



IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

ASSIGNMENT PLANNER: Each year, Goldenview students will be issued a free assignment planner to be used in all classes. Using the assignment planner to write down daily assignments is very helpful in keeping students organized. The assignment planner is an excellent organizational tool and a way for parents to know what their child is studying and how he/she is progressing. Please encourage your child to use the assignment planner daily. The Goldenview Website, goldenviewmiddle.org, will provide team assignments and calendar of events.

ATTENDANCE: Daily attendance is required by Alaska state statute and is necessary to get the most out of the educational experience at Goldenview. Parents /guardians need to call the school by 10:00 a.m. to excuse students who are absent that day. A computerized system will call the home number at the end of the day to notify parents/guardians of an unexcused absence. If there are any questions, please call 348-8626. This is a 24-hour voice mail

AUGUST VERIFICATION: It is very important for parents/guardians and students to come to school for final registration verification in August. **Parents can find all registration forms and information on our website – goldenviewmiddle.org.** During this time the student's class schedule is issued, sports are explained, PE T-Shirts and shorts can be purchased, and hall and gym lockers are assigned, and student/parent information updated. Students may walk through the school and set up their locker.

BACKPACKS/PURSES/BAGS/JACKETS: These items are not allowed in classrooms. Once a student arrives at school, such items must be stored in the locker, and remain there until the end of the school day. This policy was implemented to reduce classroom disruption, incidents of theft, injury, and other problems.

BUS ROUTES: Bus transportation routes for students are published on the ASD Website before school begins at www.asdk12.org under "Bus Schedules". Specific rules for bus conduct can be found in the student handbook.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS: Goldenview is committed to maintaining good communication with parents and guardians. Teachers have telephones in their team room, and an email address as well. We encourage you to use Parent Connect through Zangle to stay abreast of his/her progress. Please contact your child's teachers or counselor if areas of concerns arise.

CELL PHONES: Students are allowed to use **cell phones** before and after school only in the commons area, but not during class, lunch time or hallways. Students using a cell phone during class time or in the hallways, will be asked to put it away. If a student refuses to comply, security will be contacted to escort student with the cell phone to the office. It will be taken, labeled, and locked up for parent pick up.

DRESS CODE: It is important for students to dress appropriate for school, which has a positive effect on student behavior, and Goldenview enforces the Anchorage School District dress code. Students who wear inappropriate clothing to school will be required to change into something appropriate, which may inconvenience parents. Repeated infractions will result in disciplinary action. The Student Handbook describes specific clothing and accessories, which are not allowed in schools. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of what your child intends to wear to school, please call 348-8626 and speak to the assistant principal. We strongly advise that before you do your back-to-school shopping you review Goldenview's dress code, and make sure that the student's clothing is acceptable.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Students are **not** allowed to use **iPods, iPads, MP3s, cameras, Kindles, Nooks** or other **electronic devices** during school hours. These items will be confiscated for parent pick up. It is best electronic devices are left at home.

HEALTH OFFICE: The health office at Goldenview is for the use of parents/guardians, students and staff. Students who become ill or who are injured during the school day should get a hall pass from their teacher and then report to the health office. All injuries that happen in physical education classes should be reported to the P.E. teacher immediately. The teacher will decide if the student needs help getting to the office. All prescription and over-the-counter medication must be kept in the health office. Please see the nurse to fill out a form so medication can be given properly and stored securely. Permission forms must be completed before any medication is dispensed.

HOMEWORK REQUESTS: Homework may be requested for students who are absent 3 or more days. Please contact the academic team to make these arrangements by 10:00 a.m. and homework will be ready the following day in the main office. Also, most teachers do post assignments on-line.

LAB FEES: Some courses have a pre-established fee to cover the cost of supplies and items consumed in the class during the term, i.e. Applied Technology, Science Projects, Family Consumer Science, Art, and Technology classes.

GOLDENVIEW SUNS: **Goldenview** colors are GOLD, PURPLE, and BLACK and our mascot is the Sun.

