# REYNOLDSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS 2020-2021 HANDBOOK











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#### The Reynoldsburg Board of Education

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You may contact the members of the Reynoldsburg Board of Education by calling the Administrative Office of Reynoldsburg City Schools at (614) 501-1020. Written correspondence to the Board of Education members may be mailed to the Administrative Offices at 7244 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

The regular meetings of the Reynoldsburg Board of Education are generally held on the <u>third Tuesday of</u> every month.

Meetings are held at Reynoldsburg City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Sometimes a meeting will need to be moved to an alternate location or a different time. Notice of any change of location and time will appear in the local newspapers.

#### The Reynoldsburg Compact on Respect

As a member of the Reynoldsburg Community I will show my strength by...

- greeting others I meet with acts of friendliness and kindness,
- taking responsibility for my actions and how they affect the people and environment around me,
- being truthful and honest to myself and others in all that I say and do as a sign of respect for myself and others,
- treating all persons in ways that I would like them to treat me,
- recognizing that each person is different and has an individual contribution to make to the community.

#### 2020-2021 District Calendar

### REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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		1	2	3	4	5	7	Labor Day – No School		1	2	3	4	5	6
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	8	First Day of School	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	18	Teacher PD Full Day	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	26-27	Thanksgiving Break	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	12	13	14	15	16	17	30	Teacher PD Full Day	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5	Conference Comp Day	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	14	15	16	17	18	19	8	Teacher PD Full Day	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	31	Spring Break	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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#### **ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

#### **Academic Integrity**

Presenting someone else's work as one's own in order to obtain a grade or credit is considered to be cheating. This includes, but is not limited to, copying others assignments, quiz or test answers, plagiarism/internet plagiarism and social media posts. Students who violate this policy will receive zero credit for assignments or work involved and may be subject to further disciplinary consequences.

#### **Promotion, Placement, and Retention**

Many factors are taken into consideration in the decision to retain, place, or promote a child. Teacher assessments, the child's progress, developmental age, psychological input, testing results, and concern for the effect of placement upon the well-being of the student will be considered. It is essential that early communication between the home and the school concerning academic progress rake place. Please contact the classroom teacher or the building Principal if you have any questions about the retention, placement, or promotion of your child.

#### **Academic Reports to Parents**

Students receive a report card four times each school year. Students and parents have access to their grades, attendance and other information at any time through PowerSchool. Each family will receive their access codes at the beginning of the year. Please contact the school your child is attending if you need assistance with PowerSchool. Below are the end dates for each of the grading quarters; report cards will be distributed within 10 school days after the grading period.

#### **Cumulative Records**

Parents may request to view their child's school records. This request should be done in writing and given to the building secretary. Arrangements will be made for the view of the records. Please allow 24 hours for the record request to be available. Parents must present identification before being allowed to review student records.

#### **Schedule Changes**

All schedule changes must be approved by the principal. Our guidance counselor, teachers, students, parents or administrators may initiate schedule changes. Since any schedule change is liable to disrupt a number of classes or have other hidden implications, requests for changes are considered very carefully. Reasons for which schedule might be approved include: to improve class load balance, to change grouping if recommended by teacher or to improve a discipline situation. Schedule change will not be approved for the following reasons: Do not like teacher or want to be with certain friends.

#### **High School Credit Courses**

Students have the opportunity to earn high school credit at the middle level. High school credit courses earn 1.0 regular credit and the grade earned will appear in the high school transcript and be included in the student's high school GPA.

High school grades are calculated by the formula:

#### Year-long Classes with a semester exam:

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Semester 1 Average = (Quarter 1 Grade x .40) + (Quarter 2 Grade x .40) + (Midterm Exam Grade x .20)

Semester 2 Average = (Quarter 3 Grade x .40) + (Quarter 4 Grade x .40) + (Final Exam Grade x .20)

Year End Average = (Quarter 1 Grade x .20) + (Quarter 2 Grade x .20) + (Midterm Exam Grade x .10) + (Quarter 3 Grade x .20) + (Quarter 4 Grade x .20) + (Final Exam Grade x .10)
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#### Year-long Classes without a semester exam:

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Semester 1 Average = (Quarter 1 Grade x .50) + (Quarter 2 Grade x .50)

Semester 2 Average = (Quarter 3 Grade x .50) + (Quarter 4 Grade x .50)

Year End Average = (Quarter 1 Grade x .25) + (Quarter 2 Grade x .25) + (Quarter 3 Grade x .25) + (Quarter 4 Grade x .25)
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#### **Dropping a High School Credit Course**

Students may drop a course at no penalty to their grade under the following conditions:

The course is dropped within 10 days of the class

Grade x .25)

• There is another course for the student to enter

Students who drop a course after the first 10 days of the class must Withdraw Fail (WF). A grade of WF will be listed on the official transcript with a 0.0 grade attached. Please note, WF negatively impacts GPA.

#### **College Credit Plus Courses**

College Credit Plus courses will be weighted (0.5) for GPA calculations in the core areas of Math, Science, and Social Studies. College Credit Plus elective courses will count for GPA calculations but not weighted.

#### **Grading Scale**

Letter	Meaning	Explanation	Point Value
А	Demonstrating excellent and consistent achievement of grade level standards.	90% - 100%	4.0
В	Meeting grade level standards	80% – 89%	3.0
С	Progressing toward grade level standards.	70% – 79%	2.0
D	Demonstrating limited and/or inconsistent achievement of grade level standards.	60% – 69%	1.0
F	Demonstrating unsatisfactory and/or inconsistent achievement of grade level standards.	0% - 59%	0.0
Pass/Fail			
I	Incomplete work and/or assignments.		

#### **Homework**

Homework may be assigned to students that will be meaningful and beneficial to the student. It is the obligation of the student to communicate with the teacher regarding any problems with homework assignments. Homework is assigned to help student become self-reliant, learn to work independently, improve the skills which have been developed and complete projects.

#### **Incomplete Assignment Policy**

Assignments missed because of excused absences will be made up within a period determined by the teacher but at least equivalent to the number of days absent unless specified by the teacher prior to the absence. Assignments missed because of pre-excused absences (doctor's appointments, school sponsored field studies, etc.), will be due upon the first day back to school. Teachers will notify students of their procedures regarding making up missed work.

Excused absences will allow students to earn credit for missed work. A general rule for students to follow is that they have as many days to make-up homework as they missed class, not to exceed 5 school days under normal circumstances. However, for large projects, term papers, or other assignments where the due date has been established two (2) weeks in advance, students will not be given an extended period of time to complete work. Students absent on the due date will turn the project/paper in on the next day they return to school.

