



CHARLES S. RUSHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian of a Charles S. Rushe Middle School 8th Grade Student:

As a part of our school's commitment to prepare our students for the adventures and rigor that high school brings, we find it necessary to implement eligibility requirements for all 8th grade end of the year activities. Although these events are an important part of being an 8th grader at CSRMS, they are a privilege that is earned rather than a right that all students enjoy. Below you will find the eligibility requirements for students to attend the 8th Grade Activities. We are notifying you of the requirements so that you can assist your child in meeting them, as our desire is that every student in 8th grade earn the privilege of participating. The 8th grade students have also been notified of these requirements and understand what they must do to earn the privilege of attending these events.

Beginning on January 23rd, 2023 students must meet **ALL** of the following criteria in order to be eligible to participate in the following 8th Grade Activities (8th Grade Dance, Gradventure, and Field Day):

1) Academic Eligibility Requirements

- a. Students must pass and/or be passing **ALL** core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies) for each of the 3 years in Middle School.
- b. Students with failures in 6th and/or 7th and/or 8th grade core classes must first recover those failed classes before they would be eligible for promotion; therefore, these students are **NOT ELIGIBLE** for **ANY** 8th Grade Activities until the courses are recovered. (We encourage students to participate in our course recovery program through the learning lab or extended school day. Once students have passed or recovered all core classes in grades 6-8 they are then eligible to attend 8th grade activities.)

2) Behavioral Eligibility Requirements

- O.S.S. (Out of School Suspension) As O.S.S. is given for the most serious breaches of the Student Code of Conduct (fighting, instigating a fight, cursing at staff members, bringing drugs, alcohol, weapons or other unauthorized items on campus, and continual/habitual history of misconduct) any student who receives an O.S.S after **January 23rd** is **Not Eligible** for any 8th grade activity.
- I.S.S. (In School Suspension) A student will receive an I.S.S if he/she has a pattern of disruptive/defiant behavior. Any student who receives I.S.S after **January 23rd** will forfeit participation in the 8th grade activities as follows:
 - a. 1st Referral with I.S.S = Loss of Next 8th Grade Activity
 - b. 2nd Referral with I.S.S = Loss of an Additional 8th Grade Activity
 - c. 3rd Referral with I.S.S = Loss of **ALL** remaining 8th Grade Activities
- With our behavioral expectations in place, we anticipate that students, even those that have a history of disciplinary referrals, will try to avoid referable infractions so that they can participate in the 8th grade activities.

Please Note:

- Students' ineligible for the 8th Grade Activities due to disciplinary reasons can still participate in the promotion ceremony as long as a parent is in attendance and the student leaves school after the ceremony is concluded.
- Many of the 8th Grade Activities require the school to pre-pay. As a result, any student who receives a referral that results in the forfeiture of participation in any 8th grade activity **will not receive a refund** (unless we are able to utilize their space in an event)
- Students, who currently do not meet the academic eligibility requirements, **can become eligible** by:
 - a) Raising their grade in all 8th grade core classes to a passing level
 - b) Completing Course Recovery for any failed core course in 6th and/or 7th grades



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As a Final Reminder:

Students who meet the eligibility requirements for the 8th Grade Activities are entitled to participate in any or all of the events. **However, while students may initially qualify for all activities in January, it is up to the student to maintain both grades and disciplinary success in order to remain eligible.** Students who become ineligible due to academic difficulties or disciplinary issues will forfeit participation in whatever 8th grade activities remain on the calendar.