OFFICE HOURS: The main office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The building doors open at 7 a.m. and students must wait in the upper and lower commons areas until 8:00 a.m. Students with 7:30 am detention can be dropped off at the main door. Students may go to their locker after the 8:00 a.m. bell. All students are expected to exit the building at 3:00 p.m. unless they are in a school-sponsored activity or they are with a staff member.

NEWSLETTER: **Goldenview** provides an electronic copy of the *Sunshine Source* on our Goldenview website. We encourage you to read it carefully as it contains important information such as times and dates of parent-teacher conferences, dates and times of meetings, sport news, activities news, and much more. (See website information.) Please let the office know if you would like a paper copy of the newsletter.

PARKING AND STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP: Guest parking is available in the southeast (front) parking lot. Parents/guardians who are dropping off or picking up their children at school follow the one way signs in the northeast parking lot and drop students at the flagpoles. Please do not use the emergency parking area in front of the main doors to drop off and pick up students. **DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT FROM BRIDGEVIEW ROAD – THIS FOR BUS USE ONLY.**

PHONE CALLS: If you see Goldenview's number on your caller ID, please make sure you check your message before calling the school. Students or Staff could be calling from any phone in the building, i.e. Nurse's office, Team Pod, lunch room, etc.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLOTHING: All students who are enrolled in physical education classes are required to wear clothing consisting of a GVMS gray PE shirt with their name on the front left and GVMS black PE shorts. These will be available for purchase, at cost, during fall registration and throughout the school year in the main office. Non-mark gym shoes that are fully tied are required at all times.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA): **Goldenview** has an active PTSA organization. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month in the main office conference room. PTSA supports a number of activities at school including the school store, a parent volunteer program, etc. During registration and Open House, PTSA encourages parents to join and to volunteer time throughout the year. Parent support and involvement in PTSA helps parents understand how our school operates and demonstrates active involvement with the students' education.

SCHOOL STORE: PTSA operates the Goldenview School Store located in the multipurpose room. The store is open during most lunches. The store sells school supplies and nutritious snacks/treats. All proceeds support Goldenview activities and programs administered through the PTSA. To volunteer to work in the school store, please fill out a parent volunteer form at Open House and /or registration.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: Shortly after school is underway, each student will review the ASD Middle School Handbook, take a quiz on the content, and sign that they received and understand the Student Handbook information. The handbook covers a wide range of important information including items specific to Goldenview, the Code of Student Decorum and the Statement of Student's Rights and Responsibilities. The Goldenview staff spends time reviewing the handbook with students, and it is the students' responsibility to become familiar with the contents of the handbook. Parents/guardians are also encouraged to review the Student Handbook with their students so they are familiar with its contents and can help their children make choices promoting academic and behavioral success.

TEXTBOOKS: All textbooks are furnished free of charge. Students are expected to take good care of textbooks. Most teachers require the textbook be covered at all times. Fines will be imposed if textbooks show undue wear and tear or are lost or stolen. Other materials such as notebooks, pencils, pens, colored pencils/pens and rulers are the student's responsibility. On the first day of classes each student's teachers/team will provide a list of necessary school supplies. We recommend that you NOT prematurely purchase school supplies until you know specifically what is required.

WEBSITE: Goldenview web site: [goldenview middle.org](http://goldenviewmiddle.org) provides information regarding map/directions, school calendar, staff contact information, team activities, & assignments, progress reports, homework policy, a virtual tour.

WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT: Students and their parents form the lifeblood of our educational setting. Every student has a right to an excellent academic experience in a safe place that is free from harassment. Parents team with the Goldenview staff to ensure those goals are achieved. A part of that effort involves proactive measures to reduce the occurrence of behavioral issues. Parents should keep the school informed of any issues affecting their child's success.

The ASD Middle School Handbook outlines school district policies, Goldenview school policies, athletic programs, and activity programs, as well as some helpful hints. Additionally, all 7th and 8th grade students receive instruction regarding bullying and harassment in the Aggressors, Victims, and Bystanders curriculum.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT "LIFE AT GOLDENVIEW" PLEASE CALL 346-8626 AND WE WILL HELP YOU!

Jane Johnson, Assistant Principal