When an "incomplete" is assigned for the quarter, students have a maximum of ten (10) school days, counted from the last day of the grading period, to complete missed work, resulting in a grade change. Teachers must notify the students of specific due dates for incomplete work. If the work has not been turned in after the 10 school days, that grade will turn into an "F."

#### ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### <u>Attendance</u>

Research continually connects student attendance to student achievement. It is our philosophy at Reynoldsburg City Schools that establishing positive attendance patterns will increase student achievement and encourage a life-long habit that will prepare students for the future. Make-up work cannot replace the academic and social emotional learning activities that occur in our classrooms.

#### **Ohio House Bill 410**

Ohio law states that attendance is now taken in terms of hours missed, not days absent. Each day of school equals six hours. Each hour of school missed will be calculated and reported as either unexcused or excused time missed from school. According to the law, if your child misses a certain number of hours, they will be considered *Excessively Absent* or *Habitually Truant*. The following describes the definitions and steps taken by the school district regarding school attendance:

#### **Warning Notification**

A **warning notification** will be sent out to inform you of when your child is getting close to reaching habitual truancy or excessive absences. This notification may come in different forms, such as by letter, phone call, automated message or email. *If you receive this notification, please turn in excuses as soon as possible to avoid your child becoming habitually truant or excessively absent from school.* 

#### **Excessively Absent Status**

ALL time missed from school (excused and unexcused), except any time where a medical excuse is provided. This time is calculated from late arrivals, early dismissals, and full day absences. If excessive absences are reached, a letter will be sent home to notify you and the school will continue to monitor your child's attendance. No plan is required at this time.

# A student will become <u>Excessively Absent</u> if they reach one or more of the following:

- a. Absent 38 or more hours in one school month, with or without a legitimate excuse; or
- b. Absent 65 or more hours in one school year, with or without a legitimate excuse.

#### **Habitually Truant Status**

Only **unexcused** time counts toward habitual truancy hours. This time is calculated from late arrivals, early dismissals, and full day absences. \*According to the law, no student shall be suspended, expelled, or removed from school solely on the basis of unexcused absences.

# A student will become <u>Habitually Truant</u> if they reach one or more of the following:

a. Absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse;

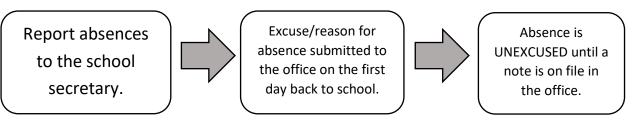
- b. Absent 42 or more hours in one month without a legitimate excuse; or
- c. Absent 72 or more hours in one year without a legitimate excuse.

#### If a student becomes Habitually Truant, the following will occur:

- School will notify the parent/guardian in writing of the student's truancy status.
- Parent/guardian will be invited to meet with the school absence intervention team to develop an absence intervention plan for the student.
- Intervention plan will be implemented and attendance will be monitored for <u>60</u> days.
- If attendance does not improve during the 60 day plan, the absence intervention team will decide if truancy needs to be filed on the student with juvenile court.
- However, during the 60 day plan, if the student reaches 30 or more consecutive unexcused absences, or 42 or more unexcused absences in one school month, the truancy team is required by law to file truancy with the juvenile court.

	<b>Consecutive Hours</b>	Hours per school month	Hours per school year	
Habitual Truancy	<b>30</b> without legitimate	<b>42</b> without legitimate	72 without legitimate	
(without legitimate excuse)	excuse	excuse	excuse	
Excessive Absences (with		<b>38</b> with or without	<b>65</b> with or without	
nonmedical or without		legitimate excuse	legitimate excuse	
legitimate excuse)				

#### **Notification of Absences by Parent/Guardian**



**1.** Parents/Guardians are required to report all absences for their child to the school office the day the child is absent. Please call the building office and speak to the secretary or leave a message, stating your child's first AND last name, your name and the reason for the absence. The school office must be notified of your child's absence within two hours of the start of the school day.

**2 Hour Rule:** According to the law, when a student is absent from school, the school is required to make at least one attempt to contact the parent/guardian within 2 hours after the beginning of each school day. If the parent/guardian contacts the school within 2 hours after the beginning of the school day, the school is no longer obligated to make contact.

- 2. Before school begins on the first day of your child's return, the parent/guardian must:
  - a. Provide a <u>written note</u> or <u>send an email</u> to the school office secretary with the following information:

The student's first and last name, the exact dates of the absence or tardy and the reason for the absence or tardy. The parent/guardian must also provide their first and last name and a daytime phone number where they can be reached.

#### OR

- **b.** Provide <u>legitimate documentation</u> from a healthcare professional, government official, college, or board approved activity that states:
  - The student's first and last name, the exact dates and reason for the absence or tardy, the name of the provider or representative, and their contact information.

#### **Excused Absences**

The Board of Education Policy, in agreement with Ohio Revised Code Section 3321.04 and Ohio Administrative Code 3301-69-02, states the reasons for which students may be excused from school, including the following:

- 1. Illness of the student.
- 2. Illness in the student's family necessitating the presence of the student.
- 3. Quarantine of the home for a contagious disease determined by a medical professional.
- 4. Death of a relative.
- 5. Medical or healthcare appointment.
- 6. Observance of religious holiday consistent with his/her truly held religious beliefs.
- 7. Board approved activity/College visitation with proof of attendance.
- 8. Mandated court appearance.
- 9. Absences due to immigration circumstances.
- 10. Absences due to a student's placement in foster care.
- 11. Absences due to a student being homeless.
- 12. Emergency or other set of circumstances in which the judgment of the superintendent of schools constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence from school.

All absences will remain unexcused until the appropriate documentation from a parent/quardian is on file in the school office.

#### **Medical and Nonmedical Excuses**

The definitions of *medical* and *nonmedical excuses* are defined by Reynoldsburg City Schools, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Codes 3301-69-02 and 3301-18-01.

Medical Excuses refer to any documentation excusing attendance that is from a healthcare professional, including, but not limited to doctors, dentists, and mental health specialists. All medical excuses must be on the healthcare professional's letterhead and it must include the student's first and last name, the dates to excuse and the reason for the absence. All medical excuses can be emailed or faxed directly to the school, or turned in to the school office. All medical excuses are considered excused absences and DO NOT count toward habitual truancy

or excessive absence hours. There is no limit to the number of medical excuses allowed each school year.

