



**Ron Watson Wolves**

RWMS students and parents: Please read and discussed the contents in this handbook.

## **A Welcome from the Principal:**

Dear Students:

I would like to welcome you to Ron Watson Middle School. I am looking forward to assisting you in filling your educational goals. You can benefit from everything Ron Watson Middle School has to offer by being actively involved in your classes and the programs offered. If you encounter difficulties, please seek out any of our professional staff members, and we will do our best to help you. We are all here to make your years in middle school as successful, yet educationally challenging, as possible. We welcome the opportunity to help you as you progress through your middle school career.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Franklin

### **Vision**

Our vision at Ron Watson Middle School is to foster a learning community where all students will achieve academic success while becoming citizens of strong positive character.

### **Mission**

We are devoted to implementing challenging curriculums and programs, which ensure student success.

We are dedicated to creating a climate, which encourages student leadership, parental involvement, and community partnerships.

We are committed to integrating and modeling character building life skills and lifelong learning.

### **Goals**

We will use current data, assessments, and practices to refine our academic programs and increase the number of students reaching and exceeding grade level standards.

We will continue to strive for better communication with parents through our school webpage with monthly calendars, quarterly progress reports and report cards, parental access to student grades on-line, notes, phone calls and conferences.

We will develop opportunities for student involvement before, during, and after school.

We will continue to develop our school wide character education plan.

# RON WATSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

## BELL SCHEDULE 2019-2020

<i>Regular Schedule</i>		
First Bell	8:30	
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:35 – 9:34 A.M.	59 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:36 – 10:30	54 minutes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	10:32 – 11:26	54 minutes
1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	11:26 – 11:57	31 minutes
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:28 – 12:22	54 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	12:22 – 12:53	31 minutes
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:57 – 12:51	54 minutes
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:53 – 1:47	54 minutes
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:49 – 2:43	54 minutes
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:45 – 3:39	54 minutes

<i>Monday</i>		
First Bell	8:30	
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:35 – 9:22 A.M.	47 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:24 – 10:05	41 minutes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	10:07 – 10:48	41 minutes
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:50 -11:31	41 minutes
1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	11:31 – 12:02	31 minutes
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:33 – 12:14	41 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	12:14 – 12:45	31 minutes
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:02 – 12:43	41 minutes
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:45 – 1:26	41 minutes
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:28 – 2:09	41 minutes



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## YUMA SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE 2019-2020 CALENDAR

### August 5, 2019 – First Day of School

Sept 2 – Labor Day Holiday

Oct 4 – End of First Quarter (44 Days)

Oct. 8-10 – Conference Schedule – Dismissal at 1:00

Oct. 11 - 14 – Fall Break with Columbus Day

Nov 11 – Veterans’ Day Holiday

Nov 25 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 13 – End of Second Quarter (42 Days)

Dec 16 – Jan 3, 2020 – Winter Break

Jan 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Feb 14 – No School for Students – Teacher PD Day

Feb 17 – Presidents’ Day Holiday

March 13 – End of Third Quarter (47 Days)

Sept. 6 – Progress Report

Oct. 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards

Nov. 8 – Progress Reports

Jan. 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards

Feb. 7 - Progress Reports

March 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards

March 25-27 – Conference Schedule – Dismissal at 1:00

State testing window: AZMERIT April 6 – 24 & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade AIMS Science March 23 – April 17

March 30 – April 3 - Spring Break

April 10 - Good Friday

April 24 – Progress Reports

May 25 – Memorial Day

**May 28 – Last Day of School**

**May 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report Cards**

# Progress & Report Card Dates

Dear Parents,

Listed below are the dates that progress reports and report cards will be sent home with your child:

First Quarter Progress Report	September 6, 2019
First Quarter Report Card	October 8, 2019 RWMS Conferences Oct. 8 & 10
Second Quarter Progress Report	November 8, 2019
Second Quarter Report Card	January 11, 2020
Third Quarter Progress Report	February 7, 2020
Third Quarter Report Card	March 25, 2020 RWMS Conferences March 25 & 27
Fourth Quarter Progress Report	April 24, 2020
<b>Final Report Card</b>	<b>May 28, 2020</b>

All report cards and progress reports are sent home with students on the dates listed.

