



Parent and Student Handbook

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The intent of this handbook is to provide a general review of important CCSD and Canarelli MS policies and procedures.

CANARELLI TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Monday through Friday

School Phone Number: 702-799-1340

Office Hours 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

School Website: www.canarelli.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

TIME OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE: The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m. and classes begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Students are dismissed at 2:11 p.m. There is no supervision for students before 7:35 a.m. unless they are enrolled in an early bird class. Students are to be off campus by 2:25 p.m. unless they are working with a teacher or participating in a supervised after school club or activity.

BEFORE CLASS IN THE MORNING: Students may go to a teacher's classroom for extra help beginning at 7:30 a.m., if they have a pass from their teacher. If students are not with a teacher for extra help, they are required to wait in the courtyard or the cafeteria.

TELEPHONES: Office telephones are business phones and may be used by students for emergencies only. Students will be called out of class only for an emergency, as determined by a school administrator. **Phone messages will not be delivered to students.**

PASSING PERIODS: Although a bell will signal the end of each class period, only the classroom teacher will dismiss students. As students change classes, they are expected to move quickly and quietly and "clockwise" to help others who are also moving to class. Passing periods are four (4) minutes long. Four minutes is more than sufficient to be on time to class each period.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS: Students who bring personal belongings to school are responsible for the security and safety of those items. **The school is not responsible for any items lost or stolen from anywhere within the school during a school day, at night, or over a weekend.** This includes phones, iPods, iPads, AirPods, earbuds/headphones, electronic devices, bicycles/scooters, calculators, band or orchestra instruments, clothing, confiscated nuisance items, or any other school items.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES (CCSD Policy 5136):

Personal technology and communication devices, such as cell phones or tablet computers, are utilized in many ways and are a component of the educational setting. **At school, it is critical that students only access personal technology and communication devices when allowed and only for the intended purpose(s).** [Clark County School District \(CCSD\) Policy 5136](#), along with the [CCSD Acceptable Use Policy](#), provides guidelines for the appropriate usage of both District and personal electronic devices along with consequences for violations of the policy.

At school, students are allowed to use personal technology and communication devices during scheduled nutrition or lunch breaks, and while on District buses.

During the instructional day at Canarelli Middle School, students may only utilize these devices in the following manner:

- **Phones must be turned off, remain off during the instructional day and passing periods, and placed in signal blocking pouches in each class, unless otherwise approved by administration.** Phones left on silent/vibrate modes are subject to confiscation by adult staff and held in the Student Success Office.
- Cell phones may be used prior to arrival on campus in the morning, during lunch and after the final bell. **Headphones/earbuds are not allowed.**
- Cell phones should be stored in a non-visible location (signal blocking pouches).
- Phones confiscated in violation of these guidelines will be held in the Student Success Office until the end of the day. If the phone is confiscated more than once, parents are required to pick up the phone in the Student Success Office with ID.
- Cell phones must remain off during a school evacuation, lockdown, or drill. During these situations, tell your child **NOT** to try to contact you by cell phone until given the okay by school staff, thus allowing emergency communication channels to remain open. The District's communication system has the capability of contacting parents/guardians in an emergency. Please be reminded that each school has intercoms and loudspeakers and the classrooms have hardwired telephones. Additionally, administrators and safety personnel are prepared with two-way radios and cell phones.
- As a condition of possessing a device on campus, the student agrees to a search of the device's



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content if reasonable suspicion of violating the cell phone use policy exists.

Canarelli Middle School is not responsible for lost or stolen phones or electronic devices on campus. Bring at your own risk.

CHROMEBOOKS and TEXTBOOKS: ChromeBooks and Textbooks are provided to students by the school district free of charge. However, all library books, Chromebooks, and textbooks remain the property of the school. **Students will be charged for lost or damaged Chromebooks and books.** Any lost or stolen books must be paid for before another book is issued. Chromebooks and Textbooks are the property of the Clark County School District and are loaned to students on the following conditions:

1. To be used only by the students to whom issued and not transferred to any other student.
2. To be returned when requested or at the time of withdrawal if the pupil leaves before the end of the school year.

If the book or Chromebook is lost or damaged in excess of reasonable wear, a pupil must pay for a replacement and damages.

