Names R-Z
- Ms. Woolheater - School Psychologist
- Ms. O'Sullivan - School Social Worker
- Clinic Aide - Ms. Acuff
- Public Health Nurse - Mrs. Kamara



Your primary points of
contact



Team Holmes - Office Staff

- Mrs. Hicks - Administrative Assistant
- Ms. Hindi - Registrar
- Ms. Navarrete - Office Assistant (Front desk)
- Ms. Stamp - Parent Liaison/Office Assistant (Front desk)
- Mr. Branch - Special Education Office Assistant (Front desk)
- Ms. Campbell - Finance Technician
- Ms. Astrow - Parent Liaison

Blue & White Days

**Full Calendar
will be on
inside cover of
student agenda**

SEPTEMBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	H	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Bell Schedule

**Also on inside
cover of student
agenda**

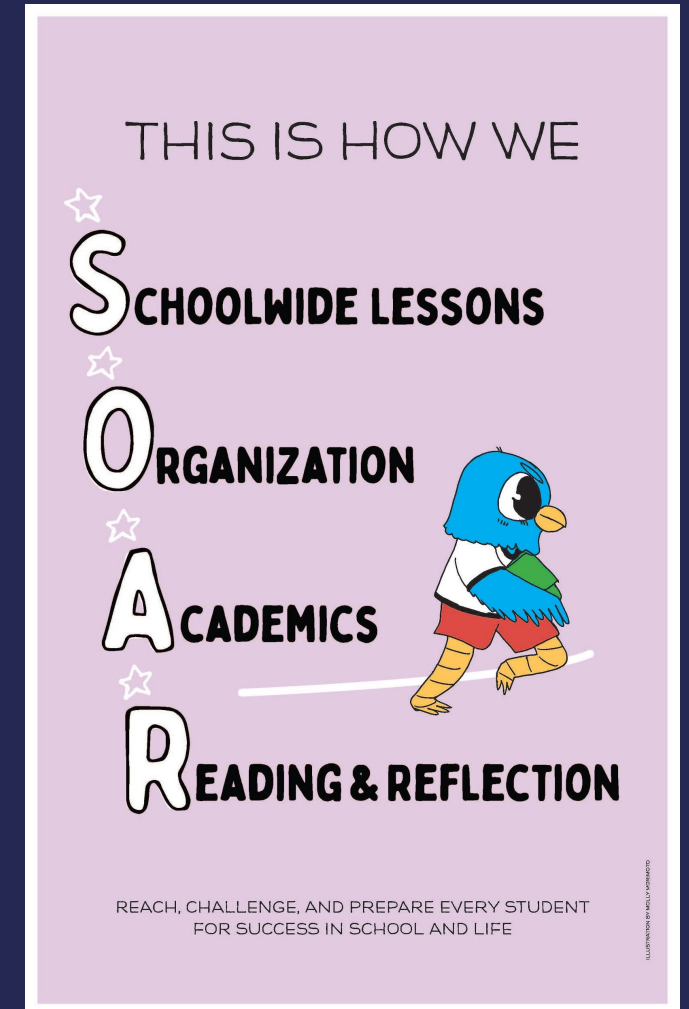
Holmes Middle School Bell Schedule

Blue Day	Time	White Day
1	7:30 – 9:00 (90)	2
3	9:05 – 10:35 (90) SOAR Time 9:05 – 9:48 (43) ER 9:53 – 10:35 (42)	SOAR Time/ Enrichment and Remediation (ER)
5	10:40 – 12:40 A Lunch 10:40 – 11:10 (30) A Class 11:10 – 12:40 (90) B Class 10:40 – 11:10 (30) B Lunch 11:10 – 11:40 (30) B Class 11:40 – 12:40 (60) C Class 10:40 – 11:40 (60) C Lunch 11:40 – 12:10 (30) C Class 12:10 – 12:40 (30) D Class 10:40 – 12:10 (90) D Lunch 12:10 – 12:40 (30)	4
7	12:45 – 2:15 (90)	6

SOAR Time

Throughout the year we will:

- Learn school procedures & expectations
- Build relationships
- Practice organizational skills
- Improve our grades
- Work on Choice Menus (SSR, Homework, SIS, Update Agenda)



