

HISTORY OF THE RUSH COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Rush County Schools began on July 1, 1964, when Noble, Richland, Rushville, Union, and Washington Townships and the Civil City of Rushville combined to form a single school unit. On January 1, 1965, Anderson Township joined the consolidated school corporation; and on January 4, 1965, Jackson Township became a member. Two more townships, Center and Posey, became a part of the corporation on July 1, 1966. Walker Township became a member of the consolidation July 1, 1967. Orange Township, coming into the consolidation April 1, 1968, became the latest member of the school corporation. The name changed July 1, 1993 from Rushville Consolidated Schools to Rush County Schools. Mays Elementary was closed on July 1, 2015.

At the present time, there are four elementary schools in the Rush County Schools. These are located in Milroy, Arlington, and Rushville.

PURPOSE OF THE HOMEWORK ORGANIZER

The purpose of this homework organizer is to acquaint the parents of Rush County Elementary School students with the schools' services, curriculum, and policies. Through an understanding of the regulations that keep the school functioning efficiently and an awareness of the opportunities offered in the various phases of school life for growth and development, a firm understanding will be established by the school administration, faculty, parents, and students.

THE ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

The program of the elementary school builds basic foundations for understanding in the ever expanding environment of each child. Organized areas of subject matter are drawn upon as convenient references for the orderly development of skills and ready selection of material for solving problems. Instruction in the various subject matter areas includes (1) language arts, comprised of listening and observing, speaking, reading, and writing; (2) social studies, comprised of history, geography, and civics; (3) mathematics; (4) science; (5) health; (6) music; (7) art; (8) physical fitness. The teaching of thrift, conservation, citizenship, character, morality, responsibility and digital citizenship is also included in the elementary program.

MEDIA CENTER

The aim of the media center is to provide the best books, periodicals, and other materials for reference and recreational reading and to guide the student in the use of media center facilities so that he/she can prepare assignments with confidence and efficiency. The school media center is available to assist student with their research problems and book selection. Thus, the media center stands as the hub of extended learning and serves as a complete materials center.

HEALTH SERVICES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The school maintains health services for all children so they may attend school with the best physical, mental, and emotional health attainable to facilitate learning.

Immunization records are maintained on all students, and parents must show proof that each child's immunizations are complete for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis A & B, meningitis, and varicella. The measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccines must have been given on or after the first birthday. A second measles, mumps, and varicella vaccine is required. Records must indicate the month/year/date of each dose of vaccine given. Students who have not attended Rush County Schools previously must present proof, upon enrollment, of immunizations as listed above.

If a child's immunizations are not in compliance with the minimum requirement, the school nurse will so inform the parents and **may** grant waiver of not more than 20 days during which time the child is required to become in compliance.

Parents who object to their child having immunizations must sign an "Objection to Immunization" form yearly. These are available from the school principal and/or school nurse. Objections to immunizations can only be accepted if the objection is for religious or medical reasons.

To keep your child's health record up to date, please notify the school nurse if he/she receives additional immunizations during the school year.

Vision screening is done in grades K, 1, 3, and 5, for new students, and any student the teacher suspects is having a vision problem. Those students failing the screening test are referred to their optometrist or ophthalmologist for further evaluation. With the help of local eye care professionals, the Modified Clinical Technique is utilized when screening kindergarten and first grade students. Any child already wearing glasses should remain under the supervision of his/her eye care professional.

Dentist and dental hygienist provide dental health information to grades kindergarten, 1, and 2 during Dental Health Month. Other grades are provided with written materials and information.

Children who have head lice must have their heads treated with a preparation which will kill the lice, and nit removal must be evident.

Heights and weights are recorded on all students in kindergarten through grade 6 in August/September and again in March/April. Results are indicated on the child's health record.

The school nurses are available to the teacher as resource person for health education, including family life education. Girls Inc. is an abstinence-based program that is being offered in all sixth grade classes.

Immediate first aid is provided in the event of illness or injury at school. If a student becomes ill during the school day, he/she is to check in the clinic or office. Except for dire emergencies, the student should obtain a pass to the clinic from his/her teacher. In the event of serious illness or injury which necessitates the student leaving school, parents are contacted by school personnel to assume responsibility for their child's care. The school does not carry health insurance for students.