BACK PACKS: Back Packs will be allowed on campus and in the classroom. To maximize classroom space and eliminate safety hazards, **backpacks can not have wheels. There will be no exceptions.**

P.E. LOCKERS: To provide maximum security for clothes and personal items during physical education, all students will be issued a physical education locker with a lock. Students are responsible for keeping the lockers and locks in good condition. **Students are not allowed to store sling packs or personal belongings other than what is required for P.E.**

Students may only use the locker **during their assigned physical education period.**

Students are not to share locker combinations with unauthorized students and may not use personal locks on the lockers. If a personal lock is placed on a locker, custodial staff will cut the lock off.

Students enrolled in P.E. classes will be required to wear an approved school uniform. These may be purchased on Welcome Back Day, during P.E. class, or throughout the year in the front office.

LOST AND FOUND: Lost and found is located in the Student Success Office. All unclaimed personal

articles are given to a charitable organization at the end of each month.

HEALTH OFFICE POLICY: It is imperative that current home and emergency telephone numbers be on file at the school. Students are not permitted to contact parents via cell phone (text or call) for pick up from school. If your telephone number changes, please bring your driver's license to the registration office to make any changes. Every accident occurring at school or a school sponsored event must be immediately reported to the adult in charge and/or the First Aid Safety Assistant (FASA). A student who is too ill to remain in class, should obtain a pass from the teacher and report to the Health Office so parents may be notified. State law does not allow school health personnel to diagnose illness or injury. Parents should check with their family physician if they have a question about their child's health. Please contact the Health Office at 702-799-1340 ext. 4022.

STUDENT STORE: The Trading Post, located in the cafeteria, will stock spirit wear and various other items students may need. Snack items will also be available in the Trading Post for purchases during lunch periods.

COURSE FEES: Students enrolled in certain elective classes will be charged a fee to help cover the cost of the materials needed for these classes. Students may also be asked to bring in materials necessary to complete projects.

CCSD TRANSPORTATION

BUS TRANSPORTATION: Bus transportation is provided for all students living two or more miles from the Canarelli MS campus. Riding CCSD transportation is a free privilege; not a right. Students must ride the same bus to and from school; they are not allowed to ride another student's bus. Parents are required to register students for transportation using the www.ccsd.net and select transportation. Students must be registered with transportation to gain access to the bus. All transportation concerns can be addressed by calling the transportation department at (702) 799-8100.

Students who ride school buses must abide by all school and CCSD transportation department rules. Inappropriate behavior on the bus which jeopardizes any student's safety and wellbeing will not be tolerated. It is important students comply with any



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reasonable request from the bus driver while riding the bus. Should a student behave contrary to the safety rules, the driver has the option to issue a bus citation. The CCSD bus transportation rules are explained to the students by the bus drivers. Continued violation of the rules can result in removal from the bus. CCSD secondary behavioral guidelines apply to students riding the bus.

LATE/ACTIVITY BUS: Monday through Friday, a late bus will be available for students. **Students must make prior arrangements to stay after school with a teacher.** Students need to have a bus pass to ride the late bus. The late bus will be utilized for after school activities such as intramurals, clubs, detentions, and make-up/tutoring. **No students are allowed on campus unsupervised.** When the arrival of the late bus is announced, all students are to report immediately to the bus area. The campus is officially closed at that time. **Passes for the late bus are available from the teacher in charge of the activity.** Tentative departure time is approximately 4:00 p.m.

BICYCLES: All bicycles must be parked and locked in the bicycle area in a manner that is consistent with the design of the bicycle rack. Bicycle riders are to walk their bikes on the designated sidewalk upon arrival and departure. Misuse of bicycles on school grounds can result in the loss of bicycle privileges. Students are not to ride bicycles anywhere on campus. Students must provide a personal lock for their bikes. The bicycle area is locked during the school day, but will not be locked overnight. **Canarelli MS is not responsible for damaged or stolen bicycles.**

Roller Blades, Hoverboards, Skateboards, Roller Skates, or any Motorized Vehicle: For the safety of students, staff, parents, and visitors, these types of transportation are not allowed on campus. The parent will be required to pick up all skateboards, roller blades, hoverboards, and any motorized vehicles. After the third offense, the school will hold the item until the end of the school year.

ACTIVITIES

ASSEMBLIES: Assemblies will be scheduled throughout the year. Students must be seated in their assigned section with their teacher. Attending an assembly is a privilege, and it is limited to those students who demonstrate positive behavior.

