Clements Middle School
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Mission
Clements Middle School strives to promote a quality educational experience by promoting excellence without excuses in our daily lives.

Vision
Clements Middle School will meet the individual needs of students and maximize their academic and social potential by utilizing all stakeholders and technological resources with a holistic approach to produce high school ready, college and career-focused, and productive citizens.
Message from the Administration

Dear Students & Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Clements Middle School, the administrative team would like to welcome you to the new school year. Please look over the agenda carefully and note the many features that we hope will support your students’ organizational practices.

The information provided in the agenda is designed to answer your questions about our school and the general policies related to the school system. If the information you need is not provided, please do not hesitate to call the school office.

Lastly, we extend an invitation to you to become involved in our school and ask that you read our mission and vision statements on the first page of this book to learn of our commitment to the students of Clements Middle School. In addition, notice that we firmly believe in the cooperative effort of teachers, parents, and community in leading our students. Plan now to become involved and rest assured that we are open to your suggestions and comments. Have a great year, promote excellence without excuses and BE THE BEST!

Clements Middle School’s Administrative Team

Administration & Staff

Mr. Fredrick Richard, Principal
Dawn Ward and Martavious Johnson, Assistant Principals
Deione Nicholas and Lakeshia Ammons, Counselors
Sanetra Miller, Bookkeeper
Charlotte Glover, Enrollment Specialist
School Nurse, Audria Hawkins

Nina Chavez-Orr and Jayla Macolm, Front Office Receptionist
My name: _______________________________

My homeroom teacher: ________________________________

My Literature/Language Arts teacher ______________________________

My Math teacher: ________________________________

My Science teacher: ________________________________

My Social Studies teacher: ________________________________

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CLUBS

Our school has clubs under the direction and control of the school which are organized and meet based on common goals, objectives, and activities. The school sponsored clubs that are or will be in operation at our school are listed below and provide you pertinent club information. State law requires that the parent/guardian has the right to withhold permission for their student to join or participate in any school sponsored club or organization with which they object. For your convenience a form is included on a selected page of this student handbook for your completion for this purpose. If, in the future a club is added, you will be sent information on the club and will be required to complete a form giving your permission for your student’s participation in the new club.

Name of Club: **AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB**
The After School Art Club is a fun filled and educational program intended to give students a safe atmosphere in which to learn and practice within the creative arts. Each week an artist or artistic style will be the inspiration for a different art activity. Art history and criticism will be included, as well as art vocabulary. The weekly themes will focus on a variety of countries, cultures, and at times a time period, or artistic style. These themes will be the basis for an arts centered lesson plan for each day of the week that focuses on imagination, poetry, music, or visual art activities. The art lessons will provide students with the opportunity to expand their horizons and hone their creative skills. The goal is to produce pupils who are more capable of deep, reflective thought and more prepared for success in the real world. **Lesson include:**

- **Drawing** - The fundamental skill of the visual arts that can be learned by all children. A variety of drawing methods will be taught using a range of different materials.
- **Painting** - Paint what you want! Basic techniques, composition, and color mixing will be emphasized.
- **Portraiture** - In depth instruction which includes basic face rendering and achieving likenesses from photos or models.
- **Collage** - Explore the possibilities of collage and mixed media! Students will incorporate various materials to create beautiful and original artwork.
- **Additional lessons** - Anime or cartooning, Human anatomy, Still life, Block printmaking, Abstract, Pottery/ceramics

Name of Club: **Culinary Arts Club** will meet with middle school students to provide a place where experienced and inexperienced students can further their culinary knowledge.

Name of Club: **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)**
The purpose is to provide middle school students a stepping stone to participate in FBLA at the high school. The FBLA mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Name of Club: **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)**
This organization is open to anyone who has taken Family and Consumer Science or is taking it. Membership dues are required, and these dues include affiliation with the national organization. Activities include community involvement and projects, National Star Events, leadership conferences, and the possibility of attending leadership camps.

Name of Club: **Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team**
Read the Georgia Children’s Book Award nominees for the current year so as to compete in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl tournaments. Description of Past/Planned Activities: Team meets weekly during the season (September through March) to discuss books and practice for the tournaments. The Newton County Tournament is the last weekend in January. If the team advances, future tournaments are February through March.

Name of Club: **Academic Bowl**
To provide students the opportunity to compete against students in other schools in an academic arena.

Name of Club: **Leading, Excellence, Goals, Altitude & Character in Youth (LEGACY)**
To provide developmental, social, and cultural education that encourages teenage boys to become confident and productive citizens.
Name of Club: G.E.M.S
Girls Empowered and Motivated for Success (GEMS). This club is geared to equip middle school girls with the skills and knowledge necessary to grow into a self-respecting and motivated individual enthusiastic for success.

Name of Club: Yearbook Team
The yearbook staff takes on the responsibilities of photographing events, group and individuals. Other tasks include; proofing captions for grammar, spelling, and accurateness of subjects pictured.

Name of Club: Morning News Team
To develop a life-time habit of living and laughing while creating memories that will last forever. This staff takes on the responsibility of a live broadcast of the morning news. Other tasks include; gathering information for school events and also gathering pertinent information to be shared with staff and students on a daily basis.

Name of Club: Band
This group is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade band students by audition and/or invitation. These students rehearse and perform in concerts, community events, and other school events.

Name of Club: Chorus
This group is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade chorus students by audition and/or invitation. These students rehearse and perform in concerts, community events, and other school events.

Name of Club: Beta Club
Clements Middle School Junior Beta Club is comprised of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who have exhibited academic excellence during their middle school career. The Jr. Beta Club offers academic coaching and tutoring, as well as performing volunteer work throughout the community.

Name of Club: Science Club
To support the Science program and Science Fair Program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Name of Club: Chess Club
This group is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who have an interest in becoming a step team member.

Name of Club: Volleyball
This group is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who have an interest in becoming a volleyball team member.

Name of Club: Soccer Club
This group is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who have an interest in playing soccer.

Name of Club: Step Team
This group is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who have an interest in becoming a step team member. This group performs at games and school programs.

Name of Club: Social Studies Club
To support the Social Studies program and Social Studies Fair Program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Name of Club: TSA
Technology Student Association (TSA) promotes technology education as a means of preparing students to become critical thinkers, problem solvers, and technologically literate leaders.

Name of Club: Junior Kappa League
Kappa League is a program for the educational, occupational and social guidance of male students in grades 6th-12th. It was designed to help young men grow, receive, and develop their leadership talents in every phase of human endeavor.

Name of Club: Girls Empowered and Motivated For Success (GEMS)
To equip adolescent/teen girl with the skills and knowledge necessary to grow into empowered and motivated individuals geared for success.
Name of Club: Drama Team:
This group is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who have an interest in becoming a Drama team member. This group performs at games and school programs.

Name of Club: DANCE Team
Dances are conducted regularly throughout the school year. **Dances begin immediately after school and end at 6:30 p.m.** Students are not permitted to leave campus and return to attend a dance. Only students who attend Clements Middle School are permitted to attend dances. Only students without written discipline referrals between dance periods will be eligible to attend dances. Failure to follow school rules will cause loss of dance privileges. All “ride sharing” students and sibling groups should be picked up in front of the school.