The school nurse or her designee, and/or personnel in the school office, should be notified of all medication brought to school.

If it is necessary for a student to take medication during the school day, the medication **MUST BE PROVIDED** to the school by the parent. It is preferred that the parent **BRING** the medication to school and **NOT SEND** it with the child on the school bus. The student will be required to go to a designated location to receive the medication.

Any student needing to take prescription medication during the school day must have Form A12062, Parts I and II, completed. These are available from the school nurse and in each principal's office. Prescription medication must be in the original container with a current label indicating the child's name, medication name, dosage, time to be given, and prescribing physician's name. If the medication is to be taken for only a short period of time (less than two weeks), the prescription label indicating physicians, student's name, medication, and instructions is sufficient for Part I of Form A12062.

All over-the-counter medication, such as Tylenol and cough syrup, must have Form A12062, Part II, completed and signed by the legal custodian. A letter from the parent may be substituted for Form A12062, Part II, so long as it includes the same information as listed on the form. Over-the-counter medication must be in the original container.

If a student needs to carry medication on his/her person (inhaler or epipen), Form A12062, Parts I, II, and III, must be completed and on file.

NO MEDICATION WILL BE GIVEN TO A CHILD WITHOUT PROPER CONSENT.

Any student needing specific medical treatment(s) during the school day must have physician's orders and instructions and a parental permission form on file. Specialized medical equipment needed for the treatment(s) must be provided by the parents.

NO MEDICAL TREATMENTS WILL BE GIVEN TO A CHILD WITHOUT PROPER CONSENT.

The school nurses are available for consultation and recommendation. Diagnosis and treatment are prescribed by the student's family health care provider.

Audiometric (hearing) screening examinations are administered to students in grades K, 1, 4, new students, and to any student the teacher suspects is having a hearing problem.

Students failing the screening test the second time are referred for further medical evaluation.

Students requiring food or drink for medical reasons should obtain permission in advance from the school nurse and/or an administrator.

BOOK RENTAL

Book fees are due and payable during the enrollment process. The total amount for the year is due, but for the convenience of parents who desire, one semester may be paid. The second half may be paid in January after the end of the first semester. We will, upon request, take weekly or monthly payment for the book fees.

Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches also qualify for textbook assistance from the state. The state usually pays a portion of the total book fee. The remainder of that fee is the responsibility of the parent.

The textbook rental collection schedule for late enrollment is as follows: Weeks 1-9, full price; weeks 10-18, three-fourths price; weeks 19-27, one-half price; weeks 28-36, one-fourth price for textbook rental.

The refund schedule for a withdrawal student is as follows: Weeks 1-9, three-fourths refund; weeks 10-18, one-half refund; weeks 19-27, one-fourth refund; weeks 28-36, no refund.

The refund will be made on textbook rental only or workbooks that have not been used. The textbooks may be used again, but the workbooks cannot be issued again, even if they have only been used for a week or two.

For those owing money, possible action will be taken by small claims court or a collection agency after each semester.

CAFETERIA

Cafeteria facilities are available to students in all elementary schools. Type A lunches are provided and are based on the nutritional values as set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In addition to giving daily nutritional needs, the plan is based on teaching correct eating habits and introducing new foods.

Breakfast programs are available in all schools.

Student lunches are to be prepaid at least on a weekly basis. If problems with charges do occur, the School Board Policy will be implemented.

BUS SERVICE

School bus drivers are to have control of all school children conveyed between the homes of the children and the school. The driver shall keep order, maintain discipline among the children while in the bus or along the route, treat all the children in a civil manner, see that no child is imposed upon or mistreated while in his/her charge, and assure that the following regulations are observed by all pupil passengers:

1. Each pupil shall be located immediately upon entering the bus in the place assigned by the driver.
2. No pupil shall stand or move from place to place during the trip.
3. Loud, boisterous, or profane language or indecent conduct shall not be tolerated.
4. Pupils shall not be allowed to tease, scuffle, trip, hold, hit, or use their hands or feet or body in any other objectionable manner.
5. No windows or doors will be opened or closed except by permission of the bus driver.
6. No pupils shall enter or leave the bus until it has come to a full stop and the door has been opened by the driver.
7. The child should be waiting at his/her boarding station when the school bus arrives. In the case of an emergency causing late arrival by the pupil at his/her station, the school bus driver will be required to wait no longer than three minutes after the scheduled time for arrival at the pupil's station. If the school bus driver is already three minutes late, he/she need not wait at all.
8. Upon recommendation of the bus driver and school principal, and after a conference with the student, parent, and director of transportation, school authorities may deny the privilege of riding on any school bus to any student who fails to abide by the rules.