**Nonmedical Excuses** refer to parent notes, or documentation from a government official, college/university, or board approved activity that excuses a student from school.

#### **Parent/Guardian Excuses**

A written or emailed parent note can excuse up to ten (10) absences per school year. The 10 excuse notes can be used for full-day absences, early dismissals and late arrivals. For example, if a parent emails the office saying their child was ill on 4/3/19, 4/4/19 and 4/5/19, this one excuse note would count as three (3) of the 10 parent excused absences. Notes may only excuse absences from the reasons listed in the above Excused Absences section, which directly reflects the Board of Education Policy.

Once all 10 parent/guardian excused notes have been used, legitimate documentation, including the exact dates and reason for missing school, must be provided to the school office from a healthcare professional, government official, college, or board approved activity in order for the absence to be excused. A notification will be sent out to let you know when you have used all 10 parent/guardian excuses for the year.

#### **Student Illness**

If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or above, your child MUST stay home for 24 hours after the fever has subsided without the use of medication to reduce the fever. Having a fever indicates that a child is infectious. This will enable your child to remain healthier at school as well as the other students in their classroom. In addition, if your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, we encourage your child to remain at home for 24 hours after symptoms have subsided.

For conjunctivitis (pinkeye), impetigo, or strep throat, the guidelines include 24 hours of antibiotic treatment prior to re-entering school.

If a student is sent home from school by the school nurse, the student will be given a notice with information on when he/she can return to school. This note will excuse the time missed from school only for the specific dates listed. Any additional days absent will require a signed doctor or parent note.

Reynoldsburg City Schools follows the Ohio Department of Health guidelines for all communicable diseases. For control measures, you can contact the ODH at 614-995-5599. Thank you for your assistance with keeping our children healthy.

#### **Planned Absences**

The Board of Education Policy states that the Board strongly discourages absences from school for vacations or other non-emergency trips out of the district. In agreement with Ohio Administrative Code 3301-69-02, the Board will allow each student **ONE planned trip/vacation** of up to 30 consecutive hours (5 days) absent from school each year. In order for this time to be **excused**, a <u>Pre-Authorized Planned Absence Form</u> **must** be filled out by the parent/guardian **PRIOR** to the planned absence. *All planned absences, such as armed services testing, family* 

trips, non-school sponsored educational activities, or extended college visitations require the completion of this form. Once the form is received, a note of this will be made on the student's attendance log and reasonable efforts will be made to prepare a list of assignments for the student to do while absent.

Up to 30 additional consecutive hours (5 days) may be excused upon written request to the Superintendent/designee through the Pre-Authorized Planned Absence Form. Please note, this additional 30 hours can be added to the first 30, or it can be another separate trip. If this trip is NOT approved, these hours will be marked as UNEXCUSED absences and count toward truancy. No more than 60 consecutive school hours can be excused at any time, however, the Superintendent/designee can make an exception under certain emergency circumstances within the law.

<u>If pre-approval is NOT received before the extended absence</u>, parent notes can be used to excuse time missed from school. Keep in mind that each child receives only 10 parent excused absences each school year. Any parent notes used to cover an extended absence will be taken out of the allotted ten. Parent notes CANNOT be used to extend a trip beyond 60 consecutive hours for any reason.

#### **Unexcused Absences**

The following are examples of unexcused late arrivals or absences: oversleeping, missing the bus or a ride to school, car trouble and any other absence not defined as an excused absence in the Board of Education Policy. *Unexcused absences or late arrivals without proper documentation will remain unexcused and count toward truancy hours.* 

#### **School Hours**

In the interest of personal safety and for the protection of public and personal property, students may not be in the school building **prior** to the start of school or **after** dismissal unless under the direct supervision of a staff member.

#### **Late Arrivals to School**

If a student arrives at school *after* the start time, the student is late to school and must report to the office for a pass to enter class. All late arrivals, excused and unexcused, are recorded on the student's grade card and will be marked as a partial-day excused or unexcused absence (PDE or PDU), or as a partial-day excused medical absence (PDEXMED). The minutes/hours missed from being late to school accumulate into the total amount of time missed per school year.

#### **Late to Class**

Students are responsible for being in their classrooms prior to the late arrival bell for each period. Failure to do so results in being marked late for that class. Disciplinary consequences for being late to class will be determined by your student's teacher or team of teachers.

#### **Early Dismissals**

A parent/guardian or an adult listed as the student's emergency contact must come into the main office with their ID to sign the student out of the building. At this time, the adult can provide <u>a written note</u> to the office in regards to why the student is leaving early from school.

#### **Request for Homework**

A general rule for students to follow is that they have as many days to make-up homework as they missed class, not to exceed five (5) school days under normal circumstances. When assignments are missed due to an absence, it is the responsibility of the student/parent/guardian to contact the teacher for make-up assignments immediately upon return to school. Homework assignment requests can be made through the office if the student has been out for three (3) or more school days. The person requesting the assignments must allow at least twenty-four (24) hours for the collection of assignments.

For large projects, term papers or other assignments where the due date has been established two (2) weeks in advance, students will not be given an extended period of time to complete work. If the student is absent on the due date, they are expected to turn in the project/paper on the day of their return.

#### **Make-up Assignments During Out-of-School Suspensions**

Per district policy, in alignment with Ohio law, all students will have the opportunity to make up classroom assignments missed during out of school suspensions. Students will have as many days to make up their assignments as they missed school due to suspension. These make-up assignments must be turned in within the given amount of time in order to receive at least partial credit for their work. If the student does not choose to complete their make-up assignment on time, the assignment will be counted as a zero.

For further information, refer to the RCSD Board Policy, or the Ohio Department of Education's website at: <a href="https://education.ohio.gov/">https://education.ohio.gov/</a>

#### **Perfect Attendance**

Perfect attendance is defined as being in attendance on time, and at school all day, every day of the school year.

#### Withdrawing from School

Prior to withdrawing from school, the student must pick up an "Intent to Withdraw" form from their school office. This form must be completed, signed by the parent or legal guardian and returned to the school office. On the last day the student will be in attendance, the student must pick up the final withdrawal form which will be signed by an administrator and all the student's teachers. Student records will not be released until the student has returned all school property (including textbooks, media center materials, and music materials) and has met all financial obligation including fees, fines, and fund raising goods or money. Reasons for withdrawal are change of residence or if the student has enrolled in and attending another

school. All other withdrawals are considered "dropout" and may result in the loss of driving privileges.

#### BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE EXPECTATIONS

#### **School Liability Statement**

Students bring their devices to use at Reynoldsburg Middle Schools and Junior High Schools at their own risk. It is their duty to be responsible in the upkeep and protection of their devices.

Reynoldsburg Schools are in no way responsible for:

- Personal devices that are broken while at school or during school-sponsored activities.
- Personal devices that are lost or stolen at school, on the bus, or during schoolsponsored activities (Reynoldsburg Schools will not investigate lost or stolen devices)
- Maintenance or upkeep of any device (keeping it charge, installing updates or upgraded, fixing any software or hardware issues)

#### **Technology Devices**

Technology plays a large role in our students' lives. Personal devices can enhance and enrich learning opportunities both at home and at school. Reynoldsburg Schools are committed to allowing responsible use of personal devices at school so as to provide as many pathways to understanding as possible for our students. If a teacher is using technology in a classroom lesson or activity, all students will be provided access to necessary devices. If you decide to allow your student to bring a personal learning device to school, it is permitted.

#### **General Information**

Access to the Reynoldsburg wireless network, whether with school-provided or personal devices, is filtered. However, access from personal devices is limited to Internet use only. Students will not have access to any documents that reside on the school network from their personal devices.

Access to the Reynoldsburg wireless network is a privilege, not a right.

Any use of the wireless network entails personal responsibility and compliance with all school rules. The use of the Reynoldsburg City School's network also allows administration to conduct investigations regarding inappropriate internet use at any time.

#### **Guideline for Use**

- Use of personal devices during the school day is at the discretion of teachers and staff. Students must use devices as directed by their teacher.
- The primary purpose, and only purpose, of the use of personal devices at school is educational.
- The use of a personal device is not to be a distraction in any way to teacher or students.

- The use of personal devices falls under Reynoldsburg City Schools' Acceptable Use Policy, found in the student handbook.
- Students will refrain from using personal devices at school outside of their classroom unless otherwise directed by their teacher.
- Students shall make no attempts to circumvent the school's network security and/or filtering policies. This includes setting up proxies and downloading programs to bypass security.
- Students shall not distribute pictures or video of students or staff without their permission. (Distribution can be as small as emailing/texting to one other person or as large as posting an image or video online.

#### **Consequences for Misuse/Disruption (One or More May Apply)**

- Device taken away for the period
- Device taken away and kept in the front office until parent picks it up
- Student is not allowed to use personal device at school
- Disciplinary Referral resulting in ISS or OSS

#### **Student Assigned Devices**

Students have the opportunity to use a school Chromebook during the school day this year.

- Students must take precautions to prevent damage to District devices (i.e. keep devices away from liquids, do not leave devices where they will be crushed or dropped, notify classroom teacher immediately if damage suspected, etc.)
- Students will not install applications without the express permission of District administration.
- Students may not modify the configuration or circumvent security settings or Internet filtering.
- Devices may not be modified cosmetically: students will not write on the device or apply stickers to the device. Students may not remove District labels or asset tags from the device.

#### **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

#### **Birthdays**

The staff recognizes that birthdays are very special days for children. We want to help your child celebrate this special occasion; however, to protect students with health concerns including food allergies, please follow these guidelines:

- 1. Limit your treats to non-food items such as stickers, pencils, etc.
- 2. Please do not send flowers, balloons, or other special gifts to children during school hours.

#### **Building Hours**

Please contact the building that your child is attending to see when they are allowed to enter and exit the building, and when they will be considered tardy.

#### **Bus Regulations**

Riding a school bus is a privilege. When riding a bus, students are expected to obey all rules established by the Board of Education. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. Such regulations also apply to athletic events, field trips and other student activities.

#### **Cafeteria Expectations**

- 1. All school rules apply during lunch periods.
- 2. All students must remain in the cafeteria (or their assigned Zone) for their entire lunch period unless they have received permission from a staff member to go to another location.
- 3. Laminated passes for office, locker, and clinic will be available for students to use when leaving the cafeteria for a special reason.
- 4. No students are to be in any non-designated area without permission.
- 5. All food to be purchased must remain on the serving line in plain sight of the cafeteria workers. Any food items put into pockets will be considered an attempt at theft.
- 6. All food and drinks must remain in the cafeteria.
- 7. Students will maintain an acceptable level of noise in the cafeteria. No yelling, loud conversations or inappropriate noise making will be tolerated.
- 8. Students shall remain seated during lunch. Student will raise their hand and get permission before leaving their seat.
- 9. Violation of the above rules may result in the assignment of lunch detention.

Please contact your individual building for any additional Cafeteria Expectations, or questions.

#### Communication

Two-way communication between schools and families is integral for the continued development of our students. Communication will occur in the following ways, but not limited to:

- Email newsletters: newsletters about school events will be emailed to the email addresses provided.
- Website: our school website serves as the hub of all of our events. News items, a calendar and links to resources will be housed here.
- Social Media: our school, teams, and teacher Facebook pages and/or Twitter accounts will communicate various school related items.
- PowerSchool: all student grades and progress is housed on PowerSchool. Teachers will update grades weekly.

#### **Conferences**

We encourage you to participate in parent-teacher conferences. Calendar scheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on four evenings during the school year. If a parent feels that a conference is needed at any other time throughout the school year additional conferences can be arranged.

#### **Non-School-Sponsored Publications**

Students who edit, publish and/or wish to distribute non-school=sponsored handwritten, printed or duplicated matter among their fellow students in the schools must assume responsibility for the content of the publication. Students may be restricted as to the time and place of distribution or may be prohibited from distributing publications.

#### **Student Publications**

The Board encourages student publications as a classroom-related learning experience in such courses as English, journalism and video production and as an extracurricular activity. Such publications allow for coverage of student activities and the writing and producing of original literary and artistic projects; however, certain necessary guidelines must be established to regulate the publication and dissemination of student publications, performance of student productions and broadcast of student video productions.

For purposes of this policy, "publications" shall include any audio, visual or written materials such as tapes, banners, films, pamphlets, notices, newspapers, books or other like materials. "Productions" shall include theatrical performances as well as impromptu dramatic presentations.

School publications/productions afford educational experiences for those students interested in these activities and should provide opportunities for the sincere expression of all facets of student opinion. In sponsoring a student publication, the Board is mindful of the fact that the publication could be available to any student attending this school, and must, therefore, be generally suitable for all students. Materials which violate or may violate the rights of others may not be published. Adherence to copyright restrictions is required in all school-sponsored publications. The school paper and video productions may reflect the policy and judgment of the student editors, consistent with the guidelines set forth below.

