

FMS Student & Parent Information

To know what's happening at FMS, visit knoxschools.org/farragutms

The Farragut Middle School website is the first stop for students and parents to get current information about Farragut Middle School. **Parents should familiarize themselves with FMS procedures, guidelines, rules, etc. by visiting the FMS website.**

Note: All visitors entering the school must report directly to the office and have a photo ID for identification.

The office should be notified of any special circumstances regarding access to a student.

Office Procedures

- Lost and Found: items will be removed from FMS at the end of each 9 weeks.
- Visitor Lunch: approved visitors may eat lunch with students in the front lobby or outside picnic area only.
- **Items/lunches may NOT be dropped off past 9:30 a.m.,** must be labeled with the student's name, and the student is responsible for checking the office for them **(the office will not call for items/lunches).**

FMS believes in positive relationships and this belief extends to our guests and visitors with an expectation of civility.

Attendance

- 5 unexcused absences: a student is considered truant from school per TN Attendance Law (TCA 49-6-3001) – Truancy is the legal term for unexcused absences only.
- TN Chronic Absenteeism refers to missing school for any reason (excused or unexcused) and defined as missing 10 percent or more instructional days.

NOTE: Up to 10 parent/guardian notes allowed per year to excuse an absence. Family vacations are not excusable. See Policy J-120 for additional information.

Arrival:you are late to school?

- Building is open at 7:30 a.m. for walker and car rider arrival.
- If you arrive any time after 8:30 a.m. you must report directly to the office to receive a tardy slip, then you must report directly to class.
- Students who are not seated in their 1st Period Class by 8:30 a.m. and who do not have an excuse written by a doctor or other medical professional will be considered Tardy-unexcused. If a student is Tardy-unexcused more than 4 times during a quarter (defined as a 9-week grading period) may lose the privilege to participate in any incentives during that quarter (*excluding end of the year events*).
- A student's number of unexcused tardies will reset each quarter when determining eligibility for quarterly incentives.
- Any student who acquires 20 or more unexcused tardies at any point in the school year **will be ineligible for any student incentives including end of year incentives (celebrations, parties, etc.)**

3:30 Dismissal

- All students must dismiss at their appropriate time.
- Dismissal Violations/Bus misconduct is subject to disciplinary consequences.
- Bus riders must remain in their class until their bus or grade level is called to the gym.
- Dismissal violations include leaving the class before bus or grade is called and not moving directly to the bus or gym when leaving class.
- **If riding a different bus, students must bring a parent /guardian note to the office by 8:30 a.m. for approval.**
- Once a student dismisses, and leaves FMS campus, they may not be in the building or on campus unsupervised after 3:30 p.m.
- Administration reserves the right to modify an individual student's dismissal procedure.

....you need to leave school early?

When leaving early is necessary, you must have a written request for early dismissal. **No dismissals after 3:00 p.m.** Parents and students **must** adhere to the following:

- Please bring a note signed by a parent/guardian **to the office between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.,** stating the reason for leaving.. Leaving school without approval and without signing out in the office will result in disciplinary action. Forged communication will result in disciplinary action.
- **A parent/guardian must come into the office to check you out w/valid ID.** In case of emergencies, students may only be released to adults listed in his/her emergency information on file. **Release by phone/email is NOT an option. Please do not ask for exceptions.**
- Students must be present at least 50% of the school day to be counted present for the day.
- To minimize disruptions in classroom instruction time, please make every effort to schedule student appointments in a way that least impacts their instructional time.

NOTE: Students on campus, but not in class or in the office, are considered cutting class and subject to disciplinary

Make Up Work

Missed work can be made up; however, students must request missed work within 3 days of an absence. **Failure to request missed work within three days of returning may result in the lost opportunity for credit.** Extended absences (4 days or more), parents may contact the teacher or grade level counselor to request make-up work. Please allow appropriate time for teachers and counselors to gather the necessary assignments (minimum 24 hours).

Note: Make-up work should be completed before or after a regular school day, not during class time.

What not to wear

FMS has a dress code that promotes a safe and optimum learning environment. Board Policy J-260.

A few things to keep in mind about your clothing:

- No sagging. Pants must be worn at the waist.
- **No bare midribs, strapless tops, low cut blouses. Abdomen and back completely covered and shirts/blouses must have sleeves.**
- No sleepwear, pajamas, or blankets.
- No head apparel in the building, except for religious/medical purposes.
- **Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be beyond mid-thigh length.**
- No clothing or accessories that display alcohol, tobacco, drugs, obscenities, and racial or ethnic slurs.

NOTE: Any student not attired in accordance with this policy shall be subject to correction of the violation. If a correction cannot be made, the student shall be subject to additional disciplinary measures.

Get involved in your school.....

FMS Sponsored Athletics

- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Track and Field
- Cheerleading

NOTE: There are numerous other sports and clubs that are classified as community sports and not directly affiliated with FMS or KCS. Information for these will be relayed if provided by their sponsors during morning announcements and FMS website.

NOTE: Students are encouraged to participate in after-school activities or other opportunities; however, must be picked-up on time. Frequent failure to be picked up at the close of the event, may result in a loss of the privilege to attend.

...you are asked to go on a school sponsored field trip?

If you participate in field trips, you must complete the KCS Volunteer Process. Contact the FMS Office for guidance. See KCS Policy I-260.

NOTE: Students must return to FMS campus after a field trip for proper check-out.