ER = Enrichment & Remediation

- **ER 1-7**
 - Return periods for each of the student's 7 classes
 - Will appear in ParentVue as "Learning Seminar 1-7"

Enrichment & Remediation (ER) Period Dates	
1	9/12, 10/2, 10/23, 11/14, 12/9, 1/10, 2/4, 2/25, 3/17, 4/14, 5/4, 5/22
2	9/16, 10/4, 10/25, 11/18, 12/11, 1/14, 2/6, 2/27, 3/19, 4/16, 5/6, 5/27
3	9/18, 10/8, 10/29, 11/20, 12/13, 1/16, 2/10, 3/2, 3/23, 4/20, 5/8, 5/29
4	9/20, 10/10, 10/31, 11/22, 12/17, 1/21, 2/12, 3/5, 3/25, 4/22, 5/12, 6/2
5	9/24, 10/15, 11/6, 11/26, 12/19, 1/23, 2/14, 3/9, 3/27, 4/24, 5/14, 6/4
6	9/26, 10/17, 11/8, 12/3, 1/6, 1/29, 2/19, 3/11, 3/31, 4/28, 5/18, 6/8
7	9/30, 10/21, 11/12, 12/5, 1/8, 1/31, 2/21, 3/13, 4/2, 4/30, 5/20, 6/10
SOAR Time Only	8/27, 8/29, 9/4, 9/6, 9/10

Laptops, Backpacks, & Lockers

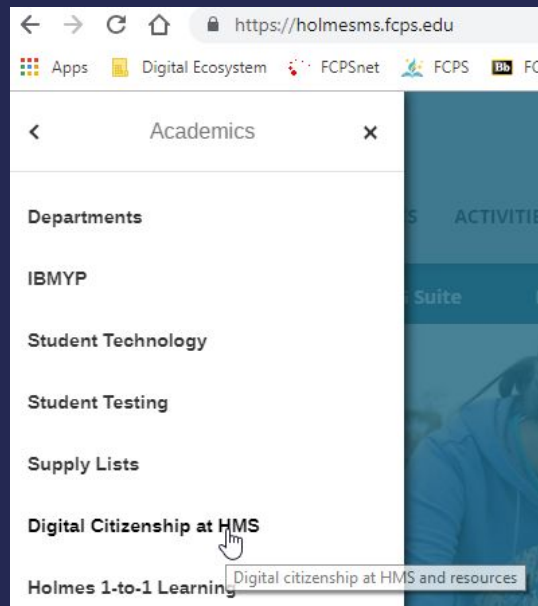
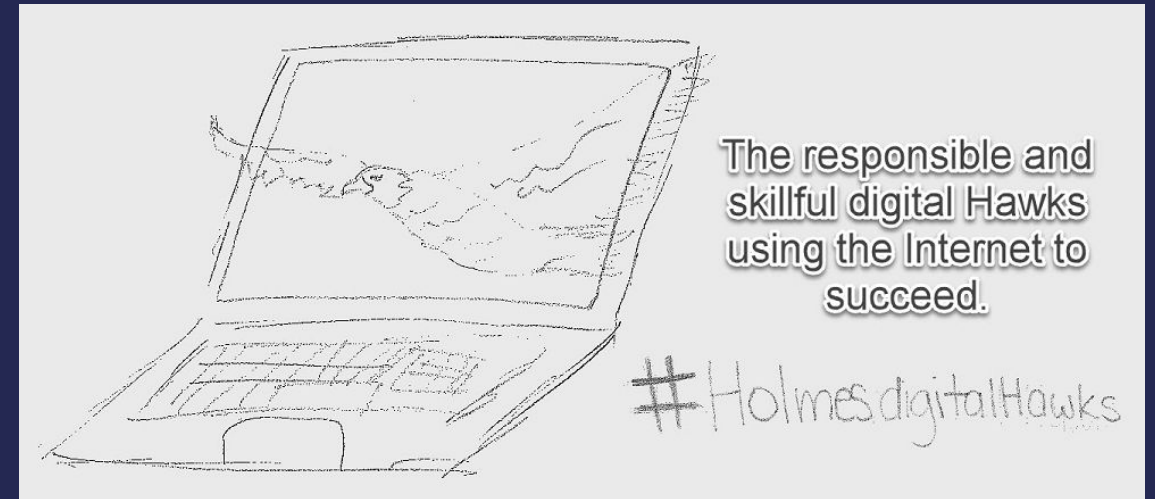


- Lockers: Issued to everyone on 9/10
- Laptops: Issued to 7th & 8th graders this week & next week
- Everyone can carry backpacks through 9/10; after that, only 7th & 8th graders

Digital Citizenship at Holmes

What is Digital Citizenship?