The Board reserves the right to designate and prohibit the distribution of printed materials that are not protected by the right of free expression because they violate the rights of others.

Such unprotected materials include, but are not limited to, those which:

A. are discriminating or harassing toward an individual or group of individuals on the basis of race, sex, age, ethnicity, nationality, origin, handicap or other protected group under Board policy;

- B. are false and/or libelous toward any specific person or persons;
- C. seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect or point of view over any other religious denomination, sect or point of view;
- advocate the use or advertise the availability of drugs, alcohol or any other substance or which may reasonably be believed to constitute a direct or substantial danger to the health of students;
- E. contain material that is obscene to minors as defined in Board policy, or otherwise may be deemed to be harmful to impressionable students who may receive them;
- F. incite violence, advocate the use of force or urge the violation of law or school regulations;
- G. threaten a material and substantial disruption of the educational program of the school;
- H. are obscene, indecent, vulgar or constitute insulting or fighting words;
- I. advertise goods or services for the benefit of profit-making organizations;
- J. fail to identify the student or organization responsible for the distribution;
- K. solicit funds for non-school organizations or institutions when such solicitations have not been approved by the Board;
- L. associate the District with any position other than neutrality on a matter of political or social controversy or
- M. fail to meet generally accepted standards of style, grammar, format and suitability of materials.

School-sponsored publications may be distributed during selected class periods and/or in the cafeteria during lunch periods by students specifically assigned by the advisor of the school-sponsored publication for that purpose.

Advertising is permitted with the permission of the advisor in school newspapers, yearbooks, programs, etc. which are published by student organizations.

Faculty advisors shall advise on matters of style, grammar, format and suitability of materials. The final decision as to the suitability of material shall rest with the principal after consultation with the student editor and faculty advisor. If no advisor is assigned, the decision will be made by the principal or his/her designee. The decision shall be made within five (5) school days after presenting of the material to the principal. The principal's decision may be appealed to the

Superintendent within five (5) school days. The Superintendent shall reach a decision in five school days.

#### **Field Trips and Assemblies**

Each year our students are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of field trips and assemblies. At all special events, students are expected to use their best behavior. At assemblies, students will sit in areas designed by school staff. No inappropriate talking, noises, or remarks will be tolerated. Assemblies and field trips are privileges. Students who do not demonstrate appropriate behavior may be excluded from field trips and assemblies. Students can only attend field trips if they have a signed permission slip from the parent/guardian, and an updated EMA.

#### **Food Services**

Students may a bring a packed lunch or purchase a hot lunch from the school cafeteria. Menus will be published at the beginning of the school year. Copies of the school lunch menu will be sent home with the student and will also be posted on the school website.

Children from families whose income is at or below specified levels are eligible for milk and/or free meal, or at a reduced price. Application forms for this program are included in the beginning of the year mailings and through the school office.

#### **Lunch Detention**

Students may have their lunchtime privileges removed for violating the established school rules or Code of Conduct. In an effort to deter such actions and hold student accountable for their behavior, detention during lunchtime may be assigned. The student will report to an assigned room during his/her lunchtime with their lunch and remain in the assigned room for the lunchtime. Failure to serve a lunch detention will result in a consequence determined by the school.

#### **Locks and Lockers**

In schools where lockers are available, each student will receive a locker for his/her books and supplies. These students are responsible for securing their lockers. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Students are to occupy ONLY the locker assigned to them. Sharing lockers will result in disciplinary action.

Although provided for students' use, lockers are the property of Reynoldsburg City Schools and are thereby subject to search and seizure regulations by school authorities. Students possess the right of privacy as well as freedom from unreasonable search and seizure of property. The student's individual rights, however, are balanced by the school's responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its students.

#### **Lost and Found**

A lost and found is located in our building. Please contact the office staff if your student is missing an item. We encourage parents to label all items that your child brings to school. All unclaimed items will be donated to charities.

#### PTO

Our schools have a Parent/Teacher Organization that is very active in working to bring special activities such as Raider Nights. Information regarding membership in this organization can be obtained from the school office. The scheduled meetings appear on the calendar.

#### **Residency and Custodial Changes**

All residency and custody changes must be reported to Reynoldsburg City School's Welcome Center located at 1555 Graham Road, within 10 days of the legal date change.

- Any change in residency moving within or out of Reynoldsburg City School District boundaries – require new proof of residency be presented in the form of a signed lease or settlement statement.
- Custody changes including divorce or changes in existing shared parenting plans require finalized court papers to be on file, in accordance with Ohio Law.

Failure to present required documents will constitute a falsification of application and/or enrollment documents resulting in denial of all new or existing Open Enrollment, Intra-district Agreement, or School of Choice requests.

#### Rules and Regulations for Bus Riders

#### BEFORE THE BUS ARRIVES:

- 1. Leave home on time each day.
- 2. Walk facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.
- 3. Arrive at your regular pick-up spot five minutes before the bus.
- 4. Wait off the roadway, not in the street.
- 5. Stay off lawns, and avoid horseplay, scuffling, and fighting.

#### **BOARDING THE BUS:**

- 1. Wait for the bus to come to a full stop and the drivers hand signal to board
- 2. Be polite and take your turn getting on the bus.
- Use the handrail.

#### CONDUCT ON THE BUS:

- 1. Follow the directions of the driver, including seat assignment, if given.
- 2. Walk to your seat and remain there. Do not stand or move around while the bus is moving. No one is permitted to save a seat for another.
- 3. Sit three to a seat, if necessary, and be careful not to block aisles.
- 4. Do not talk to the bus driver unless it is an emergency.

(Drivers need to keep their minds on driving and their eyes on the road).

- 5. Talk quietly so that the driver can hear traffic sounds.
- 6. Keep arms, feet, book bags, and school books out of the aisles.
- 7. Do not open or close windows, except when requested by the driver.
- 8. Keep hands and head inside the bus. Do not stick anything out of the windows or throw anything out of the bus.
- 9. Loud, profane language and yelling are not permitted.
- 10. Eating is not permitted on the bus.
- 11. Drugs and use is prohibited on the bus
- 12. Smoking, vaping or other forms of tobacco use is not permitted on the bus. Do not light matches or lighters on the bus.
- 13. Do not deface or litter the bus; use waste baskets.
- 14. Do not tamper with the safety device or any other equipment.
- 15. Band instruments and other items that can be carried by the student without taking up room of another student on a crowded bus, or blocking the center aisle, may be carried on the bus. When there is a difference in the point of view of the student, band director, and driver, the transportation director shall make the determination.
- 16. Cell phone use is prohibited while boarding, exiting or riding the bus.

