

GENERAL INFORMATION

School hours for all middle schools in Omaha Public Schools are 7:40 A.M. - 3:05 P.M. The school year will begin **Tuesday, August 17, 2021** for **6th grade only**, and **Wednesday, August 18, 2021** for **all students**. Davis Middle School will open daily at 7:10 A.M. A free breakfast is served from 7:10 - 7:30 A.M. Students who are not eating breakfast will wait outside and may enter the building at 7:33 A.M. During inclement weather, students will be seated in the cafeteria or library when they arrive. At 7:40 A.M. **all students MUST be in their first period class**. No student is to loiter in the halls or entries after being dismissed at 3:05 P.M. It is expected that the halls be cleared by 3:15 P.M. each day and doors will be locked at 3:15 P.M. Those in co-curricular activities are to go directly to those activities and must be supervised by an adult.

ATTENDANCE--Make everyday count!

Strive for 95 (Missing 9 days or less of school each year). Every student will attend school regularly and arrive on time to meet the goal of 95% attendance for the full academic year. Regular attendance is necessary to keep up with lessons. Students who miss less than 9 days of school each year are more likely to stay engaged, be successful and on track for graduation. Absences in early grades correlate with reading difficulties and poor attendance patterns in later years. **Students need to be at school on time every day! Parents are required to call the school's Attendance Office regarding all school absences at 531-299-2340.** If parents are unable to call, the student is required to bring a note from a parent to the main office stating the reason for the absence. If a student has a note from a doctor, they should bring this to the main office so the absence can be excused.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

To limit transitions throughout our schools, several steps will be taken. These include staggering passing periods, no hallway locker use during the day and keeping interior doors open for students, limiting contact with as many surfaces as possible. 7th and 8th graders will be assigned a gym locker for their gym clothes. During arrival and dismissal, only doors designated as enter/exit will be used, hand sanitizer & disposable masks will be located at each door, and there will be a staggered dismissal at the end of the day.

STUDENT HANDBOOK – RULES AND REGULATIONS

Each student will receive a student handbook on the first day of school. This provides detailed information about the policies and regulations of Davis Middle School and the Omaha Public Schools. Teachers will review the handbook with all students, they will be instructed to take it home. Please be sure to read and discuss the handbook. The students will be responsible for all content in the handbook. The student handbook can also be found on the Davis Middle School web page. Please feel free to contact Davis with any questions or concerns.

VALUABLES

Students should not bring valuables to school unless it is necessary to the education program. Please avoid bringing excessive amounts of money. Do not bring cell phones, pagers, beepers, cameras, radios, iPods, electronic devices, etc., to school. The loss of such items will **not** be the responsibility of the school. These items will be confiscated by school staff and checked in to the team administrator. A parent/legal guardian must come to school to claim the equipment.

AGENDAS

The Davis Middle School will provide ALL students with a free agenda. All Students will be required to have their agendas with them daily. Agendas will be used to assist each student in setting personal goals, recording, achievement, managing time, recording class assignments, checking off completed assignments, and for parent/teacher comments. In addition, the agenda will be used as a pass for movement throughout the building during class time. **Agendas are not to be folded, cut, rolled, or torn apart.** If a student loses his/her agenda during the school year, a new one may be purchased for \$12.00 from the school store.

STUDENT SUPPLY LIST

Most course work will be completed on student issued iPads. Teachers may request that students bring the following items:

Backpack or book bag	Pencils	Regular Pens	Regular paper-ruled or typing	Folders	Highlighters
Pencil Box or bag	Erasers	Notebooks	3-Ring binders	Rulers	

Book covers (option for homemade or purchased) Musical instrument cleaners and items (reeds, valve oil, wax, pipe, cleaner, etc.) Clothing appropriate to activities, such as gym clothes and shoes, etc., may also be required.

ATHLETICS

A school physical is mandatory for students entering the seventh grade. Any physical by a doctor can also be used as a sports physical. Any 7th/8th grade can participate in one sport per quarter pending the following paperwork has been submitted by the parent/guardian: Middle level activities contract/insurance information, sports physical, concussion form, and an activity card. Along with this paperwork each student athlete is expected to be passing all classes. If a student athlete is in failing status, he/she will participate in Davis' academic tutoring program. Sixth grade students are only eligible for intramurals.

ACTIVITY CARDS

Student activity cards can be purchased for \$15 or can be obtained for free by a parent signature on the SIP waiver section (based on the student's free/reduced lunch status). Only families who purchase or sign the waiver will be given a picture ID/activity card.