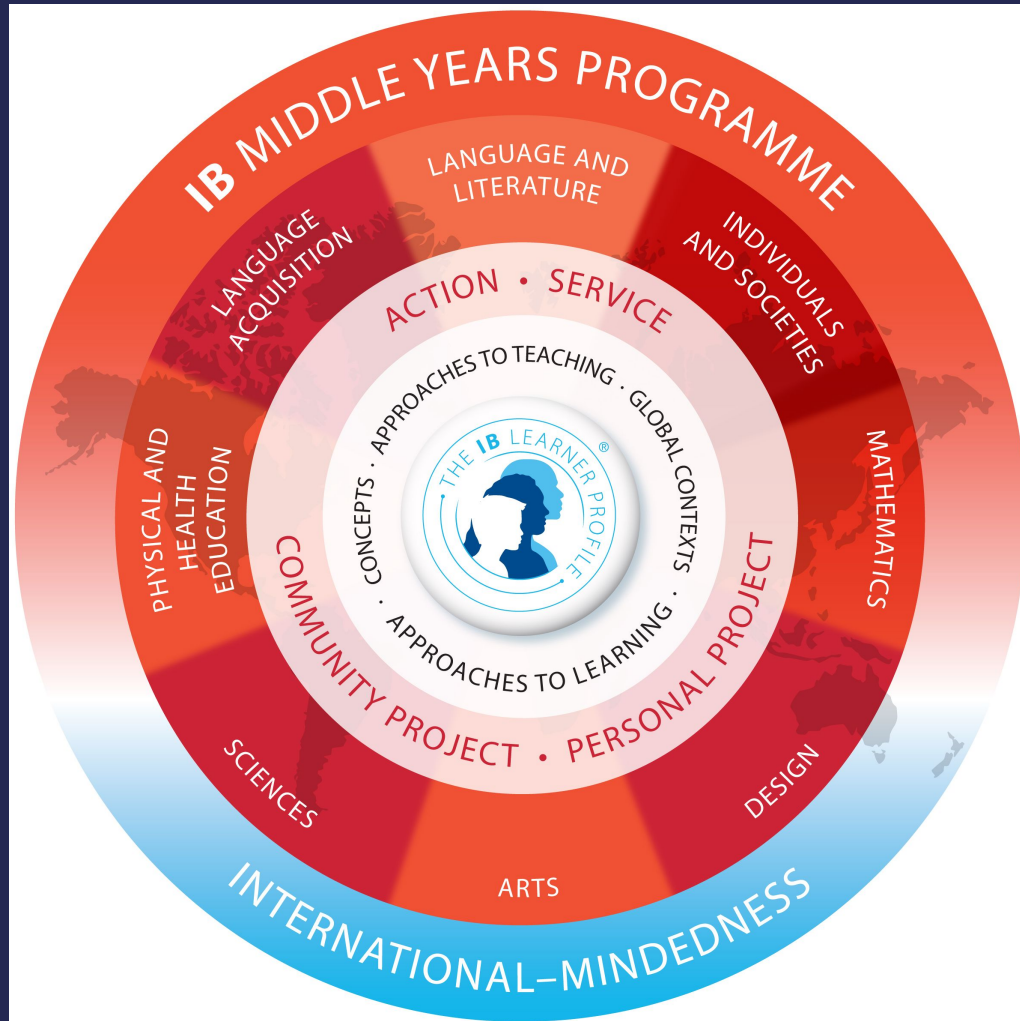
Digital Citizenship can be described as the norms of appropriate, responsible behavior (and its positive and negative impact on self and others) with regard to technology use.



Where can I find Resources?

