

Presque Isle Middle School

Parent/Student Handbook

Presque Isle Middle School Mission

The mission of Presque Isle Middle School is to provide all students and staff with a premier education in a safe and supportive environment. We believe that students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process. We hold high expectations for our students and staff. We support individual teaching and learning styles and provide the opportunity for all to take risks, learn and experience success. As a community of learners, we value open communication and accomplishments are shared and celebrated. We strive to promote habits of life-long learning to assist our students and staff in becoming responsible, productive and informed members of an ever-changing world.

Dear Students and Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2006-07 school year! The staff at Presque Isle Middle School has been busy preparing to support and guide students in a variety of ways as they embark on a brand new academic year. We appreciate everyone's effort--school staff, parents and community members--in making our school the very best place in which our students will grow and learn to be enlightened, responsible and respectful citizens.

Students, you have an important responsibility as well. You choose your attitude and effort toward your education. While your teachers will do their best to prepare and instruct challenging lessons, only you hold the key to what and how much you will learn. You are the most important part of your learning process. The resources are here for you at Presque Isle Middle School; make the most of your opportunity!

At Presque Isle Middle School, we understand that positive and respectful relationships are vital to enhancing the learning process. In building positive and respectful relationships with peers, and school staff members, you will make your experience and education here at PIMS the best it can possibly be.

The PIMS Student/Parent Handbook and Student Planner, is divided into three parts:

- First part: PIMS Student/Parent Handbook
- Second part: Student resource section
- Third part: Student Planner

The Student/Parent Handbook has been carefully designed to provide you, the parent and student, with guidelines for expectations and procedures at Presque Isle Middle School. It is organized with a table of contents, highlighting the major topics, and an index for quick reference. Please take time with your son/daughter to review these expectations and procedures, as they are our school community's guide for creating a safe and supportive environment.

The second part of this booklet is a student resource section, which includes time management and study skills as well as basic facts on a variety of subjects. The third part is the student planner section, which is a traditional "assignment notebook." It is designed to support students as they keep track of their assignments and organize and plan their activities and other responsibilities.

In closing, I am proud to report that many people have spent a great deal of time, energy and other resources planning for a productive and invigorating school year. Going forward, we all now have a challenge to make it happen!

Sincerely,

Anne M. Blanchard
Principal

****In the unlikely event that information in this handbook conflicts with MSAD #1 district policy, the district policy will prevail.****

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