

Nova Middle School Parent Information Guide School Year 2023-2024

Schedule Information

Schedules will be available on Virtual Counselor on August 18, 2023.

Students who are unable to access their schedule on Virtual Counselor may pick up their schedules on the first day of school in the Media Center at 9:15 a.m.

Schedule Change Policy

Nova Middle School creates student schedules with careful consideration to each student's academic level and areas of interest. In order to provide consistency for parents, students, and teachers, schedule changes will be kept to a minimum. Before making a request, please review the information below to assure that you fully understand the schedule change policy.

Requesting a schedule change:

In the rare event that a schedule change is needed, a Schedule Concern form **must** be submitted on the Nova Middle School website. Schedule Concern forms will be available at novamid.browardschools.com from 8/22/23 – 8/28/23. Requests may not be made through personal meetings, phone calls, or emails. Once the Schedule Concern form is provided to the School Counselors, the student's records will be reviewed, and a decision will be made regarding the request.

Reason for changes:

- Student is missing a core class.
- Student was inappropriately placed based on grade level.
- Student was inappropriately placed based on skill level.

If a student received any of their elective choices from their Course Request form, no changes will be made.

Other Requests:

Nova Middle School will not change student schedules for any of the following reasons:

- Friends are in another class
- Lunch period preference
- Unaddressed behavior or academic concerns

Unified Dress Code (UDC)

All Nova Middle School students are required to follow the mandatory Unified Dress Code policy. Students must conform to the UDC during all regular school days, including Early Release Days. Students involved in school sponsored clubs/activities or sports must wear appropriate unified dress code attire or a school issued uniform on game/competition days only.

Clothing:

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts - Cotton twill "docker style" in hunter green, yellow/gold, black, white, red, navy blue, gray or khaki. No leggings/jeggings or any type of jean pants or corduroys. Shorts must be longer than the fingertips when held down the side of the body or mid-thigh.

Shirts - Collared "polo style" in any solid color. Nova Middle's PTSA sells Nova "Spirit Shirts" for each grade level. These Spirit Shirts may be worn on Fridays and are required attire for all field trips.

Picture ID's – Once student ID's are distributed, all students must wear them either by lanyard or clip.

Jackets - Jackets must be a solid color. Jackets must be worn with an approved uniform shirt beneath. Students are permitted to wear solid-color vests or cardigan sweaters with appropriate uniform shirt.

Shoes - Footwear must be worn at all times. Unified dress code requires close toed shoes at all times.

Winter Dress - If the temperature falls below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, students may wear jean pants that do not have holes and/or rips.

Important Information

- Undershirts may not hang beyond or below the uniform shirt. Undergarments that do not fit properly beneath the uniform shirt will be confiscated.
- NOT ALLOWED: Pants that are knit/lycra, spandex, parachute, athletic, fleece, denim and corduroy material of any type or color, hip huggers, or lowriders. Sweatpants or sweat suits are not allowed. Shorts/skorts/skirts that are above mid-thigh as described in the Secondary Code of Student Conduct; Section III are not allowed.
- Sleeveless shirts and shirts without collars are not allowed.

- Clothing which is too tight or oversized does not conform to the Unified Dress Code.
- Tops must be long enough to cover the complete mid-section when arms are held up overhead.
- Tank tops, tube tops, etc... that show beneath the uniform shirt are not permitted.
- Bottoms may not have any writing across them.
- Also inappropriate are chains, spikes, headbands, bandanas, gang paraphernalia; tattered clothing (clothing must be hemmed); midriffs; unbuckled pants; long dangling earrings, curlers, shower caps, hats or caps; suspenders, slogans, emblems, motifs, stripes, or patterns in clothing.

PTSA Sells Spirit Shirts

Nova Middle's PTSA will be selling Nova "Spirit Shirts." Spirit Shirts may be worn on Fridays and are required attire for all field trips.

Consequences for non-compliance to UDC Policy will be aligned with the Broward County Secondary Discipline Matrix. Parents are encouraged to ensure that their children adhere to Nova Middle's Unified Dress Code Policy.

Welcome Center Hours

On Regular School Days:

- The Welcome Center will open at 8:45 AM.
- Students may not be signed out after 3:45 PM.
- The Welcome Center will close at 4:00 PM. The main telephone line will be answered from 9:00 AM until 4:50 PM.

On Early Release Days:

- The Welcome Center will open at 8:45 AM.
- Students may not be signed out after 1:45 PM.
- The Welcome Center will close at 1:45 PM. Staff will be available in the Student Services Department until 4:00 PM. The main telephone line will be answered from 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

On Teacher Planning Days:

- Office hours are from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM.

Classroom Interruptions Policy

Please be advised that homework, P.E. clothing, field trip money and miscellaneous deliveries are not accepted in the main office. The only items that may be dropped off or delivered to students are eyeglasses or preauthorized medication to the nurse. Lunch money may be deposited directly to a student's account in the cafeteria. Parents should report to the main office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass to visit the cafeteria.

School Supplies

During the first week of school, each of your child's teachers will provide them with a syllabus, which contains information about the class, teacher contact information, and supplies needed for class. Until you receive the supply list/requests, send your child with basic supplies such as: paper, pencil, pen, and a folder to keep important handouts in.

Daily Schedule

Our students have a total of 8 classes. We are on a 4 class per day block schedule; We call it our Odd/Even calendar. On Odd days students will attend class periods 1, 3, 5, 7, and on Even days students will attend class periods 2,4,6,8. Our 6th grade students go to lunch with their 3rd or 4th period teacher. Our 7th and 8th grade students go to lunch with their 5th or 6th period teacher. The odd/even calendar for 2023-24 will be posted on our website the week before school starts.

Bus Information

All Nova students that live at least 2 miles or more from the school and within Broward County are eligible for a bus through Broward County Schools Transportation. If you need transportation for your student, you will need to register through the transportation website during **the first week of August**.

Visit: www.browardschools.com/register2ride to register for transportation.

Reporting Absences

Absences should be reported within 24 hours either by telephone or online. To report an absence, you will need: student name, student number or birth date, grade, date of absence/s and reason for absence. To report an absence online, visit our website and select "Contact Us" and then "Report an Absence" or [Click Here](#) . To report an absence by phone, call our attendance hotline 754-323-3702, and leave a voicemail.

Summer Reading

Summer reading books have been chosen that align with our BEST standards. Students will be held accountable for reading two books, one of which must be from their rising grade level list. Books will be reviewed by the Language Arts Department during the first month of the 2023-2024 school year. [Click Here](#) to view the Summer reading pamphlet and optional story maps.

Summer Math

Students should choose 4 Math activities to complete this summer. [Click Here](#) to view the guidelines and form.

PTSA Information

Please consider joining our wonderful NMS PTSA! 2023-24 membership begins July 1st, 2023. Visit www.novamiddleschoolptsa.memberhub.com to purchase memberships, yearbooks, embroidered uniform shirts, and more. Contact email: treasurer.novamiddle.ptsa@gmail.com

We ♥ Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at Nova next year (and we really hope you do) be sure to complete the online application. The 2023-24 Volunteer Application will be available on the District site after July 1st. <https://www.browardschools.com/volunteer>

BCPS App

The BCPS App is available for Android and iPhone users. Once you download and create your account, you will have access to grades (with capability of setting low grade alerts), attendance, bus information, lunch information, and more.

Visit <https://www.browardschools.com/mobileapp> for full details.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for information and updates.

Nova Middle Website: www.browardschools.com/novamid

X (formerly Twitter): @NovaMiddleTitan

Facebook: facebook.com/NovaMiddleOfficial

Instagram: @NovaMiddleOfficial