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Homebound instruction is available for students if evidence is on file with the school corporation having jurisdiction of said child, and that child will be homebound for at least four to six weeks.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education services are available through Rush County Schools Office of Differentiated Learners. The phone number is 938-2812.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Although kindergarten is not compulsory, it is our hope that eventually 100% of our preschool children will have kindergarten training. Under the present program, kindergarten services are available in all of the district's elementary schools.

Kindergarten students must be five and first grade students must be six on or before August first of the school year. Kindergarten Round-Up is held at a central location in the spring and is announced on the local radio station and in the local newspaper as well as in individual schools' newsletters. Further information may be obtained from the principals of the elementary schools.

Students entering school for the first time, regardless of grade, are requested to have a complete physical and dental exam. Indiana law requires that students have complete immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, rubella, mumps, and hepatitis B. Proof of immunizations is required prior to enrolling. An official birth certificate issued by the county in which the child was born is required at or before enrollment.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Revised 2008

Regular attendance is a most important factor in the establishment of a good scholastic record. Work missed through absence from school is difficult to make up. There is no substitute for the actual participation in the daily classroom discussion and work. Attendance may be a factor in decisions regarding promotion.

A child is considered ill and should not be in school if any of the following conditions exist:

- Temperature is 100 degrees or over;
- Eyes are inflamed;
- Coughing suspiciously;
- Head colds of any consequence;
- Throat is sore or inflamed;

- Ears are running;
- There is evidence of impetigo or persistent ulcers; or
- Skin rash

Our policy states that when a student is not at school during normal school hours, the absence is counted as a one-day absence, one-half day absence, tardy, or early departure. Each of these absences/tardies is counted as excused or unexcused.

ATTENDANCE DEFINITIONS:

Legally Present: Students may be counted legally present (1) when actually present; (2) when serving as a page in the legislative assembly; or (3) when a student is issued a subpoena to appear in court.

Absent: If your child does not attend school, he/she is considered absent.

One-half Day Absent: If your child leaves before 11:30 a.m., he/she will be counted one-half day absent.

Early Departure: If your child leaves after 11:30 a.m., he/she will be considered as an early departure. No student will be allowed to leave school prior to dismissal time without either a) a written request signed by the parent or legal guardian or a person whose signature is on file in the school office or b) the parent coming to the school office to personally request the release. No student will be released to a person other than a custodial parent without parental permission. Early departures are noted as tardy PM in the Harmony system.

Tardy: Late for school. Did not arrive before the tardy bell.

EXCUSED ABSENCES may include: **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES** may include:

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| 1. illness | 1. absence not verified within 48 hours |
| 2. prearranged absences | 2. truancy |
| 3. doctor appointments | 3. non-approved absences |
| 4. death in the family | 4. missing the bus |
| 5. quarantine | 5. excessive absences * |

***After five days of absences for illness or pre-arranged absences per semester a doctor's note is required. Five absences are allowed each semester without a doctor slip and are excused as long as a call is received within 48 hours. Every absence beyond the 5-day limit must be accompanied by a doctor slip and a call within the 48 hour time frame or it's unexcused.**

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT:

When your child is absent, please call the school on that morning to state the reason for your child's absence. If no phone is available, you may send a note when your child returns to school informing the school about the absence.

If your child is absent, tardy, or has an early departure because of a doctor's appointment, please obtain a doctor's excuse and send it to school with your child within two school days to excuse the absence, tardy, or early dismissal.

If your child is going to be tardy or leave early (early departure) because of a doctor's appointment, the parent should notify the school office.

Parents are required to sign students in/out of the building. A pass is required for all tardies.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES (Per Semester):

On or before a total of **six** absences you may receive a contact from school personnel regarding attendance procedures.

On or before a total of **eight** absences the parent may be sent a letter regarding the school attendance policy.

On or before a total of **ten** days of absences the principal may contact the parent by documented correspondence regarding the concern. The principal may request a parent conference at this time (If the school is not contacted within two days to schedule a conference or the parent does not attend the scheduled conference, the school may contact the Rush County Prosecutor's Office.)

