

DURLING MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Dear Durling Middle School Parents and Students:

We would like to welcome back all of our returning students and their families. Moreover, we would like to send out a special welcome to our new students and their families. This handbook was prepared in an effort to provide information regarding policies and procedures for the school, as well as the district. Please take the time to discuss this information and the content of this handbook with your child. The handbook is available online at www.clearviewschools.org, then click the Durling Middle School box on the left-hand side, and then select the DMS Information tab on the left. You will also find it on the right-hand side under Quick Links.

The Mission of Durling Middle School is “to provide all students with appropriate opportunities to maximize their academic potential, while acquiring those physical, social, and emotional skills necessary for responsible participation in a rapidly changing society.”

This year our vision also includes that all students can and must learn at high levels of achievement. Through a challenging curriculum, and meaningful instruction delivered by highly qualified teachers, our students will strive for academic excellence. In order to achieve this goal, all members of our community family must work together to help our students achieve academic success.

Together we will grow our students in a safe, respectful and responsible learning environment. We look forward to meeting not only the students of Durling, but also the parents. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that may arise throughout the school year. We look forward to working with you and your student.

We are all part of your child(ren)’s team. It is our goal to provide a safe and positive learning environment. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.

We look forward to a successful school year.

Community Alternative Funding

Clearview Local School District participates in the Community Alternative Funding System (CAFS). CAFS is a federally funded reimbursement program. We use a third party billing agency to submit CAFS claims. The agency, WESwurd, LLC, is owned and operated by Susan Bollin and is located at P.O. Box 105, Holland, Ohio 43528. WESwurd is in compliance with all federal privacy laws including the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) established in 1996.

The following is a list of personally identifiable information shared with WESwurd: Student's name, date of birth, social security number, district of residence, school of attendance, and professional services documentation. Professional services include screenings and assessments to determine eligibility for and the provision of services such as speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, nursing, counseling, work study, case management, and psychological evaluations.

It is your right to deny access to personally identifiable information or to revoke the use of it for purposes of CAFS billing. Services will be provided regardless of disclosure of personally identifiable information. Copies of WESwurd's privacy policy are available upon request. All requests should be made in writing and mailed to:

Susan Bollin, CAFS Coordinator
P.O. Box 105
Holland, OH 43528

DURLING MIDDLE SCHOOL

SAIL for Excellence

Durling is creating an environment for students to be successful using the following model. It forms a structure for students to own their own behaviors and consequences, enabling them to handle more complex matters as they move into adulthood.

SELF RESPECT/ RESPECT FOR OTHERS

Regard for self, others and property

ACCOUNTABILITY

Able to justify actions or decision, act responsibly

INTEGRITY

Being honest and having strong moral principles

LEADERSHIP

Motivates and inspires others towards a common goal

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Mr. Jerome Davis, Superintendent	233-5412 (1005)
Mrs. Laura Manning, Principal	233-6869 (3005)
Mrs. Penny Reinhart, Assistant Principal	233-6869 (3004)
Guidance Counselor	233-6869 (3006)
Mrs. Debbie Plechaty, Secretary	233-6869 (3001)
Mrs. Kristine Starr, Attendance Secretary	233-6869 (3002)

IMPORTANT DATES 2020-2021 School Year

August 17	5 th grade Orientation (3:00-4:00 pm)
August 17 & 18	Teacher's In-service Days
August 19	First Day of School
August 20	Open House (3:30 - 5:00 pm)
September 7	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
October 8	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 9	NEOEA Day – NO SCHOOL
October 12	Teacher In Service Day – NO SCHOOL
October 19	End of 1st Quarter
October 20	2nd Quarter Begins
November 2	Teacher In Service Day – NO SCHOOL
November 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 25 – 27	Thanksgiving Break
December 18	2nd Quarter Ends
December 21 - January 1	Winter Break
January 4	Teacher Records – NO SCHOOL
January 5	School Resumes
January 5	2nd Semester - 3rd Quarter Begins
January 18	Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL
February 15	Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL
February 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences (All Day)
March 15	3rd Quarter Ends
March 16	Quarter Begins
March 19	In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL
April 1 – April 9	Spring Break
May 10	Teacher Professional Development – NO SCHOOL
May 28	Last Day of School
May 31	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 1	Teacher Records Day

Building Schedule 2020-2021

7:40	Building Opens, Breakfast
7:58	Warning Bell
8:00-9:00	Late Bell 1 st Period
9:03-9:50	2 nd Period
9:53- 10:40	3 rd Period
10:43- 11:06	4 th Period
11:06- 11:30	
11:33-11:57	5 th Period
11:57-12:20	
12:23-12:47	6 th Period
12:47-1:10	
1:13-2:00	7 th Period
2:03-2:50	8 th Period

- Bell Schedule subject to change
- Bell Schedule may change for testing days, assemblies, etc.