#### **LEAVING THE BUS:**

- 1. Get off only at your assigned stop and go directly home.
- 2. Do not leave your seat until the bus comes to a full stop.
- 3. Take your turn; do not crowd in front of others.
- 4. Use the handrails and watch your step.
- 5. Look both ways, and check for turning cars before you cross the street. *Cross on signal by the bus driver.*

#### IN CASES OF EMERGENCY OR WHEN THE DRIVER MUST LEAVE THE BUS:

- 1. Stays seated and remain quiet.
- 2. Do not touch emergency equipment.
- 3. Depend on the driver's training to take care of the situation.
- 4. Be ready to follow the instructions of the driver or police officer.

Violation of the above rules and regulations may result in suspension of transportation.

#### **HEALTH SERVICES**

Our school has a health clinic available to students who have medical needs during the school day. The school nurse or her designee will assist the child and determine the immediate medical need. It is important that updated medical information for your child is on file at all times. This form contains the necessary contact information to be used in case of emergency. If your child has been sick, please ensure that there has been no fever or vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.

All students in kindergarten, grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 will have vision and hearing screenings during the school year. Parents will be notified if there is any evidence of vision or hearing problems.

It is our policy that any student found with *pediculosis* (lice) shall be excluded from attending school until he/she has been treated with an effective pediculicide. Prior to returning to school, the student and parent must meet with the school nurse or qualified staff to determine that the student is free of infestation.

All infectious diseases must be reported to the school secretary in a timely manner. It is then the school's responsibility to report this information to the Board of Health.

#### **Prescription Medication**

If it is essential that a student receive medication at school, the parent must deliver the medication to the school office in the original container. This container must be properly labeled with date, student's name, name of medication, strength, dosage of medication and physician's name. If the medication is a prescription, both the child's physician and the parent must submit written requests on the designated form for the medication to be given at school.

#### **Non-prescription Medication**

Non-prescription medication, including Tylenol or other pain relieving medication, cannot be given to the student unless their parent has submitted the designated form for the medication to be administered. The appropriate forms can be picked up in the school office. Non-prescription medication is brought to the school in the original container. Do not send medication in baggies or envelopes.

Your student may bring cough drops to use as needed. The office will not provide these.

#### **STUDENT SAFETY**

#### **Safety and Security**

The safety of our students continues to be of upmost importance in Reynoldsburg schools. One of our primary goals is to provide a positive and safe environment for our children to learn. However, some incidents may cause a temporary interruption in our daily routine to reach

those goals. The district or school will communicate to parents as quickly as possible if a school is placed on lock down or if the student day is disrupted in any way. A follow-up communication will provide a more complete description of the disruption and the school's response.

We ask that you do not come to the school if you receive a notification. During a limited mobility or lockdown situation, visitor access will be suspended and student movement inside the school will be prohibited. This is a safety measure to maintain strict accountability of the school population and keep the hallways clear. If you do arrive, you will not be permitted entry. Secondly, please do not call the school. The phone line must be open for emergency communication. Please understand the school personnel, in collaboration with first responders, will be working diligently to investigate the incident and restore a safe environment as quickly as possible.

Student will be aware of and practice the "lockdown" as they do Fire and Tornado Drills. Knowledge of appropriate action is a strong tool. Knowing we have a plan will give your child comfort and create feeling of confidence in situations that may arise.

#### **Safer Schools Tip Line**

Reynoldsburg City Schools utilizes a school safety tip line that is anonymous and available 24 hours a day to alert local law enforcement about potential crisis situations. The Ohio Safer Schools Tip Line – 844-SaferOH (844-723-3764) – provides students, teachers, parents, and school administrators a valuable resource to report potential threats of violence, suicide or bullying of a student. Trained professionals at Ohio Homeland Security's Threat Assessment and Prevention (TAP) Unit answer all calls and texts to 844-SaferOH. The analysts at the TAP Unit may ask for additional information, but the caller can remain anonymous or leave contact information for follow-up questions. When action is necessary, the analysts immediately contact local school officials and law enforcement agencies to ensure the incident is investigated and track the outcome.

Research shows that in 81 percent of violent incidents in U.S. Schools, someone other than the attacker had information that may have prevented the incident, but did not report it for fear of being identified. The assurance that calls or texts cannot be traced and that action will be taken to end the threat is helping to persuade young people to take a stand against school violence.

#### **Search and Seizure**

The District has responsibility for the control and management of students during the school day and hours of approved extracurricular activities. While discharging its responsibility, the administration is to make an effort to protect each student's rights with respect to interrogations by law enforcement officials. The administration has developed regulations to be followed in the case of searches and interrogations.

The right to inspect students' school lockers, cars that are parked on school grounds, or articles carried upon their persons and to interrogate an individual student is inherent in the authority granted school boards. All searches are conducted sparingly and only when such search is reasonably likely to produce tangible results to preserve discipline and good order and the safety and security of persons and their property within one area of the school's responsibility.

Student lockers are the property of the District, and since random searches have a positive impact on reducing drugs and other criminal activity, it is the policy of the Board to permit the building administrator or designee to search any locker and its contents as the administrator believes necessary. Such notice will be posted at or near the entrance to the school grounds and at the main entrance to each school building.

The Board directs the Superintendent to authorize the use of dogs trained in detecting the presence of drugs, firearms and explosive devices. The dogs may be used to patrol the school facilities and grounds, including the lockers and parking areas. Use of dogs may be unannounced and random. If a trained canine alerts to a particular vehicle, locker, or other container, it shall create reasonable suspicion to search the vehicle, locker, or container in accordance with this policy. (Board of Education Policy JFG-R, adopted March 20, 2012).

#### HAZING AND BULLYING (HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND DATING VIOLENCE)

As used in this policy, "hazing" means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student organization or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person.

As used in this policy, "bullying, harassment and intimidation" (hereinafter "bullying)" means an intentional written, verbal or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student, staff member or volunteer more than once. The intentional act also includes violence within a dating relationship. The behavior both causes mental or physical harm to the other person and is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other person.

This behavior is prohibited on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored activity.

Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing, bullying and/or dating violence does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

The District includes, within the health curriculum, age-appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education in grades 7 to 12. This instruction includes recognizing warning signs of dating violence and the characteristics of healthy relationships.