**Quarterly Assessments & Guidelines**  
 2019 AzMERIT Scores: Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_  
**Galileo - Predictive Measure of State Standards**

**Math** 1<sup>st</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_ Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_ Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_ Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4<sup>th</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_

**Reading** 1<sup>st</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_ Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_ Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_ Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4<sup>th</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_

**Science** 1<sup>st</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_ Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_ Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_ Goal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4<sup>th</sup> test \_\_\_\_\_

**Reading Lexile**

**Common Core Expectations for College & Career Ready Track**

Grade Band	Reading Lexile	Grade Band	Reading Lexile
2-3	450-790	4-5	770-980
6-8	955-1155	9-10	1080-1305
11	1215-1355		

1<sup>st</sup> qtr. \_\_\_\_\_ goal \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. \_\_\_\_\_ goal \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. \_\_\_\_\_ goal \_\_\_\_\_  
 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. \_\_\_\_\_ (- /+) \_\_\_\_\_

# Ron Watson Middle School

## Academic Requirements:

Each student will have classes in the core subject areas of Language Arts/English, Math (2 period block for regular math and 1 period for advanced math), Social Studies, and Science. Intervention classes will replace elective classes for students requiring extra assistance to meet grade level standards. English Language Learners not proficient in English will be placed in additional classes to support English Language Development (ELD).

## Grading System:

Progress Reports will be sent to parents at the midpoint of each grading period. Conferences are available upon request by calling the Ron Watson office at 502-7400 and scheduling an appointment with your child's teacher(s). Teachers are available for scheduled conferences before school, during planning periods or after school.

### Standards Mark:

Standard marks indicate the student's progress toward meeting the state standards.

HP – Highly Proficient – Above grade level

P – Proficient – At grade level

PP – Partially Proficient – Approaching grade level expectations

MP – Minimally Proficient - Falling far below grade level expectations

### Production Grade:

Production grades indicate the student's progress toward completion of assignments, tests, and daily work.

A - 100% - 90%

B - 89% - 80%

C - 79% - 70%

D - 69% - 60%

F - 59% - 0%

## Textbooks:

Due to the limited number of textbooks in each classroom, books are not available for students to have their own set of books. Students may check out textbook(s) and/or study materials at the end of the school day as long as they make arrangements with the teacher and agree to return them the next day before school starts. Students are responsible for assigned textbooks and will be expected to pay for lost or damaged books. Most assignments will be available on the i-Pad.

## Homework:

Homework is a method of having students practice and reinforces the skills and concepts introduced in the classroom. Students are encouraged to bring a planner to school and document class work and homework assignments in their planner. Parents are encouraged to check their student's planner daily to assure that students complete all needed assignments.

## **POLICIES:**

### **Absences and Tardiness:**

In accordance with Arizona state law, all children between the ages of six and sixteen years of age must attend school full time until the end of the term in which they become sixteen years of age.

Parents are asked to notify the school office by 8:35 A.M. each day when a student is absent and will not be in school. Any student returning to school without parental notification of an absence may be subject to disciplinary action. Also, please notify the office and teachers when you have prior knowledge of a student being absent. ***It will be the responsibility of the student to arrange for make-up work.***

***Examples of an excused tardy/absence are:*** personal illness, family emergency, funeral, required court appearances. ***Examples of an unexcused tardy/absence are:*** taking care of an ill family member, baby-sitting, missing the bus, oversleeping, car problems, etc. A student who consistently has unexcused tardies or absences will be subject to disciplinary action and referral to truancy mediation. Absences of more than 2 days due to illness require a doctor's note to keep from being considered for disciplinary action, such as a referral for truancy. Students with 5 or more unexcused absences or excessive absences (excused or unexcused) that equal 10% of the school year are considered habitually truant (ARS 15-802 & 15-803). All absences in excess of a cumulative 10% of the instructional days for the school year shall be reported to ADE as unexcused (ARS 15-901-A1). Students with 10 consecutive absences will be withdrawn.

Any student arriving tardy to school must report to the office to obtain a tardy pass. Students who arrive without prior notice by phone, without a parent or a note from a parent, will receive an unexcused tardy. Students with three or more unexcused tardies will be subject to progressive discipline including referral for ***Truancy Mediation.***

When a child reaches three unexcused absences, ten excused absences, or has established a pattern of tardiness the child and parents may be referred to the Attorney General's Office for Truancy Mediation. Mediation is an attempt to prevent further absenteeism.

### **Visitors:**

It is the obligation of the administration office to maintain a safe campus and to protect the health and welfare of students and staff. All visitors on campus are required to check in at the office and receive a visitor's pass.

### **Withdrawals:**

All costs for lost or damaged i-Pads, i-Pad accessories, lunch charges, books and other school property must be paid so that report cards, certificates and records may be forwarded to the new school. The school should be notified at least one day prior to the withdrawal date in order to process grades and allow the student to return all school materials and books.

### **Fire Drills and Lock Down Drills:**

As a safety measure, fire drills are unannounced but are held regularly during the school year. Lock down drills are also part of our safety procedures and are usually practice one time each semester. This procedure will be outlined and explained to students by each teacher.

### **Mandatory Reporting:**

All school employees are **required by law** to report any suspicion of child abuse to the proper authorities. This policy is enforced at RWMS for the welfare of our students.