STUDENT SERVICES

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS

- We have the National Breakfast and Lunch Program which provides free meals to **ALL**
- All food, whether prepared at home or by the cafeteria, is to be eaten in the cafeteria.
- Drinks and food are NOT to be taken out of the cafeteria.
- Outside food is NOT permitted in the cafeteria due to federal and state mandates.
- Families wishing to eat with their students, and bring restaurant items must be cleared with the office prior to coming. Alternate locations need to be made as those items are not allowed in the cafeteria.

COMPUTERS/TECHNOLOGY

- Use of the Clearview's internet, Wi-Fi, computers, electronic devices, and on-line software/technology is governed by a Computer Use Agreement signed by students and parents in Final Forms.
- Disregard of the regulations included in the signed agreement will be considered abuse of technology.
- **Abuse or misuse of any of the technology or equipment will result in disciplinary action, which may include loss of computer and/or school privileges, suspension and/or expulsion from school.**

COUNSELING

- Durling Middle School has a full-time guidance counselor and a social worker.
- Students interested in speaking with the counselor or social worker should obtain a pass
- Counselors from Ohio Guidestone and Applewood meet with students here at the school.
- Contact the guidance office for more information on this service and to request a referral form.

LIBRARY

- The library/media center is available for all students to use.
- Students need written permission from a teacher, or accompany a class.
- Fines and restrictions may be assigned to those students who fail to comply with necessary library policies.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

- Applications are required for NJHS and will be given out to students.
- Students need to demonstrate the qualities of leadership, service and character.
- Candidate shall have an accumulated grade point average of 3.5

GENERAL INFORMATION

CALAMITY DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSURES - EMERGENCIES

- School closures will be made as quickly as possible.
- Announcements will be made using the school's website and our automated phone call system.
- Various media outlets will also announce the school closures.
- Emergency Evacuations during the school day:
 - The location and time for pick-up of your student will be identified through the automated phone call system.
 - Contacts are based on the information in Final Forms
 - Students are only released to those adults listed in Final Forms.

CUSTODY

- Parents should provide the school with a copy of a signed divorce decree and/or parenting plan that outlines their child custody arrangement.
- Unless a court document is provided to the school, both parents are viewed as legal guardians and share the right to make educational decisions.
- Any custody order or agreement provided to the school/district is maintained in the student's cumulative file.

DISMISSAL: SCHOOL/ACTIVITY/ EVENT

- All students must plan to leave the building and/or school grounds within 1/2 hour following the conclusion of any school event.
- School personnel are not responsible for watching students once they leave the event and/or 1/2 hour after the event.
- If students are unable to leave school grounds within this time frame, the building administrator is to be notified by the student.
- The doors will be opened approximately 1/2 hour before the event is scheduled to begin.

FEES/DEBTS

- **Fees/fines must be paid before a child may participate in any extracurricular activity.**
- Each grade level has a separate fee schedule
- Includes library fines or damaged book fines
- Arrangements should be made to clear all student debts by the end of each grading period.
- Please contact the school office if problems with payment arise. Outstanding debts may be subject to the further consequence, such as loss of privileges, loss of report cards, etc.

HALL/PASSES

- Running and shouting in the halls is NEVER permitted.
- Passes are to be carried by any student, and made available to staff members upon request.
- Students without passes will be treated as skipping class.

LOCKERS

- Each student is assigned one locker.
- Lockers are **NOT TO BE SHARED** or traded without permission from the office.
- School lockers are the property of the Board of Education.
- Students will be fined for defacement or abnormal locker depreciation.
- School officials have the right to inspect lockers without notification or consent.

PARENT VISIT

- Parents are welcome to come to school to see what their student is doing.
- Call or email to make an appointment when meeting with teachers.

SAFETY DRILLS

- Students practice these drills throughout the school year.
- Students should move quickly and quietly as directed by school personnel.
- Students are NOT permitted to access lockers, cell phones or personal items.
- Students are NOT permitted to use their cell phones.

STUDENT PERMANENT RECORDS

- Student permanent records are available for inspection to any student 18 years of age or older and to any parent(s) of a student less than 18 years of age.
- The school requires prior notice of your intent to see records, please call to schedule an appointment.
- A staff member will be present during the inspection to assist and answer questions.