If the student has additional absences, attendance records may be sent to the Rush County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Certification of Incapacity Form may be picked up at the office. This form will be given to parents to complete if their child has a medical reason for poor attendance or extended illness.

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

A student in the Rush County Elementary Schools is eligible for "excellent attendance" recognition if he/she has three days or fewer of absences and/or tardies and/or early departures.

MAKE-UP WORK POLICY

Students who are absent from school will be allowed to make up assignments. Students whose absences are excused will be allowed a period of time equal to the number of days of absence to complete make-up work. Students who are absent from school unexcused or due to a suspension will be allowed a twenty-four hour period after returning to school to make up assignments unless other arrangements are made.

SUPERVISION

Students are under the supervision of the school from the time they are first in the care of a school employee until they leave the care of the last school employee (example – bus driver). Students are also under school supervision at all school-planned functions such as class parties and athletic contests. **A contact must be made with the school for changed plans in transportation.**

If your child needs to remain inside the school during recess, please send a note to this effect to his/her teacher.

Requests to release children from school present a serious problem to school administrators and teachers. Such requests are made for many and varied reasons, and careful discrimination in each individual case becomes more and more justified.

The general attitude of the school is that the school is responsible for the child and responsible to his/her parents, and that the brief hours in school are such importance to the growth and development of the child that they should be guarded from interruption.

The following general rules of procedure offer appropriate safeguards in the interest of the health and safety of children during the time the school is responsible for them:

1. Children are released from school only to their parents or to persons authorized by their parents.
2. Children are released to police officers only after proper clearance by the building principal.
3. **In case of family dissension (divorce, stepparents, grandparents of separated parents, etc.), the request occasionally come to prohibit one part of the conflict from taking the child from school. Such requests are honored only if legal status is established.**
4. Children are released for days of religious observance upon request of their parents. A note signed by the parent must be brought prior to the day of observance.
5. Teachers **will not** admit unauthorized visitors to the classroom without a note from the office.
6. In case of emergency, a child is sent home only with a parent or with another authorized and reliable adult if the parent is not available.
7. Requests for released time for dental and medical appointments are honored. Appointments after school and on non-school days are desirable. Circumstances may make that impossible. "What is the best for the child" is the determining factor.
8. School authorities weigh each individual case because the school is obligate to protect the health and safety of all its students.
9. In the absence of the principal and/or designee the classroom teacher is responsible for making decisions. The teacher notifies the principal (as soon as possible) of any decision he/she has made.

EVACUATION DRILLS

All schools in Indiana are required to have a bus evacuation drill each semester, a tornado drill two times a year, a fire drill monthly, and two manmade crisis drills – one per semester. During drills, student should follow the practiced drill pattern as quickly as possible without running. No talking is permitted when the drill begins or when returning to the classroom or bus. This is important in case of a real emergency so that all students hear the necessary directions.

SAFETY

Students should walk, not run, in the halls and are expected to walk on the right-hand side of the hallway and stairs. Teachers stress safety measure in the use of the playground equipment.

Crisis management plans exist for each building. Copies are located at corporation sites.

GIFTS – PARTIES

Classroom parties take away from instructional time and therefore are prohibited. School sponsored parties may be held at the discretion of the school administrator.

CARE OF BUILDING

All students are requested to cooperate with the custodians in keeping the buildings and playground clean and orderly. Wastebaskets are placed throughout the building to receive wastepaper and other refuse. Parents of students guilty of destroying school property will be held responsible.

Chewing gum can be a tremendous custodial problem in our schools; therefore, it is not permitted at school.

REPORT TO PARENTS

Students are issued a copy of their report card to take home at the end of each nine-week grading period.

Parent may also view their child's progress online. Parents are encouraged to visit their child's teacher at Parent Conferences and at any time they have a concern.

GRADING SYSTEM

The following grading system shall be implemented by all schools of the Rush County School System.

Keys to the chart below for grading kindergarten through six.

- 4- Exceeds Standard-Beyond Expectation
- 3 –Meets Standard Expectation
- 2- Does not consistently meet Standard Expectations
- 1-Not meeting Standard Expectation at this time

To more accurately communicate progress to parents, RCS began an initiative to develop and incorporate standard based report cards in all elementaries.

