



FALCON COVE MIDDLE

MR. STEVE CARRUTH PRINCIPAL

2021 – 2022 BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRESENTATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What are the school hours for students?

A. 9:25 a.m. – 3:55 p.m.

Q. Upon arrival to school, where do students report?

A. We encourage students to arrive on campus no earlier than 9:00 a.m. At this time students may report to the cafeteria where they can receive free breakfast each morning. Students are encouraged to report to class once the warning bell rings at 9:20 a.m. If students choose to not have breakfast, they are encouraged to report to the cafeteria or gym.

Car Line – Please drive **all the way to the end of the car line** before allowing students to depart your car. There is signage to direct you to continue driving forward the end of the car line where you will stop and allow the student to depart the vehicle.

Q. Where are Back-to-School forms?

A. The 2021-2022 Back-to-School forms can be completed on-line using the **Back to School Wizard** at:

<https://scaweb.browardschools.com/bts>

Parents will turn in a one-page, “**submission sheet**”, instead of an entire packet! Complete all the questions and print the **Confirmation Page**. Sign the printed page and turn it in to the school.

If you need access to a computer or printer, come to the Main Office.

- **Step 1:** Enter your information and a student's information.
- **Step 2:** Go to your email. Find the confirmation email from “bcpsmobile@browardschools.com” and click the link.
- **Step 3:** Read the information and answer all other questions. Digitally “sign” by typing your name.
- **Step 4:** Review and print any forms you would like for your records.
- **Step 5:** Print the final “Submission Forms to Print” for each student.
- **Step 6: Sign the printed form.**
- **Step 7:** Turn in the form to your child's teacher.

Q. How many classes will students take every day?

A. **There are four classes per day.** The 4x4 block schedule, allows four 90 - minute classes per day. Every other day is designated as Blue or Yellow.

Q. What will students wear for my Physical Education class?

A. You will need a pair of sneakers and Falcon Cove gym wear for P.E. You may order gym wear online, through our website or you may purchase it on your own. PE uniforms are \$20.

Q. How long is each class period?

A. Approximately 90 minutes.

Q. How much time do students have between classes?

A. Students will have 4 minutes to navigate between classes.

Q. What is cost for Breakfast and Lunches at Falcon Cove?

A. Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services (BCPSFNS) offers **FREE** breakfast and lunch meals for all BCPS students every school day at their school.

Q. When do students eat lunch?

A. Lunch is assigned via 2nd and 5th block classes. On **YELLOW** days lunch is during your 2nd block and on **BLUE** days, lunch is during your 5th block.

- Q. Which school supplies will my child need to begin the school year?**
A. Falcon Cove has extensive course offerings. Information about the school supplies will be provided by the student's teachers during the first week of school.
- Q. Are there tutorials in the sixth grade?**
A. Currently, there are a variety of tutorials options. Students are encouraged to request a Study Hall course where tutorials may be provided via Peer Counseling, LIA or Support Facilitation. "ASK BRIA" is the online tutoring resource which will continue to be available throughout the 2021 – 2022 school year.
- Q. What happens if I am tardy?**
A. The first week the teachers and support staff will be in the hallways to assist in directing you to the right classrooms. Upon completion of the first week you will be expected to be in class on time. Citations will be issued to students that are tardy.
- Q. What if I am absent?**
A. If you are sick, **PLEASE** stay home. Your parents should call the school office at 754-323-3200 to report your absence. *Where necessary*, when you return to school, you will need to check in with your designated Grade Level Center with your doctor's note.
- Q. Is there a dress code?**
A. Falcon Cove Middle follows the Student Dress Code policy as stated in the Student's Code of Conduct for Broward County Public Schools. Appropriate dress and grooming can help to create a positive learning environment. Possible consequences for violating the dress code are found in the Discipline Matrix. Changes in clothing trends will not override the dress code policy.
All students are expected to honor their responsibilities and dress in a way that respects the rights of others. **Click here to view the entire Dress Code Policy:** <https://www.browardschools.com/student-conduct>
- Q. Does my middle schooler need any immunizations?**
A. All 7th grade students, along with any student who is transferring into our school from outside the state of Florida, must have the following vaccinations:
• One dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine in grades 7 – 12; and
• An updated DH 680 form to include Tdap, must be obtained for submission to the school.
Go to our school's website for more information or contact our schools Registrar, directly.
- Q. What is the cell phone policy?**
A. The school expects students to abide by the following guidelines regarding cell phones:
Students may bring cell phones to school, but phones must be off during classes.
Students may not make or receive phone calls during class time.
Students are not allowed to leave class to receive or to make calls.

Faculty will confiscate phones used during classes. Confiscated phones will be returned at the school administration's discretion. If a parent needs to contact a child due to an emergency, he or she should call the school office. School staff will retrieve students from class.
- Q. How can I help my child stay organized in middle school?**
A. It is recommended that each middle school student have an agenda. Falcon Cove agendas may be purchased online on our website at cost of \$10. Agendas are used in the classroom daily to write down homework assignments / upcoming tests and projects. Canvas Outlook is also a vital tool. Teachers post lesson plans and assignments there, weekly. Canvas Outlook can be accessed on any computer that has internet access.
- Q. How do I access my child's schedule? How do I access my child's bus route?**
A. Log on to Virtual Counselor www.bcps.browardschools.com/VirtualCounselor . Click: "Student". Enter the student's 10-digit student ID number. Enter the student's Birth Date (MM /DD/ YYYY). Use the drop-down menu under "Student Info".
- Q. How do I get Transportation Information?**

- A.** If your child is registered in his/her school of attendance with the correct address information for the upcoming school year, and is eligible for transportation, bus card mailers have been mailed from the district since the first week of August. Additional information will be available at the Transportation Open House on Saturday, August 14 – 10 am – 2 pm and Sunday August 15 – 1 pm – 3 pm. Call 754-321-4150

If you need assistance, please contact our Transportation Liaison, Ms. Guevara
marjorie.guevara@browardschools.com

Q. What should I do if I am not feeling well.

- A.** If a student isn't feeling well, please remain at home. Call in to the appropriate grade level center to report the absence.

Q. How will students be dismissed at the end of the school day?

- A.** Dismissal will be "staggered" by building and by specific areas on campus. Students should listen closely, for dismissal directives. Students will exit the building via the same routes used for arrival.

Q. Will students be allowed to participate in athletics this year?

- A.** Yes. Students must have an unweighted GPA of 2.0 or higher to participate. Annual physicals are REQUIRED for participation in FCMS Athletics. Athletes must submit a copy of the front and back of current insurance card every school year. For more Information, please go to our website, FalconCove.net and/or email our Athletic Director: Mr. Richard Keery; richard.keery@browardschools.com

Q. Does the school offer Before and After Care services?

- A.** The Before and After School Child Care Program is known as the Cove Academy. Our program consists of a morning session that runs before school from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. The afternoon session runs after school, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more Information, please go to our website, FalconCove.net and/or email our Program Director: Mr. Richard Keery richard.keery@browardschools.com

Q. Will the school host an OPEN HOUSE this year?

- A.** Open House will be held on 2 dates to accommodate our families. Families are encouraged to participate either virtually or in-person. Dates for Open House are as follows:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH – 6th Grade / MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH – 7TH AND 8th Grade

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, nightly. Additional details will be forthcoming via Parent Link and on our website.