DANCES: Dances will be scheduled throughout the year. The privilege of attending school dances will be limited to only those students who have met behavioral expectations during that current semester as approved by the House Administrator. **All fees and fines must be paid to purchase a dance ticket or a paid field trip. Students who violate disciplinary standards during the current semester will be unable to attend dances.**

Students must be picked up on time when the dance is concluded. CCSD Police will be contacted and the student may be transported to Child Haven. If the student is not picked up on time at the conclusion of the dance, they will not be permitted to attend any further dance/evening events.

CLUBS/ACTIVITIES: Students are strongly encouraged to participate in activities by joining clubs or enjoying intramural sports. The array of clubs and/or activities offered to students is dependent on current CMS staff availability and is subject to change from year to year. Information about the various clubs/activities will be distributed to students at the beginning of the school year.

COMPETITIVE SPORTS: Prior to trying out for basketball, dance, flag football, volleyball, cross country, soccer or cheerleading, students must pass a sports physical, provide proof of insurance, submit a liability waiver, and meet the academic and behavioral requirements. The appropriate forms will be available from the coaches prior to tryouts.

FIELD TRIPS: A field trip permit and a medical release form signed by a parent or guardian are required to participate in a field trip. **All fees and fines must be paid to attend a paid field trip; however, participation in school-sponsored activities outside the regular classroom is a privilege not a right.** Students must meet academic and behavioral requirements to be eligible to participate. **All field trips require a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average, no F's, N's or U's in citizenship. Students who violate disciplinary standards during the current semester will be unable to participate in field trips.**

ATTENDANCE

ABSENCES: A student is required to submit a note within three school days following an absence. School personnel are available in the registration office each morning between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. to collect notes. Absence notes should include:



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- Student name, student number, and grade
- Reason for absences and dates of absences
- Parent signature and home telephone number

Failure to submit notes will result in an unexcused absence. **A student who exceeds ten unexcused absences in a given class may receive a failing grade/denial of credit for that class.**

TRUANCY: Nevada law (NRS 392.040) requires children between the ages of 7 and 18 to attend school. School attendance is vital to your child's academic success in school. The following are the major points of the law:

The principal of the school is required to report the pupils who are habitually truant to law enforcement. A habitual truant is defined as "a student who has three unapproved or unexcused absences within one school year."

A truant is a pupil who is absent without a written note from a parent or doctor that verifies that the pupil was physically or mentally unable to attend school.

If a pupil is absent due to physical or mental reasons, the parent must submit a written note to the school **within three school days of the absence.**

Additionally, Parents or Guardians could be responsible for educational neglect if they do not take appropriate steps to ensure their child receives a suitable education, through regular school attendance or an approved alternative, such as homeschooling, in accordance with state and local education laws.

PREARRANGED ABSENCES: Prearranged absences should be requested in advance and in writing using the Prearranged Absence Notification Form which is available in the Student Success Center. These arrangements should be made at least three days prior to the absence, except in case of an emergency. The prearranged absence form is then filled out and signed by the parent, and returned to the House Administrator. **Prearranged absences require the approval of an Administrator. Prearranged absences are limited to ten days in one school year and are not permitted during the first and last ten days of school.** Prearranged absences include religious holidays or an emergency outside the control of student or student's family. Prearranged absences, in excess of ten days, will be deemed unapproved in compliance with CCSD Regulation 5113. Students who need to leave town for more than 10 days must

be withdrawn from school and re-enrolled upon return.

TARDINESS: Tardiness to class disrupts and interferes with the normal educational activity in the classroom. Students are to be in the classroom prior to the bell. Tardies are school-wide, cumulative in nature, and students accrue detentions for each tardy starting on the first offense. Periodically the school may opt to hold a tardy lockout in an effort to curb tardiness school-wide. During lockouts tardy students will not be allowed to enter the classroom and will be directed to report to staff for disciplinary action.

The following Progressive Tardy Plan will be enforced for tardiness to school and in the classroom:

- 1st Tardy – Detention/Parent Notification
- 2nd Tardy – Detention/Parent Notification
- 3rd Tardy – Detention, Parent Notification
In House Suspension (IHS), TPOP Referral
- 4th Tardy – Detention, Safe School Professional Referral, Sign Attendance/Truancy Contract
- 5th Tardy – Detention, Required Parent Conference, Major Referral (Non-Removal)
- Additional tardiness in this quarter and/or No Show for Lunch Detention may result in IHS and/or a reduced Citizenship grade for disregard of school rules.

