

Ocean Bay Middle School Quick Reference Guide

Barbara McGinnis, Principal

School begins promptly at 8:20 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:30 pm. Cafeteria door are unlocked at 7:35 am

Attendance

Your child is considered tardy if they arrive after 8:20 am. The adult bringing the student must walk into school and sign the student in.

1st Tardy = Warning

2nd Tardy = Warning & Parent Contact

3rd & 4 Tardy = Detention

5th Tardy = Referral to Administration & Detention

6th Tardy = Referral to Administration & Suspension to be Determined Any questions concerning Attendance please contact Kimberly Grice at 903-8422.

Absences

Attendance is taken each period. Upon three consecutive or five total unlawful absences, the Data Quality Clerk, Kimberly Grice, will immediately attempt to establish contact with the parent to arrange a conference. During this conference, Mrs. Grice will develop a written plan (AIP) with the parent to insure that the parent, the student, and the school have an understanding regarding the future attendance of the student. If after such a conference is held, the student is unlawfully absent again, he/she will be immediately referred to the District's Attendance Coordinator.

The Attendance Coordinator may refer the student to Family Count for a motion for court-ordered attendance. All absences should be followed up with a parent note or a medical note. All medical notes will be verified. Any questions concerning attendance may be directed to Kimberly Grice at 903-8422.

Homework

If your child is absent and you need to request homework, please login into Powerschool and email your child's teachers. Please allow 24 hours for the assignments to be picked up at the front desk.

Early Dismissal

If your student needs to be picked up early, a note must be brought to the front office first thing in the morning by the student. In the note, please include student's name, grade, name of person picking up and dismissal time. The student will be given a pass to leave the classroom at the appointed time. This **MUST** be done so that we do not put telephone calls through to the classroom and cause unnecessary disruptions during instructional time.

Buses

All bus routes and times can be found at [Horrycountyschools.net-Parent Resources-Transportation](http://Horrycountyschools.net-ParentResources-Transportation). Please inform your child of their bus route and bus number prior to arriving on the first day of school. This year, there will be NO bus change notes accepted. All students need to ride their assigned bus. In case of an emergency, parents may contact the school.

Car Riders

Car riders are to be dropped off in front of the cafeteria doors in the morning. Doors open at 7:35 am. Car riders will exit the building from our front doors at 3:30 pm and picked up under the awning only.
All car riders **must be picked up by 4 pm.**

Medication

Per Horry County School District Policy, students may not carry any medications, prescription or over the counter, with them at school. Possession of medication will be handled as a discipline issue. Any medications that need to be taken during the school day must be brought in by a Parent or Guardian in the original packaging, and the appropriate form must be filled out. Applications are needed, per child, per medication. Epi-pens, inhalers and insulin may be carried with the student only if the self-administration packet is filled out by the Parent, Physician and Student. The nurse may be reached at her direct line 903-8433.

Contact Information

Please provide the front office with any changes in address, phone numbers, email addresses or pick up contacts. Changes of address must be made in writing and be dropped off with Proof of Residency.

Facebook

If you are on Facebook (please look for the current Facebook page). Please like "OBMS." It is updated daily with news and events,

Website

Please check our Blog daily for updates on our OBM website. horrycountyschools.net and obm.horrycountyschools.net.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

We encourage all Parents and Guardians to actively access Powerschool to check grades, assignments, attendance and email teachers. If you already use PowerSchool. Your current username and password will still be valid. New parents to Horry County Schools may contact the school to set-up an account.

Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome at OBMS. If you are planning on chaperoning a field trip or helping out in our school you must submit an application. Please go to horrycountyschools.net>parent resources. Allow 1-2 weeks for the application to be approved.

Lunch

2018-2019 Prices are as follows: Breakfast \$1.10, Lunch \$2.50. Prices are subject to change. Free and Reduced Applications, My School Bucks Account and menus can be found at Horrycountyschools.net>Departments>Food Services. Our cafeteria also sells a la carte items for an additional charge. OBMS DOES NOT allow fast food drop offs.

Cell Phones

Cell Phones are to be turned off during school hours.