### **Positive Behavior Support:**

Ron Watson Middle School students will experience the “Way of the Wolf” as we implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Students will be expected to follow the “Ways of the Wolf”, which include:

- \* Be Responsible
- \* Be Respectful
- \* Be Safe
- \* Be Excellent

### **Wolf Rewards**

To complement the “Way of the Wolf”, Ron Watson Middle School students will receive a “Wolf Rewards Card” each Monday with 15 “Wolf Points” on each card. If the student fails to follow the “Way of the Wolf”, they will lose a “Wolf Point”. If a student fails to bring their Wolf Rewards Card and needs to have a “Wolf Point” taken away, they will be assigned lunch detention. Also, each time a student loses 3 Wolf Points (receives 3 card marks) in a given week, they will be assigned lunch detention. Students who continually save their Wolf Points AND model the Ways of the Wolf at school may qualify for a special activity at the end of each semester.

### **Major Discipline Incidents**

Continual violations of the Way of the Wolf or other major discipline issues will be handled using the District Discipline Policies and Procedures, which is available on the district website at [www.yuma.org](http://www.yuma.org)

### ***Campus Regulations:***

**School Hours:** School office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. School starts at 8:30 AM. Supervision does not start until 8:05 AM. Students should not arrive on campus before 8:05 AM.

**Closed Campus:** Students are required to stay on campus from the time they arrive in the morning until they have been dismissed. Students are not to leave campus during school hours without parental and school consent. Students who need to leave campus early must be signed out at the office by a parent/guardian or an authorized adult.

### **Walkers & Bike Riders:**

There is no school staff supervision off campus. Parents are responsible to discuss safety and behavior expectations with children who walk or ride bikes to or from school. Students are expected to report directly to their destination within a timely manner.

### **Bicycles:**

When arriving on campus, students are to walk their bicycles on the sidewalks to the bike area. Once the bikes are locked, students are to leave the bike area. Any student who rides a bike to and from school must also wear a helmet according to city ordinance. Students are encouraged to report to their home within a reasonable time after dismissal from school or an activity so that parents are aware of the student’s whereabouts. The school assumes no responsibility for damage to or theft of any bicycles. No skates or skateboards are allowed at school.

### **Care of School Property:**

Students are required to take proper care of all of the school buildings, books, and other school equipment. The student and his/her parents will be held liable and responsible for payment to replace damaged/missing equipment.

### **Buses:**

Buses are provided as a service of Yuma School District One. Students should be at their designated school bus stop on time and should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board the bus. While on buses, students should follow the posted rules and obey the directions of the bus driver. Misconduct on school buses may result in the driver being distracted, which can jeopardize the safety of students. Bus misconduct will result in progressive discipline and may include bus suspension.

### **Prohibited Articles:**

Tobacco, alcohol, drugs, inhalants, weapons, skateboards, roller blades, water pistols, permanent markers, chains, laser pens, aerosol containers, and other items considered dangerous or unsafe are not permitted on campus. All food and drink items including energy drinks, caffeinated drinks, cakes, cupcakes, gum, sunflower seeds, candy, sodas, etc. are prohibited except when approved by the administration.

To avoid theft, loss, or damage, students are **NOT** to bring valuable items to school unless such items are part of a class project or assignment. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. Prohibited items will be confiscated if found on school premises without specific permission or used inappropriately. A parent will be required to pick the item up at school.

### **Parking Lot Safety:**

The lane closest to the school is the bus lane. Vehicles dropping off or picking up students need to use the drop off/pick up lane between the parking lot and the bus lane. Vehicles need to pull up to the crosswalk area before dropping students off or picking students up. Students need to use the crosswalk when being dropped off or picked up.

### **Student Services**

#### **Cafeteria:**

A lunch program is offered to students for \$1.50 per lunch. Breakfast is provided free of charge every morning from 8:05 to 8:30 AM. Students may bring a lunch from home.

#### **Counseling Services:**

The counselor is a source of information, a helper, a friend, an advocate, and someone in whom students can confide. Students may sign up in her office or may ask their teacher for a pass to the counselor's office. As long as their teacher isn't giving a test or the student isn't doing a group project, the teacher will be agreeable to let the student visit with the counselor.

#### **Media Center:**

Our school media center will be available for students during lunch and some days before school. It is also available to be used by classes and students throughout the regular school day. (See posted Media Center hours.) Students are expected to respect the rights of others and behave according to school and media rules. Students will be charged for lost or damaged books.

### **Health Office:**

Parents will be notified when illness or injuries occur requiring more than routine first aid. Our school nurse will conduct mandatory health screenings of vision, hearing, etc. as well as brief health assessments. All medications, including over the counter medicine, is to be kept in the health office. Comprehensive standing orders of a physician and written permission for dispensing medication is required to be kept on file in the nurse's office. If the student has any health concerns or medication needs, we encourage parents to contact the office and arrangements can be made to assure the student receives medication or care as needed. All parent pick-ups for sick children must go through the Health Office.

