

Dear 8th Grade Parent

The Bridging Ceremony and Dance are the culminating events for our 8th graders. Our goal is to have 100% participation, but also to emphasize the importance of the day. With this in mind, we would like to clarify what will happen that day.

BRIDGING

1) Any student who is being retained will not participate in the Bridging Ceremony.

Students who are failing 2 or more core classes must complete the required work before Bridging. This could be in the form of May school or another program.

2) Any student owing money to the school (library, cafeteria, book fines, etc...) will have to pay the fine before participating in the Bridging Ceremony.

3) All students participating in the Bridging Ceremony will be expected to dress appropriately.

- **Boys**-Boys should wear a collared shirt and long pants without holes or frayed edges. Shorts are inappropriate for this occasion. Ties for boys are encouraged but not mandatory.
- **Girls**-Dresses or skirts are encouraged but not mandatory. Pants without holes or frayed edges and a nice shirt are acceptable. For those wearing dresses, the "no sleeves" rule is suspended for that day, but dresses **must** have shoulder straps an inch wide. Necklines should be appropriate for the occasion (and within dress code guidelines) and length is 4 inches from the center of the knee. Dresses with thinner straps may be worn if the student wears a jacket or shawl over top all day. Strapless dresses are inappropriate for this occasion.
- Shoes must meet the dress code – no flip-flops or athletic sandals.
- If you have a question or doubt about your outfit or attire, bring it to school to Mrs. Morehead (Apache), Ms. Boerger(Ottawa) or Mrs. Dulaney (Shawnee) for approval.
- Any student who may have a problem obtaining the proper clothing should talk with the Resource center or their homeroom teacher to address the situation.

DANCE

1) Any student who does not participate in the Bridging ceremony will not participate in the Dance. The dress code will be the same for the dance as the Bridging Ceremony.

2) The Administration will determine if any student's behavior has been severe enough to warrant non participation in the Dance. Possible actions to warrant this are: Suspension from school, excessive days in school ICE or after-school detentions (for discipline, not academics), excessive absences and any other offense determined severe enough to warrant denying this privilege.

3) Students **must** be transported to and from the dance using school transportation. Students cannot be released early without signing out in the main office.

Student -I have read and understood these guidelines.

Name _____

Signature_____

Parent/Guardian- I have read and understood these guidelines.

A field trip permission form will come home later this quarter.

Name_____

Signature_____