Prohibited activities of any type, including those activities engaged in via computer and/or electronic communications devices, are inconsistent with the educational process and are prohibited at all times. No administrator, teacher, or other employee or volunteer of the District shall encourage, permit, condone or tolerate any hazing and/or bullying activities. No

students, including leaders of student organizations, are permitted to plan, encourage or engage in any hazing and/or bullying.

Administrators, teachers, and all other District employees and volunteers are particularly alert to possible conditions, circumstances or events that might include hazing, bullying and/or dating violence. If any of the prohibited behaviors are planned or discovered, involved students are informed by the discovering District employee of the prohibition contained in this policy and are required to end all such activities immediately. All hazing, bullying and/or dating violence incidents are reported immediately to the Superintendent/designee and appropriate discipline is administered.

Any student who believes that s/he has been or is the victim of hazing and/or bullying should immediately report the situation to the appropriate building principal or his/her designee. The student may also report concerns to a teacher, counselor, or other school employee. Such reports may be made anonymously. Any school employee who is aware of an incident prohibited by this policy shall document the report (i.e., put the allegations in writing) and provide the documentation to the building principal or his/her designee for investigation. If the building principal or his/her designee receives any report of an incident prohibited by this policy that is not a written report, the principal/designee shall ensure that the report is documented in writing.

If the investigation finds an instance of hazing and/or bullying has occurred, it will result in appropriate remedial and/or disciplinary action. Students found responsible for hazing or bullying, including those students responsible for bullying by an electronic act, may be subject to discipline for their misconduct, including suspension and/or expulsion pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials if appropriate. The complainant shall be notified of the findings of the investigation, and as appropriate, that remedial action has been taken.

The building principal or his/her designee shall also implement appropriate strategies to protect the victim or other person from new or additional hazing and/or bullying and from retaliation following a report. Strategies to protect these individuals include, but are not limited to, the opportunity to report an incident anonymously, discipline pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct of students who violate this policy, monitoring or counseling by school personnel, or other appropriate action as determined by the building principal or his/her designee.

In implementing this policy, the District will not infringe a student's rights under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

To the extent permitted by state and federal law, including R.C. § 3319.321 and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, the custodial parent or guardian of any student involved in an incident of hazing and/or bullying will have access to any written reports pertaining to the incident.

The Superintendent/designee must provide the Board President with a semiannual written report of all verified incidents of hazing and/or bullying and post the report on the District's web site to the extent permitted by student confidentiality laws including R.C. 3319.321 and FERPA.

The administration provides training on the District's hazing and bullying policy to District employees and volunteers who have direct contact with students, and such training will be included in the in-servrough words and/or gestures;

- A. extortion, damage or stealing of money and/or possessions;
- B. exclusion from the peer group or spreading rumors;
- C. repetitive and hostile behavior with the intent to harm others through the use of information and communication technologies and other web-based/online sites (also known as "cyber bullying"
- D. excluding others from an online group by falsely reporting them for inappropriate language to Internet service providers.

#### DISTRICT EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

Any District employee who witnesses acts of hazing and/or bullying shall promptly notify the building principal/designee of the event observed, and file a written incident report concerning the events witnessed.

Any District employee who receives reports of suspected hazing and/or bullying shall promptly notify the building principal/designee of such report(s). If the report is a formal, written complaint, the complaint is forwarded to the building principal/designee no later than the next school day. If the report is an informal complaint that is received by a District employee, he/she shall prepare a written report of the informal complaint that is forwarded to the building principal/designee no later than the next school day.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

#### A. Formal Complaints

Students, parents or guardians and school personnel may file reports regarding suspected hazing and/or bullying. The reports should be written. Such written reports must be reasonably specific including person(s) involved; number of times and places of the alleged conduct; the target of suspected harassment, intimidation, hazing, and/or bullying; and the names of any potential student or staff witnesses. Such reports may be filed with any District employee. They are to be promptly forwarded to the building principal/designee for review and action.

#### **B.** Informal Complaints

Students, parents or guardians and school personnel may make informal complaints of conduct that they consider to be hazing and/or bullying by verbal report to any District employee. Such informal complaints must be reasonably specific as to the actions giving rise to the suspicion of hazing and/or bullying, including person(s) involved, number of

times and places of the alleged conduct, the target of the prohibited behavior(s), and the names of any potential student or staff witness. The District employee who receives the informal complaint shall promptly document the complaint in writing, including the above information. This written report shall be promptly forwarded to the building principal/designee for review and action.

#### C. Anonymous Complaints

Students, parents or guardians and school personnel who make informal complaints as set forth above may request that their name be maintained in confidence by the District employee who receives the complaint. The anonymous complaint should be reviewed and reasonable action is taken to address the situation, to the extent such action (1) does not disclose the source of the complaint, and (2) is consistent with the due process rights of the student(s) alleged to have committed acts of hazing and/or bullying.

#### **INTERVENTION STRATEGIES**

#### A. Teachers and Other School Staff

In addition to addressing both informal and formal complaints, school personnel are encouraged to address the issue of hazing and/or bullying in other interactions with students.

School personnel may find opportunities to educate students about hazing and/or bullying and help eliminate such prohibited behaviors through class discussions, counseling and reinforcement of socially appropriate behavior. School personnel should intervene promptly whenever they observe student conduct that has the purpose or effect of ridiculing, humiliating or intimidating another student/school personnel, even if such conduct does not meet the formal definition of hazing and/or bullying.

#### **B.** Administrator Responsibilities

#### C. Investigation

The building principal, assistant principal or his/her designee shall be notified of any complaint of suspected hazing and/or bullying. Under the direction of the building principal/designee, all such complaints are investigated promptly. A written report of the investigation will be prepared when the investigation is complete. The report includes findings of fact, a determination of whether acts of hazing and/or bullying were verified, and when prohibited acts are verified, a recommendation for intervention, including disciplinary action, shall be included in the report. Where appropriate, written witness statements are attached to the report.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, when a student, parent, guardian or school employee/volunteer making an informal complaint has requested anonymity, the investigation of such complaint may be limited as is appropriate in view of the anonymity of the complaint. Such limitation of the investigation may include restricting action to a simple review of the complaint (with or without discussing it with the alleged

perpetrator), subject to receipt of further information and/or the withdrawal by the complaining student of the condition that his/her report be anonymous.