TEXTBOOKS

- All textbooks are the property of the Board of Education.
- Each student is responsible for the book originally assigned to him/her.
- Proper care is expected and **textbook covers are mandatory**.
- Students will be charged for lost books and fined for abnormal depreciation.

TRANSPORTATION

- Students are expected to ride the assigned bus.
- Bus changes must be made in writing, and be approved by both the transportation supervisor and the building principal.
- Make all arrangements of bus plans, alternate car rides, etc. before your child leaves for school.
Dismissal changes must be done by 1pm. Changes after 1pm will be considered if emergency.

ATTENDANCE

Absences are accumulated in hours and minutes. This includes partial days, full days, tardies, and early dismissals. Unexcused absences are calculated as follows:

1. Accumulated 30 consecutive hours, or
2. Accumulated 42 hours in a school month, or
3. Accumulate 72 hours in a school year

The State of Ohio requires that a child between the ages of 6 and 18 attend school. It is the responsibility of the parents and the student to comply with this law. The school administration is the determining agent for excused absences.

Excused Absence: Parents may write 7 notes (and/or phone calls) per year to verify an absence as excused (as per the list below). Any absences **beyond these (7)** must be documented by a doctor, hospital, funeral or court etc. to be excused and could result in an attendance referral.

Unexcused Absence: The absence does not fall within the 7 categories defined as excused, and/or has used the designated amount of parent excuse notes.

A student may request that a student be excused for:

1. Personal illness	5. Religious holiday
2. Medical, dental or legal appointment	6. Emergency/Circumstances beyond control
3. Pre-arranged Absence	7. Administrative Discretion
4. Funeral	

CALLING STUDENT OFF SCHOOL

- Call the School office at 440-233-6869 to inform the school of a student's absence
- The automated phone system will generate a phone call to the parent/guardian of any student who was tardy or absent. Please call by 9:30am or you will receive the call.
- A parent/guardian may either call the school or submit a note within 2 days of the absence once a student returns to school, or absence is considered unexcused.
- **The call and/or the note must state the date/dates absent and the reason (see above) for the absence.**
- Phone calls and/or notes both count towards the 7 parent excuses for the year.

Habitual Truant: Unexcused absences of more than 30 consecutive hours, and/or more than 42 hours in one school month, and/or more 72 hours in one school year, and the student will be referred to the Lorain County Court's Alternative to Adjudication Attendance Program.

EXTENDED ABSENCE

- Notify school as soon as possible should an illness or injury require a student to be absent from school for an extended period of time.
- School will make specific arrangements for assignments and student learning.

INTERVENTION PLAN

- Once a student reaches habitually truant, school will assign a student to the absence intervention team within 7 school days.
- The intervention team will consist of stakeholders in the student's learning, such as the school counselor, teacher, administrator, student's parent or guardian, custodian, guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian, and the Lorain County Attendance Officer.
- The intervention plan will be developed by the team within 14 days.
- The plan will address student's specific needs based on an attendance screening tool. The plan may include but not limited to referral for counseling services before, after, and weekend school sessions, parent involvement programs, notification to the Department of Motor Vehicles, truancy prevention programs, referral to Children's Service for Educational Neglect, or referral to the court system for adjudication.
- Required meetings will be held by the team to document student's progress on the plan.
- If a student refuses to participate or fails to make satisfactory progress on the plan as determined by the absence intervention team, the Lorain County Attendance Officer will file a sworn Complaint in the Juvenile Court not later than the 61st day of the intervention plan.

ILLNESS DURING SCHOOL

Students may not use a cellphone to call home prior to visiting the nurse for illness or injury

- Students who become ill and/or are injured during the school day must obtain a clinic pass from their teacher prior to reporting to the clinic.
- Students that call a parent regarding an illness or injury without office permission, may be subject to disciplinary consequences.
- If there is a necessity to leave school, **the nurse will contact the parent.**
- Parents are to pick up students in the school office.
- No student will be sent home without parent notification.
- School personnel may not administer any medication of any kind unless requested to do so in writing by the attending physician and parent.
- Any medications brought to school must be left in the nurse's office.
- Students who are found to have any medications in their locker or on their person are subject to

disciplinary action.

- **NO STUDENT will be released to any person that is not listed on the Student Emergency Form located in FINAL FORMS.**

PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Students who are absent for any reason, and report to school after 10:30am, or sign out for early dismissal will be ineligible to participate in athletics or any activity on that day.