If you have any questions regarding any of the eligibility requirements, please feel free to contact either of the following staff members:

Ms. Huyck – CSRMS SSAP/Course Recovery
Mr. Doychak – 8th Grade Assistant Principal

Sincerely,

The 8th Grade Team of CSRMS



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Eighth Grade End of the Year Activities 2022-2023

Eighth Grade Dance

Where: CSRMS Cafeteria

When: Friday, May 5th, 2023 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Cost: \$20 (No tickets will be sold at the door)

Included: DJ, souvenir photo, food & beverages

Eligibility: Must meet ALL eligibility criteria by 2:00 P.M., Friday, May 5th & attend school on May 5th

Important Notes: We request that parents do not arrange for limousine transportation for this event and want you to be aware that the following dress code will be enforced:

No jeans or hats of any kind are permitted. No garment that reveals/exposes underclothing and or that exposes the midriff/lower back will be allowed. Pants must be secured at the waist

No t-shirts allowed. The neckline must not fall below armpit level and or/reveal any underclothing.

Both boys and girls may wear dress pants that comply with the dress code

Eighth Grade Field Trip

Location: Universal Studios /Universal Islands of Adventure

When: May 12th, 2023 – Depart CSRMS after lunch and return @ appxt 2:00-2:30 AM on Saturday, May 13th

Note: Dress Code still applies & students MUST wear the 8th Grade T-Shirt on the trip with no alterations.

Cost: \$160.00 –Due by Friday, March 31st - Please note that space is limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Included: Transportation to/from, admission to Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, the 8th grade T-shirt, a souvenir bag, as well as one meal voucher while at the park.

Eligibility: Must maintain Behavioral Eligibility from January 23rd through May 12th **AND** must meet Academic Eligibility by March 31st **AND** must *maintain* Academic Eligibility between March 31st and May 12th in order to attend this trip. Students who lose their eligibility status for any reason between March 31st and May 12th will NOT be allowed to attend and will not receive a refund for the trip as a ticket will have been purchased and the student will have been accounted for from a transportation standpoint. (Unless we are able to use their spot for a student on the waiting list)

Eighth Grade Field Day

Where: Athletic Field behind the main school building

When: Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023

Cost: \$20 (includes the class T-Shirt) or \$10 for those students who attended Gradventure and have a class shirt.

Included: Inflatable water slides/obstacle courses, DJ, beverages, Italian ices, & pizza lunch

Dress Code: School appropriate shorts and 8th Grade Class T-Shirt (students should also bring a towel and a school appropriate change of clothes)

Eligibility: Must Meet ALL Eligibility Criteria by 2:00 P.M., on Monday, May 22nd

Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony

Where: CSRMS Gymnasium

When: May 24th, 2023 @8:00 AM (Doors open @7:30 AM for Seating) for Conquistadors Team (ELA – Roth)

May 24th, 2023 @10:30 AM (Doors open @10:00 AM for Seating) for Roughriders Team (ELA – Sutton)

May 25th, 2023 @8:00 AM (Doors open @7:30 AM for Seating) for Unstoppables Team (ELA – St Louis)

May 25th, 2023 @10:30 AM (Doors open @10:00 AM for Seating) for G-Team/SOAR (ELA Nobles/Longa)

Eligibility: **ALL** students will be recognized during the Promotion Ceremony regardless of promotion status.

Students who have met HS promotion requirements will be given their promotion certificate. Those students who



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have **NOT** met promotion requirements will be provided with information regarding the Extended School Year program which can be used to meet promotion requirements prior to the start of the next school year.

PARENT/STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN 8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES

Behavioral Eligibility Requirements

I acknowledge and understand that if my child receives a discipline referral that results in **O.S.S.**, my child will **NOT** be allowed to participate in any further 8th grade activities and that I will NOT receive a refund for any activities for which I have paid (unless we are able to utilize their space with a student on the waiting list)

I acknowledge that if my child receives a discipline referral that results in I.S.S., my child will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the 8th grade activities as follows:

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Academic Eligibility Requirements

I acknowledge and understand that participating in the 8th Grade Activities requires academic eligibility (No failures in any 8th Grade core course plus all 6th/7th grade courses in need of recovery are completed as of the eligibility deadline for each event. Additionally, if my child is taking a FLVS or Pasco eSchool course they must have successfully completed the course or be on pace to complete the course with a passing grade by the eligibility deadline for each event).

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Student Signature: _____

Phone #: _____