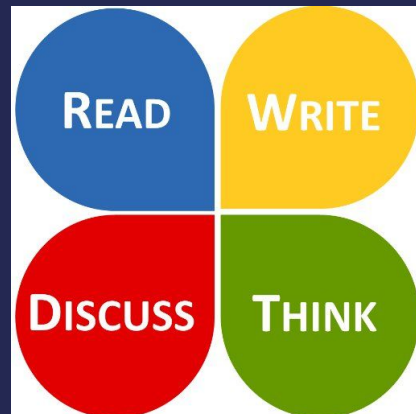
<https://holmesms.fcps.edu/academics/digital-citizenship-hms>

Holmes is an IB World School!



2019-20 Focus Areas

- **Positive Culture**
 - IB Learner Profile Traits: CARING, PRINCIPLED, THINKERS
 - #SoarTogether
- **High Quality Instruction:**
Increased Access to Rigor



2019-20 Holmes MS Behavior Matrix

Everywhere and in everything we do, Holmes Hawks Soar when we...

...consider the impact of our words and actions on others

...ask ourselves: Is it safe? Kind? Appropriate? True?

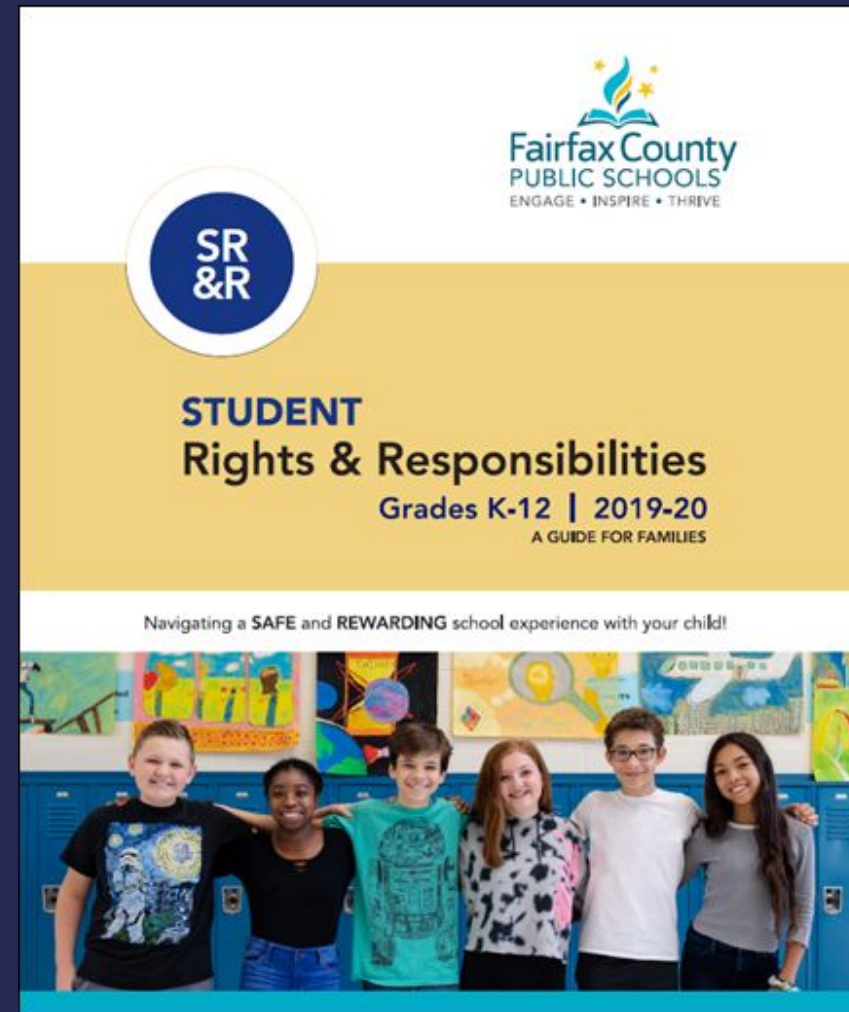
...address our peers and teachers with a school appropriate tone and language



