

RIDGELY ACTIVITY CENTER (RAC) RULES

Parent/Guardian Volunteers

All parents/guardians are required to sign up to volunteer for at least one RAC event during the school year. (Parents/guardians of 8th-grade students must select one of the first three RAC dates to volunteer.) We rely heavily on the volunteers to make each RAC event successful and safe. Please help us by not cancelling at the last minute unless absolutely necessary. **Unless it is for an emergency, if a volunteer does not attend his/her selected date (cancels within 2 days of the event or no-shows) the student(s) will not be permitted to attend the RAC until the parent/guardian volunteers.** A volunteer and his/her student ONLY must check in together by 6:15pm the night of the event.

Arriving at the RAC

Students will not be permitted to enter the building until 7:00pm. Students must enter through the doors next to the cafeteria.

Pick Up Time

Pick up time is 9:30 p.m. or earlier. Parents/guardians are welcome to walk around the facility and find their children if they arrive early. **Repeated problems with late pick-ups may result in suspension from the RAC.**

Leaving the RAC

Students are not allowed outside unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. Parents/guardians must park their cars and enter the RAC to pick up students no later than 9:30 p.m. and exit through the cafeteria only.

Items Prohibited

Items that may be hazardous to the safety or privacy of others are strictly prohibited. No bags larger than 5 x 7 are permitted. Belt bags and purses smaller than 5 x 7 are subject to search. Other prohibited items include, but are not limited to, cameras, skateboards, weapons, dangerous substances, matches/lighters/explosive materials, and outside food, gum, and drinks. Food, drinks, and candy of any kind is restricted to the food area only. Students will be permitted to have cell phones in their possession however, cell phones should only be used to communicate with parents/guardians. Taking of photographs and/or videos is strictly forbidden except by authorized RAC representatives. Prohibited items may be confiscated and returned at the end of the evening.

Winter Months

There is no secure storage for coats at the RAC. We encourage you to take your child's coat home at drop-off and bring the coat back at 9:30 p.m. pick-up. The RAC is not responsible for lost or stolen coats. The RAC may be canceled due to inclement weather. If BCPS cancels after-school activities, the RAC is canceled.

Student Responsibility

Students share responsibility for the use and maintenance of all Ridgely Middle School property. They also share responsibility for discouraging vandalism and theft of both personal and public property. Knowledge of these types of incidents must be reported to a staff member or volunteer. Any student guilty of theft or vandalism will face disciplinary action and be responsible for any restitution. Students must be respectful to other students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and the facility. Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Students are responsible for all personal belongings. The RAC is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Appropriate Behavior & Inappropriate Behavior

Students are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior. Inappropriate behavior includes the following disrespecting parents/guardians, volunteers, and staff, cursing, hitting, fighting (physical or verbal), kissing, lap sitting, suggestive or dangerous dance styles (e.g. grinding), running, and horseplay.

Appropriate Dress

It is the responsibility of students and their parents/guardians to select appropriate attire for the RAC. Please select appropriate footwear if your student will be playing sports in the gym. Clothing should not present a health or safety concern and should not depict obscene, violent, or sexually aggressive messages; promote the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products; contain sexually suggestive messages; contain rude, discourteous, disrespectful expressions, or profane language.

Harassment and Intimidation

Harassment and intimidation (bullying) are serious and will not be tolerated. Bullying means conduct (including verbal conduct) that creates a hostile environment and is motivated by an actual or perceived personal characteristic such as race, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, or disability, or is threatening or seriously intimidating.

Offenders

There is zero tolerance for offenders. Students and parents/guardians are responsible for reading the rules as published on the website and reviewed during online registration. Students who do not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the RAC and be isolated until a parent/guardian can pick them up or the RAC is over.

Students may be suspended from future RAC events for serious misconduct. Refunds will not be provided should a student be removed or suspended for a violation of the rules.