HOMEWORK: Homework reinforces class work through practice and extension. It is an integral part of the program at Canarelli Middle School. Students can expect to have homework in all major subjects and may have homework in many electives. Homework will only be used to practice the skills already learned during class.

HOMEWORK REQUEST: When a student is ill or out of school due to a pre-arranged absence for more than three (3) days, parents may submit a homework request. To do so, the parent must notify the Student Success Center by the second day of the absence, and the work will be ready for pickup the following afternoon. The work must be picked up within 24 hours.

Homework requests will be requested through the Student Success Office for students who will be absent from class for more than three days due to consequences assigned as a result of a behavior infraction. In many cases, homework/make-up work will be supplied through Canvas or Gmail.



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MAKE-UP WORK: Following each absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact each teacher for make-up work. In compliance with CCSD Regulation 5113, after any absence, a secondary student is required to initiate contact with the teacher(s) to obtain appropriate makeup work within three school days immediately following the absence. Once contact has been made with the teacher(s), specific makeup work must be completed and returned to the teacher(s) within a reasonable length of time, to be determined by the teacher and communicated to the student/parent or legal guardian. The makeup work must be returned to the teacher(s) by the specified due date if it is to be acknowledged. **Students shall be allowed a minimum of three days to complete makeup work.**

CLOSED CAMPUS: Canarelli maintains a closed campus. Students are not to leave campus for lunch or for any part of the school day. Parents/guardians must report to the Main Office and produce a photo ID for student release. Students who leave school unsupervised and return to campus may be subject to a Student Safety Check.

BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS:

Teachers will handle minor disciplinary offenses through a progressive discipline plan with student conferences, detention, phone calls to parents, parent conferences, and/or referral to a counselor. Minor offenses include but are not limited to classroom disruptions, insubordination, or failure to be prepared for class.

COMPUTER USE CONTRACT: In order to use the school computers, every student on campus must have completed an [Acceptable Use Policy \(AUP\)](#) signed by both themselves and their parent/legal guardian. This form needs to be completed through Infinite Campus upon initial enrollment at our school and kept as a record on campus throughout the student's enrollment on campus. **Violation of the AUP may result in loss of access to the school computers and school disciplinary action. School issued technology is monitored for inappropriate use on and off campus.**

DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS: All students are provided a digital copy of CCSD Behavior Guidelines/Code of Conduct at the start of every school year. This booklet is provided to clarify district and school

expectations. Clear and blatant violations of these behaviors while at school, at school related activities, **or on the way to or from our school**, will result in disciplinary action. Some violations may require us to call upon law enforcement agencies to deal with the violation. The following behaviors are subject to immediate action by the school:

1. Bullying/Cyber-bullying
2. Smoking/vaping on or around our school campus
3. Theft or burglary
4. Fighting/threatening bodily harm toward anyone
5. Insubordination and refusal to cooperate with any CCSD employee
6. Wearing gang related clothing, displaying gang signals or being involved with gang activity
7. Using racial or derogatory actions/statements
8. Use, possession or distribution of alcohol or drugs
9. Possession of any weapon

NOTE: FIGHTING, ASSAULT, BATTERY OR OTHER AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIORS WILL RESULT IN A MINIMUM TEN-DAY SUSPENSION AND DISCRETIONARY EXPULSION WILL BE CONSIDERED.

STARON PROGRAM

Students who violate the CMS behavior expectations may be referred to the on-site Behavior Intervention Program, STAROn, for up to 45 days.

DRUG FREE SCHOOL: We are dedicated to provide you with a school environment that is safe, secure, and drug free. With your help, we can. Should a student be found in possession of alcohol, vape pens of any sort, tobacco, marijuana or other drugs, it is a violation of CCSD Regulation 5141.1. ***Marijuana is illegal for minors, under the age of 21, to use, carry or possess on school grounds. Students found in possession of a controlled substance will be subject to disciplinary action, up to or including expulsion, in accordance with school district policy and applicable laws.*** We will make every effort to remove him or her from the regular school setting. Students found to have used, carried or possessed alcohol, tobacco, vape pens of any sort or controlled substances on school grounds will be required to take Substance Abuse and Awareness Program (SAAP) with parents within 30 days of the incident occurring.