MAKE-UP WORK

- Students with extended absences of **more than 2 days** may request homework.
- Please call the attendance line **440-233-6869 (option 1)** to request homework.
- Teachers will be given a form to fill out, and work may be picked up in the main office.
- Requests for work may take up to 24 hours to have work prepared for pick up.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL & EARLY DISMISSAL

- Students are expected to enter the building immediately upon arrival.
- All students are expected to be in school and to their 1st period class on time.
- Students who report to school after 8:00am (first period) will be considered **TARDY** and need to report to the office where they will sign in, and be given a pass to class.
- All minutes from tardies and early dismissal will be included in the attendance totals. The tardiness and early dismissals will be considered unexcused unless accompanied by a note. Notes for tardies and/or early dismissals count towards the 7 total notes for the year.

VACATION/PREARRANGED ABSENCE

- **Arrangements must be made with the school at least one week prior to the absence.**
- A written note must include the dates, location, and reason for the requested absence.
- The principal will determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

WITHDRAWALS

- Students may not voluntarily withdraw from school until the age of 18 years.
- All school books and materials must be returned and all debts must be paid before the withdrawal is made official.
- Parents or guardians can pick up forms at the main office to complete the withdrawal process.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

CELL PHONES/MESSAGES

- Personal calls for students cannot be accepted through school phones.
- Please try to make discussions of bus plans, alternate car rides, etc. before your child leaves for school.
- A full-time nurse is available. Students that do not feel well should report to the nurse. They are NOT to call home from their own phone.
- Parents that sign out their children due to the student calling, will be constituted unexcused or parents will be charged one of their 7 excuses for the year if available.

Please do not encourage your child to call you in the hallways, bathrooms or classrooms. Students are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day. If an emergency phone call needs to be made home, the student must do this from the office.

DRESS AND GROOMING

The dress code applies to all school functions

- **Attire and grooming that distracts or disrupts the learning environment will not be permitted at school.**
- Students will be asked to change or cover the inappropriate area.
- Attire or accessories that denote a gang identification such as bandanas, colors or clothing are permitted.
- Clothing with profane or obscene pictures and/or lettering or which refer to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, firearms, or related materials is prohibited.
- Religious attire may be worn with a parent conference.

ACCESSORIES

- Sunglasses may not be worn in the school building.
- NO backpacks, or bags
- NO purses
- Pencil pouches are permitted. Soft, zipper type pouches work better than boxes.

FOOTWEAR

- NO flip flops or slides
- NO soft soled shoes, boots or slippers
- NO sandals without backs
- Tennis shoes that students feel are too nice for recess or gym class, should bring another pair to school. They cannot be in the gym or on the playground without shoes

HEADWEAR

- NO hats or caps
- NO head covers or bandanas
- Anything that is constituted as excessive head ornamentation is not permitted.

LEGGINGS

- Worn underneath a long shirt/skirt or dress.
- Shirt/skirt or dress should be long enough for fingertips to touch completely.
- Not worn as pants.
- Students should be comfortable without the leggings in order to be school appropriate.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

- Masks are to be worn at all time in the building when announced, except while eating.
- Patterns and colors should be school appropriate.
- No gang colors, vulgar or graphic designs.
- No faces on the masks.
- The school may ask student to use a different mask if it distracts from the learning environment.

OUTERWEAR

- Winter jackets, coats, and gloves are not to be worn to class.
- Sweatshirts with hoods are permitted, but hoods must remain down in the building.

PANTS

- Sagging pants are prohibited.
- No undergarments/shorts should be visible.
- Must be at waist level.
- NO yoga pants, tights or pajama bottoms.
- NO shredded pants, holes, rips (even if covered).
- Athletic pants and sweatpants are permitted.

SHIRTS/TOPS

- NO belly shirts or tops that expose the midriff and/or cleavage
- NO off the shoulder tops, no spaghetti strap tops, no backless tops, or side less shirts.

SHORTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

- Worn at waist level
- Must be able to touch with fingertips
- NO shreds, holes, rips (even if covered)

LOST AND FOUND

- Lost and found is maintained in the middle school cafeteria.
- All items of value are to be brought to the office and may be picked up by the owner once proper identification has been made.
- Clearview Schools are not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- Please do not leave your valuables unattended at any time.

LUNCH/RECESS

- All students who are scheduled for lunch must report **ON TIME** and remain in the cafeteria during their lunch period.
- They must stay in their seats and maintain reasonable noise levels.
- Each student is responsible for disposing of his own refuse, returning appropriate materials to the cafeteria staff, and cleaning up after his/her own spills.