The following activities are not acceptable at FMS:

- Name-calling, gestures, or other insults based on race, gender, or other perceived characteristics
- Pushing, shoving, horseplay, fighting
- Possession of Tobacco Products (including E-Cigarettes/Vape)
 - 1st Offense: 2 days OSS + 1-day RLC
 - Subsequent Offenses: additional days OSS
- PDA (public display of affection)
- Profanity, abusive language
- Bus Misconduct: Safety is a priority. Disruptions on the bus are subject to suspension

Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and Cyber-Bullying

Knox County Schools prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying and cyber-bullying. A safe and courteous environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve.

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Threats

Verbal, written, electronic, or gestured threats that are direct or indirect **will not** be tolerated and **will** result in disciplinary action up to long term suspension and possible criminal charges.

NOTE: Engaging in these or other prohibited conduct will result in disciplinary consequences.

Cell Phones, Smart Watches, Bluetooth Headphones, and other Personal Communication Devices (PCDs)

Students may possess PCDs while on school property. **Devices may not be used between 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and must be in the off mode. Violation of this policy will result in confiscation for parent pick-up.** Board Policy J-240.

1:1 Device Information

- All students are issued a Chromebook
- A KCS Technology Agreement must be signed to transport the Chromebook to and from school.
- Optional insurance may be purchased when available
- Replacement costs will incur for negligent or intentional damage
- FMS/KCS reserves the right to revoke the ability to transport a device at any time
- Comprehensive device information can be found at knoxschools.org/farragutms

Zero Tolerance Policy

To ensure a safe and secure learning environment free of drugs, violence, and dangerous weapons, any student who engages in the following behaviors will be subject to removal from school for a period of not less than one calendar year. The Director of Schools has the authority to modify this suspension requirement on a case-by-case basis. Zero tolerance acts are as follows:

Any student on a school bus, on school property, or while attending any school event or activity:

- Unlawfully possess a legend drug or any other controlled substance; or
- Knowingly possesses a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921; or
- Commits aggravated assault or, commits assault and intentionally, knowingly or
- Recklessly causes bodily injury, on a teacher, principal, a School Security Officer (SSO), a teaching assistant or any other employee of the school system, or a School Resource Officer (SRO)
- Possession of explosive or incendiary devices.

The intent of the Knox County School Board provides the Director of Schools the power to exercise and provide modifications to ensure that no student shall be out of school for more than two semesters for a zero-tolerance offense. The superintendent shall consider each zero-tolerance case on an individual basis to determine placement within the alternative school program.

Medication(s)

Students who are required to take medication(s) during school hours must comply with the regulations established by the Tennessee Department of Health and Education. Over the counter medications are included in these regulations. See Board Policy J-352 for a list of those regulations. Required KCS forms available in the FMS Front Office.

NOTE: Students in possession of OTC and/or prescription medications are subject to disciplinary consequences

For a complete listing of School Board Policies visit: knoxschools.org

FMS Class Schedule

The school day is broken into four 75-minute academic classes.

- Reading/Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

Each grade level will attend Related Arts classes for 90 minutes.

- Students will attend 2 separate Related Arts classes for 45 minutes each

LUNCH: between 10:30-1:00 based on pod

Class grades are cumulative; representing work from the beginning of the course to the date of the report. Successive reports represent compiled scores of all work for each semester. At the end of the school year, the two semester grades are averaged for a final course grade.

Grade Percentage Range

A	90 -100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0 – 59

NP = Not Progressing PR = Progressing

Farragut Middle School

Mission Statement

Farragut Middle School is committed to offering exceptional educational opportunities to all students by providing a rigorous curriculum, a highly effective staff, and a meaningful partnership with parents and the community.

At FMS we believe that relationships are the foundation of **all** we do. We treat others with honor and respect and expect the same in return. If you believe someone is not living up to the FMS standard of conduct, talk to a teacher, counselor, or administrator.

Frequently Requested Information

Knox County District	knoxschools.org
Farragut Middle	knoxschools.org/farragutms
Aspen Parent Portal	knoxschools.org/aspeninfo

Grades, Upcoming assignments, Attendance, Progress reports/report cards, state testing scores, login help, password assistance, etc.

Bus Stop Locator	knoxschools.org/Page/7327
Enrollment/Transfers	knoxschools.org/Page/24779
Transportation	(865) 594-1550
FMS Office	(865) 966-9756

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024

First Semester

August 04.....	Orientation 6 th & 9 th graders (½ day)
August 08.....	First Day of School (½ day)
August 16.....	Early Release Day for Students (1:30)
August 29.....	In-service Day (Student Holiday)
September 04.....	Holiday - Labor Day
September 08.....	End of 4 ½ Weeks Grading Period
September 20.....	Early Release Day for Students (1:30)
October 06.....	End of 9 Weeks Grading
October 09-13.....	Fall Break
November 07.....	In-service Day (Student Holiday)
November 15.....	End of 4 ½ Weeks Grading Period
November 22-24.....	Holiday - Thanksgiving
December 20.....	End of 9 Weeks Grading (½ day)
December 21—January 02.....	Winter Holidays

Second Semester

January 03.....	In-service Day (Student Holiday)
January 04.....	First Day for Students
January 15.....	Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
January 24.....	Early Release Day for Students (1:30)
February 05.....	End of 4 ½ Weeks Grading Period
February 14.....	Early Release Day for Students (1:30)
February 19.....	In-service Day (Student Holiday)
March 05.....	Holiday (Presidential Primary Election)
March 08.....	End of 9 weeks Grading Period
March 11-15.....	Spring Break
March 20.....	Early Release Day for Students (1:30)
March 29.....	Holiday (No School)
April 01.....	Holiday (No School)
April 19.....	End 4 ½ Weeks Grading Period
May 23.....	Last Day for Students (½ Day)
May 24.....	Last Day for Teachers