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DRESS & APPEARANCE: The adopted dress code at Canarelli Middle School is intended to instill pride in every Canarelli student and to positively impact campus safety and the overall educational climate of the school.

The Canarelli Middle School dress code was developed in accordance with the [CCSD Regulation 5131](#) and the specific needs of Canarelli Middle School. The dress code implemented at Canarelli Middle School is as follows:

- **Requires the wearing of shoes with soles. House slippers and shoes with wheels are not permitted.**

CMS INTERPRETATION: *No flip-flops or slides are permitted.*

- **All clothing must be sufficient to conceal any and all undergarments. No skin will show between the bottom of shirt/blouse and the top of pants or skirts at any time. All sleeveless shirts must have straps at least three inches wide. Prohibited tops include, but are not limited to, crop tops, tank tops, strapless, low-cut clothing, clothing with slits, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage.**

CMS INTERPRETATION: *Shirts and blouses must be appropriately buttoned in accord with the design of the shirt or blouse. Unbuttoned shirts or blouses, which allow crop tops or spaghetti straps to show, muscle shirts or shirts with large gaping armholes, and open back clothing, are prohibited. Any clothing designated as an undergarment is unacceptable. This means no see through clothing. CMS applies the three inch-wide rule to dresses as well as tops, shirts, blouses, and athletic wear.*

- **Requires that all shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers/dresses must be at 4 inches above the knee or longer.**

CMS INTERPRETATION: *If a skirt, skort, or dress has a slit, the top of the slit must be no shorter than fingertip above the knee or below in length. Dresses that look like shirts are prohibited.*

- **All jeans, pants, and trousers must be secured at waist level. Sagging is strictly prohibited. Jeans, pants, and trousers are not to have rips or tears that expose skin and/or are located above the knee or higher.**

CMS INTERPRETATION: *Non-clothing items are not permitted under ripped jeans (ie tissue, napkins, etc).*

- **Headgear (hats, sweat bands, head band, hoods, caps, bandanas, hair grooming aids, etc.) is not permitted on campus except for designated**

school approved uniforms, special events, authorized athletic practices, documented medical conditions, bona fide religious reasons, or CCSD/school sanctioned activities.

CMS INTERPRETATION: *This includes tails, bandanas or "rags" whether those items are in the hair or on the student's person (e.g., hanging out of pocket). Hats, sweat bands, head bands, headgear and bandanas will be confiscated and returned only to the parent/guardian. Headgear worn for cold weather conditions will be allowed outside when it is less than 45 degrees. Headgear is not to be worn inside the building at any time. The school will not be responsible for items that are lost or stolen.*

- **Slogans or advertising on clothing, jewelry, buttons, and/or accessories which by their controversial, discriminatory, profane, and/or obscene nature disrupt the educational setting are prohibited.**

CMS INTERPRETATION: *This includes, but is not limited to, any clothing or accessories that advertise alcoholic beverages, drugs, or weapons. Shirts that display condescending or inflammatory slogans or slogans sexual in nature are also prohibited.*

- **Any clothing, jewelry, buttons, and/or accessories that promote illegal or violent conduct, or affiliation with groups that promote illegal or violent conduct such as, but not limited to, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats are prohibited. Spiked or studded clothing, jewelry, and/or accessories are prohibited.**

CMS INTERPRETATION: *Items such as, but not limited to, single gloves, bandanas, hairnets, safety pins, rubber bands, chains (including wallet chains), are prohibited. Sweatbands worn on necks, arms, wrists, legs, and heads are prohibited. The wearing of **loose** suspenders and belts is also prohibited. Suspenders and belts must be worn appropriately in accordance with the design of the garment. Belts cannot hang more than six inches past the buckle.*

- **Students are limited to having one facial piercing.**
- **Outerwear such as coats, mittens, and scarves must be removed upon entering the classrooms/buildings. Administrators, teachers, and staff may use their discretion as appropriate based on the temperature in the facility.**



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CMS INTERPRETATION: *Headgear worn for cold weather conditions will be allowed outside when it is less than 45 degrees. Headgear is not to be worn inside the building at any time. The school will not be responsible for items that are lost or stolen.*