	Caring <i>We actively care about others and participate in active service.</i>	Principled <i>We are honest, fair, just and full of integrity. We strive to solve our own problems and take responsibility for our own actions.</i>	Thinkers <i>We apply thinking skills that allow us to tackle complex problems in creative ways.</i>
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include others • Use materials and tools as instructed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive by the bell with all of our materials • Participate responsibly in lessons • Take ownership of our words and actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep an open mind about different perspectives • Actively engage and participate in classroom tasks.
Common Areas (Hallways, bathrooms, locker-rooms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer help to others • Keep our hands and feet to yourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep headphones and phones away and hoods off • Walk and talk • Use conversational voices • Take care of our surroundings • Use our own lockers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk to the right • Prioritize our errands • Report concerns to an adult immediately
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include others • Clean up after ourselves • Follow recycling guidelines for trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay in one seat • Clean tables and floors when asked • Report promptly to lunch, get seated, and get quiet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to and follow adult directions
Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share our seats • Keep our hands and feet to ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care of our surroundings • Stay in our seats • Report promptly to bus, get seated, and get quiet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to and follow adult directions
Online (cell phones, computers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report concerns to an adult immediately • Treat others how we would like to be treated • Maintain school technology to ensure proper functioning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice responsible digital citizenship • Use technology for academic purposes • Keep laptops charged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think before we post • Keep our personal information private

Student Rights & Responsibilities (SR&R)

- Booklets are here!
- Students will receive them next week in SOAR and have schoolwide lessons
- Please have students return the signature sheets to SOAR Teacher by 9/10



Holmes MS After School Program

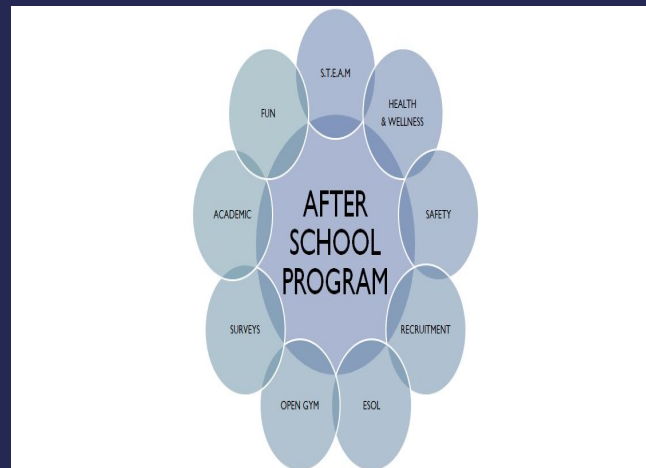
Key Strategies:

- Academic Support and Enrichment
- Social Skills and Youth Development
- Physical and Mental Wellness
- Family and Community Engagement
- Fun
- Safe Environment



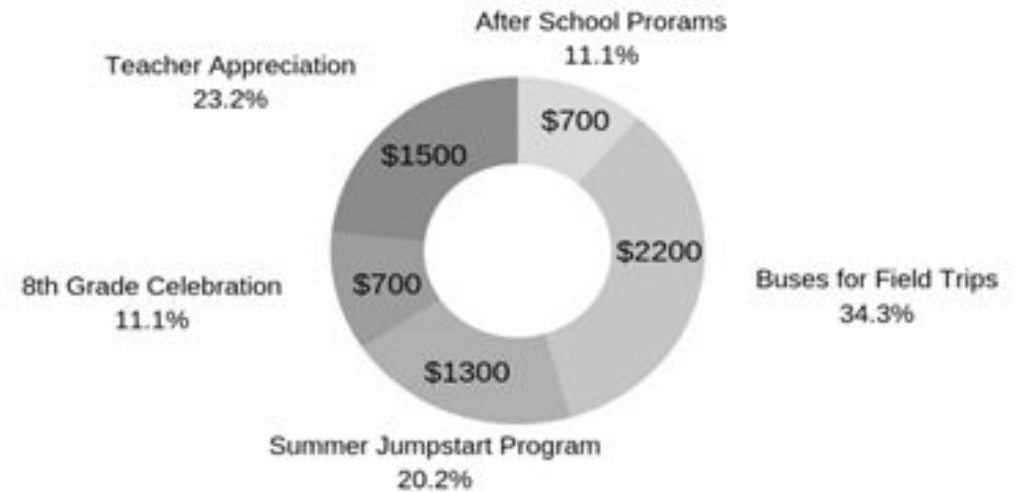
Reminders:

- After School Homework Rooms Begin September 16th (No Late Buses)
- Late Buses Start September 23rd
- Please make sure your child is registered for Afterschool



Holmes MS Parent Teacher Association

- **President:** Renate Thompson
- **Vice President - Membership:** Anne Wuhler
- **Vice President - Fundraising:** Rheanna Bernard
- **Secretary:** Mike Thayer
- **Treasurer:** Andre McGinity



Please take our survey & Spend a Dot!