SMOKING

- Smoking in school by students, staff and community members is prohibited.
- Smoking and/or possession of tobacco or non-tobacco products or related paraphernalia are grounds for suspension/expulsion from school.
- This includes electronic cigarettes, and any vaping products of any kind.

CURRICULUM

ACADEMIC HONORS

- At the conclusion of each marking period, an academic honors list will be prepared to recognize outstanding scholarship.

Excellence Roll: All A's will consist of High Honors

Honor Roll: All A's and B's

Merit Roll: All A's, B's and one C

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible, a student athlete must have received passing grades in a minimum of five of all subjects in which they are enrolled the immediately preceding grading period.
- This requirement must be met at the end of each grading period (9 weeks) for the student to remain eligible for the following grading period.
- Grades and/or poor attendance will affect athletic participation.

CHEATING/PLAGIARISM/ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

- The student handbook defines plagiarism as the use of another person's original ideas or writing as one's own without giving the other person credit.
- Examples of plagiarism include discussing and/or copying answers to homework assignments with other persons, copying or paraphrasing information found on the internet or in another reference source without citing the information as coming from a secondary source, and copying or paraphrasing research papers.
- Students guilty of plagiarism are subject to a zero and disciplinary action.

FIELD TRIPS

- Students must complete a Field Trip Permission Form to attend any activity off school grounds.
- No student may participate in a nonacademic field trip that has a failing grade in any class without that teacher's permission.
- **Final Forms must be completed for students to attend field trip.**

GRADING

- Classroom grades are computed on the following percentage scale:
A = 100-90
B = 89-80
C = 79-70
D = 69-60
F = 59 or below
- Yearly grades are computed as an average of four nine-week marking periods.
- Grade reports are issued to students each nine weeks.

- Incomplete grades automatically become "F" grades 10 days after the end of the grading period unless special arrangements are made with the teacher.
- Final grades for all subjects are computed as follows:
A=4.0-3.51
B=3.5-2.51
C=2.5-1.51
D=1.5-0.67
- The official grade point average is calculated on the final mark obtained in each course.

PROGRESS REPORT

- During the mid-point of each marking period, progress reports will be available for all students who are failing to meet the objectives of their course work.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled following the distribution of Interim Progress Reports.
- Progress reports will be sent home with those students who are in danger of failing or not meeting the objectives of that class.
- These progress reports will be sent home midway between the 7-week courses. Students' grades are available on Power School throughout the year.
- See the website for directions on how to create a parent account.
- Click on the "parent" tab and then the link "Power School link for parents."
- We highly encourage parents to actively monitor their child/children's academic progress throughout the year.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

- Full cooperation will be provided in backing reasonable discipline policies created by the classroom teacher and explained to the class.
- Students are reminded that the administrative involvement in any classroom problem will most likely result in disciplinary action more severe than originally assigned by the teacher.
- The school has the authority to use one or any combination of the following disciplinary measures to improve student behavior:

Discipline Types

- Conferences involving any or all personnel affected.
- Referral to counselor, psychologist, or community service agency.
- Activity constructed to develop a positive awareness or responsibility in the student.
- Behavioral Probation
- Progressive Discipline
- Detentions
- Emergency Removal
- Class Removal

- Out-of-School Suspension
- Bus Removal
- Court Referral
- Assignment of community service
- Assignment to Lorain County Academy
- Expulsion

Reasons for Disciplinary Action, Suspension or Expulsion

- Failure to cooperate with reasonable requests made by school personnel
- Inappropriate behavior that may harm another individual, destroy property, or disrupt the school's learning environment.
- Failure to follow established school procedures
- Truancy/Tardiness- absent without an excuse; including cut/skip class and/or school.
- Failure to serve an assigned detention (recess, morning, or afterschool).
- Smoking or possession of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vape pens.
- Fighting/Assault - Includes but not limited to fighting, hitting, kicking, pushing, physically confronting, or causing physical injury.
- Threats/Taunting of bodily harm or intimidation students or personnel, or instigating or encouraging a fight.
- Theft/Forgery - Includes "finding" items on school property, cheating or plagiarism. Items must be turned in to the school office immediately. Failure to do so may lead to charges of theft.
- False alarms - Includes written, verbal, or electronic notification of any threat to the school, personnel or another student.
- Fire/Arson/Explosives - Includes setting/attempting to set a fire or possess any substance which can be used as an explosive, i.e. fireworks, lighters.
- Alcoholic Beverages - Includes possession, use or being under the influence of any intoxicants or its tools
- Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia/Narcotics - Includes possession, use, being under the influence of any intoxicants or its tools of the following illegal, prescription, and over-the-counter medication.
- Weapons -Includes possession of a firearm or knife, or using any object as a weapon to harm another student or personnel.
- Repeated or Flagrant violations of school rules.
- Harassment/Hazing/Bullying - Includes but not limited to written, verbal, or electronic forms of intimidation, creating a risk of causing physical, mental or emotional harm basis of race, age, sex, national origin or disability condition.
- Violations of any Laws of the State of Ohio or the Government of the United States.
- Technology/Electronics - Includes violation of district technology policy, cell phone and device policy.
- Vandalism- Includes damage, defacing or destroying school property or private property kept on school premises. Consequences may include compensation for damages or replacement.