- **In the interest of student safety, it is extremely important that school personnel be able to identify all students on campus at any time. Therefore, wearing sunglasses inside the buildings, courtyard, and quad areas is strictly prohibited. Additionally, hair worn at a length and/or style that covers the eyes and/or face is prohibited.**

Teachers refer students in violation of the dress code to an Administrator for disciplinary action. If a student is referred to an Administrator for a [dress code violation](#), the student will not be allowed to return to class without appropriate attire. Repeated dress code violations will result in progressive discipline. The principal retains the authority to grant exceptions to the dress code for special occasions and/or special conditions. **The administration reserves the right to determine any style or dress as a violation if they deem it a disruption to the learning environment.**

BULLYING/HARASSMENT: [Per CCSD Policy 5137](#), Student harassment, physical and verbal abuses, including any racially or sexually derogatory statements/actions made by one person to another is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

CYBERBULLYING: Cyberbullying means bullying through the use of electronic communication. "Electronic communication" means the communication of any written, verbal or pictorial information through the use of an electronic device, including, without limitation, telephone, cell phone, computer, or any similar means of communication. These may include verbal abuses, including any racially or sexually derogatory statements, name-calling or profanity, threats or intimidating statements, made by one person to another. Students, please be aware that cyberbullying created **on or off campus** is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

HANDS OFF POLICY: Students are required to keep their hands to themselves. This applies to horseplay, play fighting, public displays of affection, and other inappropriate or aggressive behavior.

NUISANCE ITEMS: **Items not directly associated with the educational program are not to be brought**

to school. These items include, but are not limited to: balloons, flowers, bluetooth speakers, fidget spinners, handheld video games devices, cameras, laser pens, water guns, roller blades, yo-yos, water balloons, rubber bands, pets or stuffed animals, and trading cards. **Students found in possession of such items will have the items confiscated and may be subject to disciplinary actions.** Parents may be required to pick up confiscated items from the Student Success Center.

PHOTOS/VIDEOS ON CAMPUS: Students are not permitted to take photographs or record videos on campus. Students in COLT TV and Publications are permitted to do as they are assigned to take photos and videos as a class requirement.

Students who record or take photos including a live feed (i.e.: YouTube, Facebook Live, SnapChat, Instagram and TikTok) may be placed on a required parent conference (RPC); which could result in further disciplinary action.

HEADPHONES, EARBUDS, AIRPODS: Due to safety concerns, these items are not allowed and should not be visible on campus other than the classroom during times instructed by the teacher. **Students found in possession of such items will have the items confiscated.** Parents may be required to pick up confiscated items from the Student Success Center.

GUM AND FOOD: Eating food (including candy) or drinking a beverage, with the exception of water, is permitted only in the cafeteria. Students who take food outside of the cafeteria may face disciplinary action. **Chewing gum is not allowed on campus.** Gum is a nuisance item that defaces school property.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION (PDA's): Holding hands and/or arms, embracing, kissing, or other inappropriate acts of affection are not permitted on campus and students will be subject to disciplinary action.

CAFETERIA

The Canarelli MS cafeteria is a vital part of our school. Breakfast and lunch are served daily.

BREAKFAST: Items for breakfast are available each day in the cafeteria. Breakfast is served daily from 7:30 am – 7:55 am.



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LUNCH: There are two lunch periods each day. Students may bring their lunch or obtain a hot school lunch. Snack items are available for purchase.

GENERAL CAFETERIA GUIDELINES:

To ensure a well maintained cafeteria and a pleasant lunchtime atmosphere, students are to:

- Students must walk, (not run) to their destinations when they arrive at the cafeteria for lunch.
- Students may get up from their tables to obtain school lunch, visit the student store, and use the restroom. **There will be no "table-hopping" or wandering.**
- Be polite and patient in line; no cutting or saving places is allowed. While waiting to be served, stand behind the line in front of a food service window. Having only one student at each window at a time will help to prevent accidents, thus helping the lines progress quickly.
- Do not purchase food for other students.
- **Students are NOT permitted to use another student's account with/without permission. Disciplinary action will occur.**
- Students must remain seated while eating and drinking. Food and drinks are not allowed in the restrooms, outside, or in the classrooms.
- **All students are to help keep the cafeteria clean. After eating, the table and floor must be left in a clean condition. Students will be expected to clean up their area prior to dismissal.**
- Students will be dismissed table by table from the cafeteria once their area is clean.
- Students must maintain safety by not running or horse playing in the cafeteria or quad areas before, during, or after lunch.
- **Food is never to be thrown in the cafeteria.** There are serious consequences for those students who do so.
- Students are allowed to have enough food for themselves only. Do not bring extra food for parties or friends (cupcakes, cakes, hot wings, subs, lunches delivered for multiple people, etc.)