2019-20 Holmes MS Family Engagement Events

Month	Theme	Parent Coffee	PTA	Community Event
August	Welcome!	8/22, 8:00-10:30 am (New Parents)	8/28, 5-8:30 pm Open House / Back to School Night	
September	Getting Organized	9/4, 9-10 am	9/11, 6:30-7:30 pm	TBD
October	Vaping, Alcohol, & Drugs	10/2, 9-10 am	10/24, 5:30-6:30 pm (before Fall Concert)	TBD
November	TBD*	11/5, 8-10 am Mini-Conference Morning with Teachers		
December	TBD*	12/4, 9-10 am	N/A	TBD
January	TBD*	1/8, 9-10 am	1/16, 5:30-6:30 pm (before Curr. Night)	1/16, 6:30-8 pm Curriculum Night
February	TBD*	2/5, 9-10 am	2/5, 7-8 pm Annandale Pyramid PTA Meeting	
March	TBD*	3/4, 9-10 am	3/5, 6-6:45 pm (before Band Concert)	TBD
April	TBD*	4/1, 9-10 am	4/2, 6-9 pm Annandale Pyramid Family Unity Night	
May	TBD*	5/6, 9-10 am	5/13, 6:30-7:30 pm	TBD
June	Celebrations	6/10 - Awards Ceremonies		

*To Be Determined based on parent survey results.



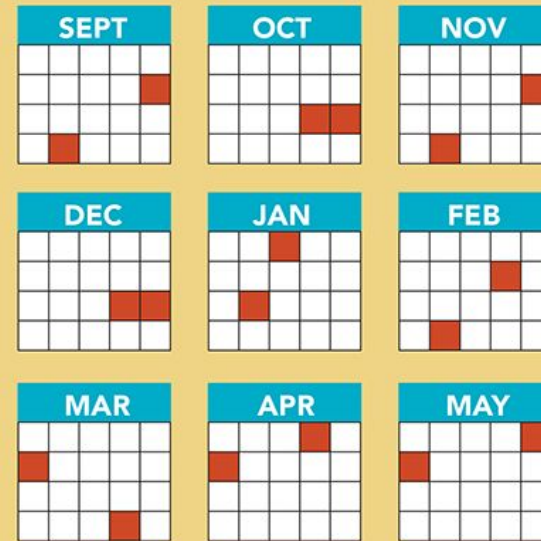
Attendance

Phone: 703-658-5919

Email: HolmesMiddle.Attendance@fcps.edu

Online Form:

<https://holmesms.fcps.edu/about/attendance-form>



2 ABSENCES
PER MONTH
x 9 MONTHS
OF SCHOOL

EQUALS:



**LESS LIKELY TO GRADUATE
FROM HIGH SCHOOL**

Transportation

Any issues with the bus? Let us know!

[Here Comes the Bus App](#)

District Code: 28982



How can I help my student?

- Routines & Boundaries
- Space and quiet place to study and work at home
- Organization of materials: Use the system that works for them
- Access to books & Time to read
- Monitor social media use
- Access tech tools with them: Blackboard, SIS, Google Classroom
- Communicate with them - Ask hard questions
- Communicate with us!





STAY IN TOUCH!!!

Please stay in touch with us throughout the year by:

- keeping your [contact information](#) up-to-date throughout the year
- visiting the [Holmes MS website](#)
- signing up for [News You Choose](#)
- following us on [Twitter](#)
- monitoring your student's progress with [SIS Parent Account](#)
- checking class information & assignments on [FCPS 24/7 \(Blackboard\)](#) and/or [Google Classroom](#)
- Keep money on lunch account with [MySchoolBucks](#)
- join the [Holmes MS PTA](#) and attend meetings – 1st meeting is September 11th!