Refer to Clearview Local School District Board Policy Manual sections JGD: Student Suspension, JFC: Student Conduct and JFC-R: Student Code of Conduct.

BULLYING, HAZING, HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, DATING VIOLENCE

- Any intentional written, verbal, electronic or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another more than once.
- The intentional act also includes violence within a dating relationship.
- This includes school property, transportation, events, or, if the harassment, bullying and intimidation materially or substantially disrupts the educational environment.

See the complete Hazing and Bullying Policy as adopted by the Clearview Local Schools

BUS PROCEDURES

- **Failure to comply with stated rules may result in the loss of bus privileges.**
- Be at the bus stop early enough and remain late enough to allow for variations in the bus schedule.
- Enter and exit the bus in an orderly manner.
- Comply with all requests and instructions made by the bus driver.
- The bus driver may assign seats.
- Keep all body parts and objects to themselves and inside the bus at all times.
- No eating, drinking, smoking, having any sharp objects or animals on the bus.
- Remain properly seated and keep aisles clear at all times.
- No cursing/swearing, teasing/name calling, talking loudly, or fighting on the bus.
- No littering, damaging, or vandalizing the bus in any way.
- Cross the street at least 10 feet in front of the bus and only upon signal from the bus driver.

CELLULAR PHONES/ELECTRONICS

- Students may not use cell phones or electronic devices during the school day.
- Students who need to bring these devices to school to arrange rides or to inform parents about after school commitments must leave them in their locker throughout the day.
- **Students are NOT to use their cell phones to call home because of illness.**
- If an emergency phone call needs to be made home, the student must do this from the office.
- If seen, phones will be confiscated, and turned into the office.
- The following are **minimum guidelines** that will result from a cell phone being confiscated:

1st Offense: Students may pick up the phone from the school administrator at the end of the day, parent/guardian will be contacted.

2nd & 3rd Offense: Parents/guardians must pick up the phone from the school administrator and the student will be given appropriate consequences.

4th Offense: In addition to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offense consequences, the student may receive an “Out of School Suspension.”

A student may be disciplined, suspended or expelled for any of the following reasons:

- Taking pictures, recording video, sharing via social media/text or any action that would cause a violation of the technology agreement are prohibited.
- Any electronic act that may be used to harm, bully or intimidate are prohibited, including, but not limited to, cell phone, iPhone watch, tablet and iPod.

FAN/AUDIENCE CONDUCT

- Students and parents are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- At all sporting events, concerts, plays etc. students are required to remain seated.

FIGHT/ASSAULT

- **Fighting** is defined as a situation in which aggressive physical contact is exchanged by each party involved in the incident.
- **Assault** is defined as an attack or violent act directed at students, staff, visitors or community members on school property or at school sponsored activities.
- Use of **racial slurs and hate language** is considered assault and is grounds for suspension or expulsion.
- Students who react nonviolently/defensive when struck or otherwise assaulted will not be subject to suspension.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION/PHYSICAL CONTACT

- Excessive physical contact and public displays of affection are unnecessary and inappropriate behavior in school.
- Persistence in these behaviors may result in disciplinary action.
- This includes play fighting and games that involve physical contact.
- Students that are “just playing” that involve any physical contact may be subject to disciplinary action, whether they meant harm or not.

STAFF AUTHORITY

- Students are expected to comply with reasonable requests **made by all authorized school personnel** (administrators, teachers, monitors, secretaries, custodians, cooks, bus drivers, and other school system employees whose work involves contact with the student body).
- This is expected at all school related activities.
- All school rules apply during all school activities and on all of the school's property.