NO FOOD OR DRINK, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WATER, IS TO BE CARRIED OUT OF THE CAFETERIA.

ANY VIOLATION OF CAFETERIA RULES WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

COUNSELING: The Counselors' Office is for the benefit of every student in the school. Counselors

move to the next grade with their students so your student will have the same counselor for three years. Students wishing to talk to a counselor are encouraged to do so. Request forms to meet with your grade level counselor are available in the counseling office or students are permitted to email their counselor. Counselors are available to meet with students to discuss academic, social, or career concerns.

REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS: Report cards are issued to students every nine weeks and can be found in the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Students receive two grades for every course, an academic grade and a citizenship grade. At the end of each semester, students also receive a grade for their semester or final exams (if applicable). CCSD semester exams are taken only in specific 8th grade course that earn high school credit, and may not be taken early. Student progress reports will be available to **all students** the fifth week of each quarter through Infinite Campus Parent Portal and paper copies will no longer be distributed.

GRADING: Canarelli utilizes a 50% quarter grade cap on final grades. Summative assignments are weighted at an 80% and formative assignments are weighted at a 20% in the teacher's gradebook.

Academic Grades:

- A = Excellent Achievement, 100-90
- B = Above Average Achievement, 89-80
- C = Average Achievement, 79-70
- D = Below Average, 69-60
- F = Failing Work, 50-59

Citizenship Grades:

- O = Outstanding Citizenship
- S = Satisfactory Citizenship
- N = Needs Improvement Citizenship
- U = Unsatisfactory Citizenship

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Canarelli Middle School students are rewarded for academic excellence, attendance, and positive citizenship throughout the school year. Canarelli is proud to acknowledge and reward students by implementing the following recognition programs:

COLT CHARACTER AWARDS – This is a monthly celebration, complete with food and prizes, for students nominated by their teachers for recognition in one or more of the following areas: responsibility,



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integrity, respectfulness, dependability, and honesty. Each month a different department has the opportunity to nominate students for this award. **Caught Being the Change** students are honored during this same celebration. Both groups of students are presented with special Colt Tags.

STRAIGHT A's, A/B, AND/OR STRAIGHT O's IN CITIZENSHIP

Each quarter, all students who earn straight A's, A/B's, Straight O's in Citizenship, and those nominated by their teachers as Most Improved will be recognized and rewarded.

ATTENDANCE – Each quarter, all students who maintain perfect attendance will be recognized and rewarded.

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONIES: At the end of the school year, awards are presented to deserving students during the Annual Awards Celebrations. The following awards are presented during this celebration:

a. **Special Recognition Teacher Awards:** Each teacher will have the opportunity to recognize an outstanding student.

b. **Department Awards:** Each teacher will have the opportunity to recognize an outstanding student for his/her department.

c. **President's Awards:** The President's Award for Educational Excellence and Achievement awards recognize academic success in the classroom. In accordance with criteria established by the U.S. Department of Education, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary Principals, 8th grade students who receive this award must meet the following two requirements:

1. Students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
2. Students must have exceeded standards in reading and/or math on the Nevada State assessment.

d. **Principal's Academic Excellence Awards:** Special recognition is given to 8th grade students who maintained a 4.0 GPA for three consecutive years.

e. **American Legion Award** – This award will be presented to one 8th grade boy and one 8th grade girl. Teachers will nominate deserving students who demonstrate the qualities of courage, honor, leadership, scholarship, patriotism, and service. Students nominated will perform a two (2) minute speech on one of these qualities and speeches will be evaluated by a panel of judges. Winners will be announced at the awards celebration.

f. **Canarelli Award** – This prestigious award is presented to two 8th grade students. Deserving

students are nominated by teachers because of their involvement in school, demonstration of school pride, and positive impact on Canarelli MS. Candidates are required to complete an application and give a 3-5 minute speech. The winner will be announced at the awards celebration and provided a scholarship of \$500.