Beginning in 2014-15, all grades kindergarten through sixth will utilize a standards based assessment for determining grades. Now parents will receive a report card which highlights achievement by Academic Standards.

HONOR ROLL

Third through sixth grade students enrolled in the Rush County School System shall receive recognition for achieving all 2.5 or higher on their report card at the end of the school year. The Honor Roll for each school shall be submitted to the local newspaper the week the final report cards are issued.

RCS HOMEWORK POLICY

RCS elementary students will be expected to do the work that is assigned to them. Homework is the out-of-class tasks that a student is assigned as an extension of classroom work. It is to be understood that homework has value and is to be completed on time.

There are three types of commonly assigned homework.

Practice	Preparation	Extension:
to reinforce newly acquired skills and/or complete daily assignments	to provide background information (reading, research, collection of materials for class presentation)	to encourage individual creative learning, often long-term projects

Homework serves valid purposes when it: (1) provides essential practice in needed skills; (2) trains pupils in good work habits; (3) affords opportunities for increasing self-direction; (4) enriches and extends school experiences; (5) helps children learn to budget time; (6) brings pupils into contact with out-of-school learning experiences; and (7) promotes growth.

TELEPHONES

Students **will be allowed** to use the telephone only in case of emergency. Permission must be granted by the teacher. Parents are encouraged to call their child's teacher any time and leave a message on his/her voice mail.

VISITORS

Parents of Rush County Elementary School children are welcomed to visit their children's school. All visitors must register with the Raptor System upon entering any building and will be issued a visitor's pass.

BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION

Students in grades three through six are permitted to ride bicycles. For reasons of safety, the school discourages younger students using bicycles. This permission to ride bicycles may be voided if the privilege is abused.

LOST AND FOUND

A lost and found department is maintained in each of our schools so that articles may be returned to their rightful owners. Students are urged to make an early effort to locate lost articles, since unclaimed articles are eventually given away to someone who can use them or are destroyed.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

School discipline is simply a matter of courtesy, manners, and attitudes on the part of students. Insubordination will not be permitted. Students are expected to do what is asked of them while under jurisdiction of any staff member. If students believe they have been unjustly disciplined, the problem may be discussed later with the teacher or principal. Please become familiar with the discipline policy in your child's building. Make-up work following a suspension will be due within twenty-four hours after returning to school unless other arrangements have been made. Students who have served an in-school suspension may not participate in extra-curricular activities on that day(s).

STUDENT DRESS

Student Dress: Clothing should be in good taste and suitable for school. Some types of dress and grooming habits detract from a learning atmosphere and will not be permitted at school (Refer to RCS School Board Policy 5511.)

The following guidelines have been established and are within compliance of the School Board Dress Policy.

The following are considered inappropriate for school:

- Bare midriffs or tank tops. Necklines should be appropriate and shoulders must be covered.
- Clothing or jewelry which advertises, displays, or refers to non-prescription drugs, tobacco or alcoholic beverages. Any clothing that mentions or depicts violence, defamation of individuals, groups, or organizations, or is of a sexual nature is not appropriate for school.
- Torn pants, shorts, or jeans cannot be worn without something worn underneath to cover the skin at a point above the mid-thigh. This applies to the front and back of the leg.
- No hats, bandannas, or hair coverings are to be worn in the building.
- Skirts/shorts are to be in good taste and must meet the "fingertip rule."
- No bare feet. Shoes must be worn at all times.

TRANSFERRING

The Elementary Schools are divided into the following districts: Arlington, Milroy, and Rushville.

All pupils are required to attend the school in the district in which they live unless they are accepted as a transfer to another school within the school corporation or if the family moves from one school district to another school district within the corporation during the school year and requests that students remain in their former school for the remainder of the school year. Transfer request forms may be obtained from the school principal. March 15 is the cut-off date for receiving applications for the following school year. Any extra transportation involved in a transfer is the responsibility of the parent.

Some pupils may be asked to cross district lines. Everything possible will be done to place students in a class of not over 30 in number.

SCHEDULING AND ASSIGNMENT

The principal will assign each student to the appropriate classroom and the program in which the student will be participating. Any questions or concerns about the assignment should be discussed with the principal.

