

Indian Ridge Middle School FAQs

What are the school hours?

- The first bell rings at 9:10 am.
- The dismissal bell rings at 3:45 pm.
- On Early Release days, the dismissal bell rings at 1:45 pm.

How early may I drop off my child? How late may I pick up my child?

- There is no supervision before 8:35 am and after 4:10 pm.

Where do I drop off/pick up my child?

- In the lot located at the south end of the school. (Entrance is at the light)
- Form a single car line as you approach the school when dropping off students. For the safety of your child and others, students must stay in the car until the car reaches the front of the school. There will be school personnel located at this point to direct your child.
- Form a double car line as you approach the school when picking up students. **For the safety of your child and others, students must stay in the front of the school until you drive around to pick them up. DO NOT PICK UP YOUR CHILD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CAR LINE. Again, school personnel will be in place to help direct traffic.**
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY PARENTS DROP-OFF/PICK-UP STUDENTS AT THE CORNER OF STATE ROAD 84 OR AT THE THE BURGER KING PARKING LOT. THIS AREA IS EXTREMELY UNSAFE DUE TO THE TRAFFIC. YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY WILL BE COMPROMISED.

Will my child ride a bus?

- If your child lives more than 2 miles from the school, your child should receive a bus pass in the mail before school begins.
- If your child does not receive a pass in the mail, and meets the criteria for transportation, they may ride the bus in the morning without a pass. We will issue them a pass the first day of school for the afternoon ride home.

Who do I call for help

Call the Grade level office:

	6 th grade, Rm. 138	7 th grade, Rm. 116	8 th grade, Rm. 166
Administrator	Mr. Lyons	Ms. Lewis	Mrs. Brown
Guidance	Mrs. Morgan	Mrs. Busjit-Bhalai & Mrs. Morgan	Mrs. Busjit-Bhalai
Secretary	Mrs. Nelson	Mrs. Tower	Mrs. Lindo
Office Number	754 323 3330	754 323 3316	754 323-3325

Who do I call if my child is enrolled in the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Program?

- Mrs. Perless is the ESE Specialist, Rm. 218, (754) 323-3315.

Does my child need to wear a uniform?

- All students are expected to be in uniform on the first day of school and each day thereafter.
- Please refer to our Unified Dress Code flyer for information and guidelines.

What about breakfast and lunch?

- Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 8:35 am until 9:05 am. The cost has increased to \$1.10.
- If your child does not ride a bus and you want them to eat breakfast at school, you must make sure that they arrive at school on time to eat and get to class by 9:10 am.
- The school lunch price has increased to \$2.10. Teachers escort the students to the cafeteria for lunch. Students sit with their classes during lunchtime.
- An alternate lunch will be provided to those students who forget their lunch or lunch money.
- Parents may set up lunch accounts (pre-pay) with the cafeteria.
- We do not interrupt classes unless there is an emergency. Lunches or money brought to the front office **will not** be delivered.
- If your child receives free or reduced lunch, you must complete and submit a new lunch form. This form will be sent home at the beginning of the school year. Your child will receive lunch for the first ten days of school. After ten days, if the form has not been returned, lunch will not be provided at the free or reduced rate.

What supplies will my child need?

- Your child will receive a school supply list from his/her teacher(s) during the first week of school.

Does the school have a website?

- The school's website is <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/indianridgems>.
- Other useful websites are: School Board of Broward County: www.browardschools.com, Florida Department of Education: www.fldoe.org, National PTA: www.pta.org, The College Board: <http://www.collegeboard.com/>

Can I help out at the school?

- There are many opportunities to support your child's education. Parents may participate PTA and/or School Advisory Council (SAC).
- PTA meets the second Thursday of every month at 7pm.
- SAC meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 4 pm in the Media Center. This group of teachers, parents and community members are responsible for studying the school's track record and creating an annual plan to improve education in vital areas such as student achievement, curriculum, safety, and discipline.

Are there activities my child can participate in?

- We offer a number of extra-curricular activities and various sports that your child may participate in.

What else do I need to know?

- Roller backpacks are permitted.
- Homework assignments will not be delivered to your child during the school day.
- Our school publishes a newsletter, Smoke Signals. It is available on the school's website.