PARENTS

MESSAGES: Occasionally parents request that a telephone message be delivered to their child; however, **school personnel cannot accept such requests by phone since there is no way to verify the legal parent/guardian leaving the message.** Should an emergency arise, parents are asked to come to the office and provide appropriate identification in order to give a message to a student.

CAMPUS VISITS: Parent/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to visit the school and their child's teachers. **Parents/Guardians may attend classes with their child but they must make visitation arrangements at least 24 hours in advance;** arrangements are made through the counseling office. All visitors must report to the main offices immediately upon arrival to obtain a visitor's pass.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

CAMPUS MONITORS: Campus monitors assist in keeping our campus safe and secure by frequently checking the hallways, courtyard, and area outside the buildings. They are available to help with any questions students may have about locating rooms, school rules, and student safety.

SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM: Canarelli Middle School has a closed circuit camera system with recording capabilities. These cameras assist with the safety and security of our school on a twenty-four hour basis.

HALL PASSES: In order to leave the classroom, students must have a virtual hall pass from their teacher.

DELIVERIES: Classrooms will not be interrupted for the delivery of messages or items to students. **No deliveries of any form (Uber, GrubHub, lunch deliveries or homework) will be accepted. For student safety, students cannot meet people in the quad area or the front of the school for deliveries.**

If a student forgets his/her lunch, a school lunch will be provided, at the student request.



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EVACUATION DRILLS: Fire drills are an important safety precaution. Exit routes are posted in every classroom. When the alarm sounds, it is essential to clear the building by the prescribed route as quickly as possible. Students are to remain outside the building until the signal (the orange flag) is given to return inside.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE DRILLS: NRS 392-450 requires that Shelter-in-Place Drills occur during the school year to instruct pupils on appropriate procedures in the event of a chemical release incident or other related emergency.

EARTHQUAKE DRILLS: The Great Nevada ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes: "Drop, Cover, and Hold on." The ShakeOut has been organized to encourage students and staff to review emergency preparedness, plans and supplies, and to secure their space in order to prevent damage and injuries.

LOCKDOWN DRILLS: A Lockdown is a response to an emergency situation within the building, on school grounds, or immediate surroundings of the school. This drill is completed multiple times a year to ensure student and staff safety.

SECURE and HOLD DRILLS: A Secure and Hold Drill is a lockdown response to an emergency situation on campus, outside the building, off school grounds, and could be near the immediate vicinity of the school. Students remain in the classroom until the secure or hold has been lifted.

LOITERING: To maintain maximum safety, students are to report to the cafeteria or courtyard as soon as they arrive on campus each day. Students are not to loiter in parking lots, on the basketball courts, or on properties adjacent to the Canarelli MS campus either before or after school. Once students arrive at school, they must remain on campus. During after school activities, students not authorized to be on campus may be cited for trespassing.

SCHOOL ID CARDS

Students will receive their permanent Canarelli ID cards after school pictures are taken. A temporary card and lanyard will be provided and should be worn at all times while on school campus. This card is the identification needed for students to enter campus and check out books from the library. It is required throughout the year for participation in numerous activities and special programs at Canarelli. If a student loses their student ID they may purchase a new one for \$5.00 at the school banker. A new lanyard is \$2.00.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is a useful tool for locating information about Canarelli MS. School hours, important dates, clubs, and school newsletters can be found on the website. (www.canarelli.org).

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Neither Canarelli Middle School nor the Clark County School District does not knowingly discriminate against any person on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, or age in admission or access to, treatment or employment in, or participation in its programs and activities, pursuant to federal and state laws including, but not limited to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

Students, parents and other program participants who feel discriminated against may initiate a complaint by contacting the school principal. Concerns may also be addressed by completing the complaint/grievance process outlined in [CCSD Regulation 1213.1](#)

ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE AND PROCESS: CCSD is committed to nondiscrimination in its programs, activities, and services, and to providing facility accessibility. Parents, students, staff, or other members of the public, who are seeking information or have questions about the existence and location of accessible services, activities, and facilities in the district, should contact the building principal with their inquiry and the building principal will respond to the inquiry within a reasonable period of time.