### **Telephones:**

Each student is responsible for making arrangements for after school commitments. The office telephone is a business telephone and its use is limited to parents and staff members. Students may use a phone with permission for emergencies. Students are expected to be responsible enough to take care of personal affairs before they come to school or after they get home.

Parents need to tell their student in advance of any change in transportation accommodations or appointments and not to rely on the office to relay a message. If for some reason a parent needs to have a message given to a student, the office will make every attempt to make sure that student gets the message. The office understands that an **emergency** is never planned; therefore try to give the office enough time to relay your message to the student.

**Student Cell Phones** are to remain off and put away during school hours. Phones that ring during class will be taken away and a parent will be required to pick it up.

### **Solicitation of Fund Raising Projects:**

It is not permitted to solicit funds on campus for any purpose without the expressed permission of the principal.

### **Activities:**

#### ***Student Recognition:***

***Honor Roll with Distinction*** - (Quarterly) All As with 3s and 4s on report cards.

***Honor Roll for Academic Achievement*** - (Quarterly) All As and Bs with 3s and 4s on the report card.

***Principal's Award*** - Each quarter the homeroom teachers have the opportunity to recognize one student from each class as an outstanding role model.

***Perfect Attendance*** - (Quarterly) No absences and no more than 3 tardies.

A student is absent if they miss 2 or more periods in a day.

#### ***Assemblies:***

Assemblies are scheduled during the year for the benefit of the students.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and respectful manner.

***School Dances:***

All rules governing the campus apply to the students attending dances. Additional rules and procedures will be issued and distributed to students and parents prior to the activity. Attendance at a school dance is conditional upon student behavior. Misconduct at school may result in a student not being able to attend a dance. Students with in-school or out of school suspensions will not be allowed to attend dances or other special activities. All lunch charges and fees must be current as well. A student must be in attendance at school for more than five class periods on the day of the dance to be allowed to attend. **School dress code is enforced.**

***Sporting Events and Other Extracurricular Activities:***

All district and school rules apply during extra curricular activities and sporting events. Students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Problems may lead to school consequences and suspension from future activities. School dress code is enforced.

## Ron Watson Middle School Dress Code Policy

Ron Watson Middle School encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of themselves and others.

### STUDENTS WILL:

Wear at least 2 inches of fabric on their shoulders (shirts & dresses). Doubling shirts that have less than 2 inches of fabric does not meet this requirement. One shirt must have at least 2 inches of fabric. Spaghetti straps are not allowed.

Make sure you are not showing your undergarments or showing cleavage.

Make sure you are not wearing gang-type clothing or clothing advertising marijuana, tobacco, alcohol, sex or profanity, drama masks, smile now/cry later, eight ball, #187, #13, #14, Old English style belt buckles, belts hanging down the side of your pants, Players, Playa, 69, 4:20, sagging pants that are worn below the waist, hip, or buttocks, bib overalls untied, WS, NC, LA, NY, W, Tupac shirts, BWS, Dough Boy, and caps are NOT to be turned to the side. If a student is wearing a shirt or pants that are too big or baggy, they will be asked to tuck in their shirt and put on a belt or cinch their pants with string so that they fit properly. Bracelets with inappropriate words are not allowed.

Make sure that your midriff doesn't show, that your shorts, dress, or skirt is as long as your knuckles when your fingertips are extended down the side of your legs (when your shoulders are not shrugged). Holes in jeans or shorts must also be covered if they are above the extended knuckles. If you wear a hat or cap to school it is worn forward or backwards only and you do not wear it in the building or play with it during class. Your clothing and YOU don't advertise or use inappropriate words, cuss words, alcohol, drugs or slang not appropriate for school. Shoes are worn at ALL times; closed toe shoes are required for PE. Slippers are not allowed. You may not wear muscle-shirts, see-through clothing, mesh shirts, or pajamas. You may not have chains or belts hanging down and your clothing should be clean and neat.

If you are involved in extra-curricular activities such as athletics, band, choir, etc., you are subject to the same standards of dress

**\*\*\*\*Any apparel that the administration determines to be unacceptable in light of community standards is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, clothing which offends or disrupts the educational process.**

IF YOU CHOOSE TO BREAK ONE OF THE DRESS CODE RULES, YOU WILL BE SENT TO THE HEALTH OFFICE TO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHING. THE SCHOOL WILL LOAN THE NECESSARY CLOTHING; THE STUDENT WILL NOT CALL HOME FOR A CHANGE OF CLOTHING. YOU WILL SIGN AN AGREEMENT THAT YOU WILL WASH AND RETURN THE CLOTHING WITHIN 3 DAYS.

CONTINUED DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS WILL LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS INCLUDING SUSPENSION.