

BADGER ROCK MIDDLE



2021-2022 School Supplement to the District Policy Guide

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Welcome to Badger Rock Middle School!

As we enter another year at Badger Rock we are very excited about our progress and the opportunities that lie ahead. Badger Rock Middle School empowers its students to thrive as citizens, entrepreneurs, leaders, collaborators, and innovators, working to restore the natural world and better the cultural environment while creating just, nourishing, and sustainable communities.

The following are the school's core values that support the student experiences at Badger Rock Middle School:

PLACE: Investigating and taking care of our community. Students scrutinize cultural and natural systems via hands-on activities at the school site. Classes routinely go offsite to survey local ecosystems and nearby neighborhoods during weekly place-based field days.

CULTURAL RELEVANCE: Learning with content and activities that reflect students' backgrounds. Students regularly encounter images, language, people, and values that help them feel at home in an environment where they can readily learn. Teachers ground their teaching practices in community awareness and participation.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: Cultivating an awareness that how we live impacts our ecosystem and society. Every aspect of the physical environment – school building, energy systems, gardens, greenhouses – will model sustainability. Mindfulness practices and service learning foster personal and social resilience.

DESIGN AND INQUIRY: Nurturing curiosity and design projects that require essential questions, challenges, and problems. Projects will require students to identify opportunities and problems, collect and interpret data, design prototypes, give and receive feedback, and share final products.

Sincerely,

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School mission statement

Badger Rock Middle School (BRMS) will prepare our diverse student citizens to meet the challenges of the 21st century, helping them thrive as environmentally responsible, justice-oriented problem solvers and lifelong learners. Our interdisciplinary academic program thrives on authentic, community, project-based learning at its core, with ecological systems as our comprehensive framework. Badger Rock Middle School will be a model for environmental sustainability, culturally relevant teaching, stewardship and civic engagement, integrating best practices in sustainability education, design, and systems thinking into every aspect of the learning experience.

Badger Rock Middle School: Growing Resilient Learners One Project at a Time

Key Policies and Guidelines**After-school information**

After-school opportunities are primarily provided by MSCR, with additional opportunities provided in conjunction with our community partners. Information about these programs is provided at registration and throughout the year.

Field trips

Badger Rock receives support from the Aldo Leopold Nature Center to offer a Field Day program. The curriculum includes team building activities and nature-based learning both on site and at locations around Madison. Field Day experiences are essential to the educational program, and all students are expected to participate.

Teachers may plan field trips throughout the school year, in addition to the Field Day excursions. Families will receive written notification in advance about these field trips and should take care to sign all forms and send money to school if requested. Scholarship money is available if payment of field trip fees creates a hardship for a student's family. In such cases, families should contact their child's teacher or the school office.

Medications which are normally given to students during the school day will be given by school staff during field trips. No additional permission is required. If your child needs medication on an overnight or extended day field trip which is NOT regularly given at school, Board policy requires written parent permission and a written order from the health care practitioner. This includes over the counter, non-prescription medication. The medication permission forms are reviewed by the school nurse before an overnight or extended day field trip. Some medications (such as inhalers) may be self-administered but a school staff person will give most medications.

Meals at school

Meals are free to all students. Students can also purchase snacks with cash or access money previously deposited into their food service account. Students are not allowed to use their accounts until money is deposited, and there must be money in the account to eat.



Deposits into student accounts can be made at any time. Envelopes for depositing money into a student's account are available from the kitchen or from the school office. Families may also make online payments and monitor their student's account at mypaymentsplus.com.

- Breakfast includes a selection of tasty, healthy foods such as cereal, yogurt, granola bars, fruit, fresh bread and rolls, juice, milk, etc.
- Lunch includes a choice of several entrées and a choice of fruit, vegetables, and milk. Snack items may also be purchased.

Releasing children from school during the day

We ask that every attempt is made to schedule appointments and other activities in such a way to prevent students from missing the entire day. If you must pick up your child early, please contact the main office at 442-0142.

Safety & Security

Families play a key role in school safety. At badgerrock.mmsd.org/safety, you can read about school-specific resources for helping keep students safe. You'll find more information on district safety and security, including how we communicate with you in an emergency, at mmsd.org/safety.

School improvement planning

The Badger Rock School-Based Leadership Team meets twice per month to create, implement, and monitor progress related to our School Improvement Plan (SIP). The SIP serves as our primary guide for the work we do throughout the course of a school year. As part of this process we seek to gather feedback from our families, students, and other key stakeholders. Information regarding our SIP is provided on our website and communicated with families throughout the year.

Traffic safety

The parking lot directly in front of our building is designated for visitor parking and the pick-up/drop off of students. Families may also park along Badger Road.

Bikes

We encourage students to ride their bikes to school if possible. Please follow these guidelines:

- All bicycles should have locks.
- Park in the provided bicycle racks.
- Bicycles are not to be ridden on the school lawns or in the parking lot.
- The school is not responsible for damage or theft of parts when bicycles are parked on school grounds.

Bus Transportation

Madison Metro routes are available to and from Badger Rock. For route information, please contact Madison Metro at 608-266-4466, or visit their website at cityofmadison.com/metro.

District-provided Metro passes are available for students who reside more than one and one-half (1.5) miles from school and have demonstrable financial need, including qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

Find more information in the district policy guide, found at www.mmsd.org/policy-guide.