



Helpful Tips for Incoming 6th Graders to Rocky Hill MS

Tip #7 & #8: Transportation & Supply List

Tip #7: Transportation

Students arrive and depart Rocky Hill MS using a variety of methods of transportation. Kids walk, ride their bike/skateboard, take the bus or ride in a car. With over 1,000 children coming and going daily it is important and vital to the safety of all that we all abide by the procedures.

For 6th graders, the **MOST** important things to know are:

- their bus route number if they will be taking the bus at any point during the school year
- which stop to get on and off
- their address
- the phone number of a parent or guardian
- how they are to get home on the first day
- practice walking the route to school as a family and discuss safety protocols prior to the first day of school. Students who live within a 1.5 mile radius of Rocky Hill are considered walkers.

On the first day of school, staff members will greet each bus as it arrives and escort the 6th graders to the cafeteria. Each student will be given a bus route number and a row number to put in the Student Assignment Book.

We will have staff members outside in the parent drop off circle greeting you and giving you directions. Please follow their directions to help expedite this procedure. As you enter the parking lot stay to the right and stay on the perimeter of the parking lot. Do not cut through the parking lot. As you enter the circle area, pull **ALL** the way around the circle to drop off your child. As you plan your first day of school morning, allow for extra time if you are dropping off your child. 6th graders who walk or ride their bike will report directly to the cafeteria.

Transportation information will be sent out in August and posted on our RH website. If you have additional questions, you can call the MCPS Department of Transportation - Clarksburg Depot 240-740-4728. We will also have someone at the Wildcat Welcome on August 25th who can answer any questions.

Tip #8: Supply List

Recommended 6th Grade Supply List

- Ear buds or headphones
- A 2" or 3" 3 ring binder - it is suggested that students do **NOT** use multiple binders.
- 10 dividers
- Colored pencils
- Pencils (#2)
- Pens (blue or black and red)
- Pencil pouch
- Highlighters - (2 colors)
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide or college ruled)
- 3 **single** subject spiral notebooks
- Protractor for home use
- Calculator-see below for specifics
- **Calculators for Math 6 or AMP6+** - We strongly recommend that students have a **scientific** calculator that can perform all operations with fractions. Examples of calculators that perform fraction operations are the Texas Instruments TI-30Xa, TI-30X IIs, and the TI-34 II.
- **Calculators for AIM6** - Students in AIM can either have the scientific calculators recommended above or they might want to invest in a graphing calculator in preparation for Algebra 1. Recommended calculators are the Texas Instruments TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84 or the TI-84 Plus. These will not be supplied for students during class.

We hope you find these tips helpful, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at Lorie.Quinn@mcpsmd.org