EXTRACURRICULAR APPEARANCE

Extracurricular participation by students is a privilege. Students must represent their school in dress and appearance prescribed by the school and sponsor. No body markings other than medical needs will be permitted in any activity. No jewelry is to be worn in athletics.

PERFORMING GROUPS

School functions by performing groups are expected to be a priority with students and parents. Absence will affect the group's ability to perform. Any extenuating circumstance regarding a student's participation in a performance should be discussed prior to the performance with the instructor and the school principal.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

In case of school closure due to weather, every effort will be made to allow students to call and check for altered plans. It will be necessary to listen to local radio and television stations for school closings or delays. Please do not tie up school phones during this critical time when we are notifying people of changes.

Please make plans with your child for a safe place to go if school would be dismissed early. Parents may sign up to have an automated message sent in case of emergency closings or delays. Parents are encouraged to keep all contact information in Harmony updated.

ELEMENTARY ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

At the beginning of the 1967-68 school year, Rushville Consolidated School Corporation established the elementary athletic program. The philosophy upon which the program was founded and under which it has continued to function has five major parts.

1. The program was designed to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Any student, regardless of ability, is encouraged to participate. All students are allowed to play during games.
2. Students in elementary school are to be taught the fundamentals of each sport in which they participate. The senior high coaches may hold clinics for elementary coaches to assist them in preparing for each sport and in facilitating the introduction of techniques which may be helpful to students as they progress through the athletic program.
3. In order to be more accessible to all students, elementary programs are scheduled immediately after school.
4. To allow participation in other activities, elementary students should be involved in an athletic event no more than two times per week during practice weeks and two times during the season.
5. The importance of participation, cooperation among team members, and good sportsmanship should be stressed. Although a competition between teams may exist, elementary students should not be subjected to the pressure of a "win or else" situation.

GUIDELINES FOR ELEMENTARY ATHLETICS

1. The elementary athletics program will include fifth and sixth grade students.
2. Fifth graders may play on the sixth grade team, but sixth graders should not play on a fifth grade team. (If there is a large number of sixth grade players and few fifth grade players, then the Athletic Review Committee consisting of the Elementary Principals and Athletic Director may grant an exception.) No player will play on both teams.
3. All students coming out for a sport shall be allowed to participate regardless of ability.
4. Elementary games will be held immediately after school. Other school activities take precedence over athletics.
5. There shall be no elementary cheerleaders.
6. A fifth and sixth grade student may be involved in a pre-season athletic practice two times per week. Teams may practice or play a game two times per week during the regular season. It is recommended that during the regular season, one day per week should be for practice and one day per week for a game. Practices will not exceed 75 minutes.
7. Every effort should be made to **not** have parents of players officiate games.
8. Elementary basketball games will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.
9. All elementary administrators will comprise the Athletic Review Committee. They will meet for review of written appeals.

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL RULES

1. Fifth grade teams will play five minute quarters. Sixth grade teams will play six minute quarter. Overtime(s) will be two minutes in length.
2. Three minutes is the maximum time between halves of an elementary game.
3. There will be four time-outs per game with one additional time-out per overtime. Time-outs may accumulate to be used at any time in the game or over-time.
4. Every player shall play at least one full, continuous quarter. Every player shall sit out at least one full, continuous quarter. The number of eligible players may waive this rule. Overtime(s) – Any player meeting the above criteria may play.
5. The intermediate or women's size basketball shall be used.
6. A press may not be used.
7. A switching, man-to-man defense is allowed.
8. The five-second rule shall be strictly enforced after one warning.
9. The bonus for free throws will be in effect on the fifth team foul.
10. When a defensive player has clear possession of the ball in his/her court, the other team must move to their defensive court. As they move to their defensive court, the team must not interfere with the movement of the ball until the center line is crossed. The penalty for interference is that the ball will be given out-of-bounds to the offensive team. The only exception to this rule is when the offensive player throws a bad pass. This would allow the possibility of the ball being stolen.
11. If the number of fifth and sixth grade players does not total eight players, fourth graders may be allowed to participate. That school must allow all interested fourth graders to participate on that team. A player may only play in one game per night.
12. The fifth grade girls' teams will shoot free throws from 12 feet (rather than the 15 foot line).
13. Parents or other fans displaying unsportsmanlike conduct may be asked to leave the gymnasium.