

CMS Important Information

PBS

PBS stands for "**Positive Behavior Supports.**" This means that we reward students for making good decisions in class, with each other, and with their own behavior.

In keeping with the PBS program, Collier Middle School students are expected to treat others and themselves with **Respect, Responsibility, Safety, and Kindness.**

Students who follow the four core behaviors have more fun! They get to earn preferred activities twice each day, extended preferred activities each Friday, and super-trips each month.

When students don't demonstrate core behaviors, they may be assigned to **Refocus or AIM.**

Refocus

Students who have not earned at least 7 out of 8 points in either half of the school day attend Refocus sessions instead of their preferred activities. During Refocus, students are asked to reflect on four questions:

- What behavior prevented them from earning their points?
- What were they thinking or feeling at the time?
- What alternatives could they choose next time to avoid a consequence?
- Are there any relationships that need to be restored?

Students who are successful in Refocus are able to resume their day with a clean slate. Students who are not successful in Refocus are assigned to AIM.

AIM

AIM (Achieve, Inspire, Motivate) is an option for students whose behavior requires temporary removal from class, but for whom out-of-school suspension may not be necessary. The assigned AIM session (which may be a partial- or full day) consists of a combination of counseling and completing academic work.

Upstanders:

Upstander awards are given to students who go out of their way to be kind, supportive, accepting, and/or welcoming to others. Students may be nominated by other students or by staff. Upstanders help to maintain the positive atmosphere at CMS.

Sanctuary Model Safety Plans

Sanctuary Model Safety Plans are carried by all CMS students and staff. The plans list activities that are self-soothing. For some students, it might be a short break. For others, it could be a fidget. Sanctuary Model Safety Plans are designed to help all of us to remember what can calm us down when we are stressed.

Hall Passes

Students who need to leave the classroom for any reason (including going to the restroom or nurse) must sign out of their classes and have a hall pass lanyard with them at all times.

Lockers

Students should let their counselor know if they would like to be assigned a locker. Students may keep coats, backpacks, electronic devices, and PE attire in their lockers. The lockers are secure: the combinations are changed each year.

Counseling, Groups, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy

Students will see their social workers for individual sessions once each week. In addition, students will be involved in a 6-week group three times each year. Students whose IEPs require Occupational Therapy (OT) will be informed of their OT schedule. Students who wish to make additional appointments for counseling or OT can make those requests during first period each day. Students whose IEPs call for Speech and Language Therapy will be informed of the times and dates of their appointments.

PE Attire

Students are required to wear sneakers to PE, and to have coats to wear outside when it's cold.

Lunch

Students may bring or buy their lunch. School lunch options include a variety of salads, sandwiches, and hot items. Students who feel that a quiet lunch environment is best for them should let their social worker know.

Project Paul

Students go to Project Paul each week to assist in their thrift store and food pantry. Ms. Peterson coordinates this service-learning program.

Mentoring

Peer Mentors escort new students to their classes, invite new students to eat lunch at their tables, take them on tours, and go over FAQ's. Mentors also assist with Back-To-School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, and other school functions as requested. Ms. Teri coordinates this program.

Super Trips

Everyone month, CSM students who earn at least 90% of their points get to take a super trip. Some examples include: Silverball Arcade, Movie Theater, Yestercades, swimming at the YMCA, and more!