#### D. **Nondisciplinary Interventions**

When verified acts of hazing and/or bullying are identified early and/or when such verified acts do not reasonably require a disciplinary response, students may be counseled as to the definition of the behavior, its prohibition and their duty to avoid any conduct that could be considered hazing and/or bullying.

If a complaint arises out of conflict between students or groups of students, peer mediation may be considered. Other nondisciplinary interventions to protect victims may include increased supervision of the offending student, increased communication between the District and the parents and guardians of all involved students, and increased follow-up with the victim to ensure that no further incidents of hazing and/or bullying have occurred.

#### **E. Disciplinary Interventions**

When acts of hazing and/or bullying are verified and a disciplinary response is warranted, students are subject to the full range of disciplinary consequences. Anonymous complaints that are not otherwise verified, however, cannot provide the basis for disciplinary action.

Allegations of criminal misconduct may be reported to law enforcement, and suspected child abuse shall be reported to Child Protective Services, per required statutes.

#### REPORT TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE PERPETRATOR

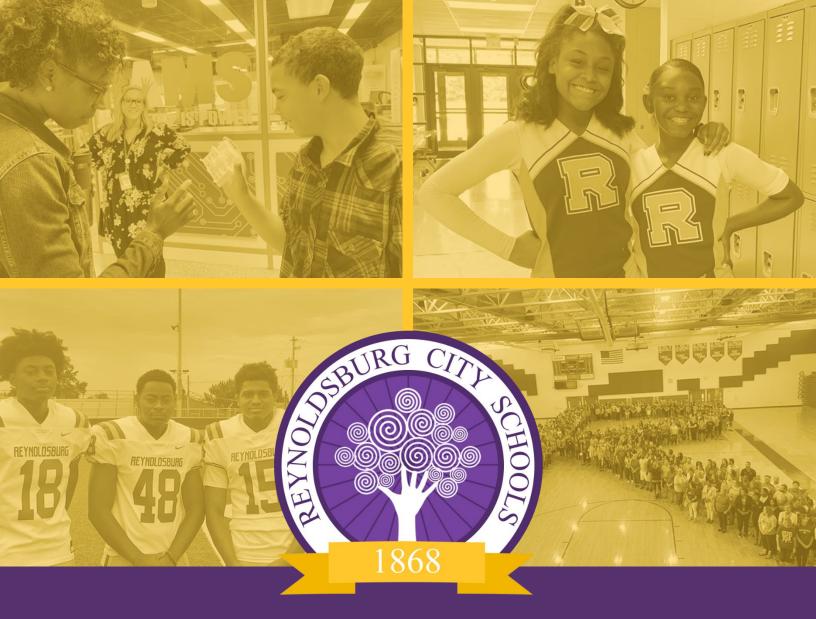
If, after investigation, acts of hazing and/or bullying by a specific student are verified, the building principal/designee notifies the parent or guardian of the perpetrator, in writing, of that finding. If disciplinary consequences are imposed against such student, a description of such discipline is included in such notification.

#### REPORTS TO THE VICTIM AND/OR HIS/HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN

If, after investigation, acts of hazing and/or bullying against a specific student are verified, the building principal/designee notifies the victim and/or the parent/guardian of the victim of the finding. In providing such notification, care must be taken to respect the statutory privacy rights of the perpetrator.

#### **COMPLAINT OPTIONS**

In addition to, or instead of, filing a complaint through this policy, a complainant may choose to exercise other options including, but not limited to, filing a complaint with outside agencies or filing a private lawsuit. Nothing prohibits a complainant from seeking redress under any other provision of the Ohio Revised Code or common law that may apply.



# Student Code of Conduct & Student Bill of Rights

#### **Reynoldsburg City Schools**

#### **Student Code of Conduct 2020-21**

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#### **Student Bill of Rights**

#### **PREAMBLE**

Every student has rights. A right is a freedom or protection that a person has. Rights define what is allowed of a person or owed to a person.

Your rights are part of you regardless of your age, race, creed, color, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religion, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, weight, sexual orientation, physical and/or emotional condition, disability, marital status, or political beliefs. Your rights belong to you and cannot be threatened or taken away.

The Reynoldsburg City Schools (RCS) Student Bill of Rights (SBOR) is a living document that spells out the rights that every student has and that everyone, including students themselves, should respect. This is a living document that can evolve with student sentiment, policy, and societal change. This can happen by talking about the SBOR, by putting it into everyday action, and through amendments over time by students, families, communities, teachers, and administrators.

The purpose of the SBOR is to clarify, protect, and promote students' basic rights. Sharing the SBOR is an expression of the dignity and value of all students.

The rights listed in the document come from many sources: existing local, state, and federal laws including, Reynoldsburg Board of Education policies, and examples of SBORs from other school districts. The RCS SBOR is also inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights <a href="https://www.un.org/en/udhrbook/pdf/udhr-booklet-en-web.pdf">https://www.un.org/en/udhrbook/pdf/udhr-booklet-en-web.pdf</a> which expresses the basic freedoms owed to all human beings. More information about the source of these rights can be found by clicking the blue hyperlinks, or following the sources at the end of the document.

RCS exists to provide free, accessible, high-quality public education. Protection and promotion of student rights are fundamental to safe and supportive school environments where education happens. These conditions are essential to student health and well-being and the key to learning.

Student rights are human rights.



Every student has a right to:

#### 1. FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

- A free public education that is complete and focused on the "whole child" so all students feel healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. This education must also meet federal standards, like the Every Student Succeeds Act.
- High-quality, rigorous curriculum that prepares students for success in college, career, and civic life, and inspires students to think critically and contribute high-quality work.
  - This curriculum should address academic and social-emotional learning opportunities for all students, including diverse learners, English learners, and advanced learners.
- A written copy of the RCS Student Code of Conduct.
- Information about graduation requirements and electives, including courses, examinations, grading rules, and information on assistance to meet requirements.
- Information about how to enroll in special programs or courses such as career and Technical Education (CTE) programs; and honors, AP, and IB courses.
- Instruction from teachers that have been trained to deliver and explain rigorous content appropriate for the grade level and subject.
- Regular updates, formal and informal, about their learning progress and promotion.
- Regular access to a school counselor in order to get confidential personal, social, educational, behavioral, and career advice and resources.
- Expect involvement in decision-making about how schools work by participating in the Student Advisory Council (SAC), Student Voice Committee, student council, or other school/community-based organization.
- Special protection for diverse learners such as, students who have or are in the process
  of obtaining an Individualized Education Program (IEP). This is covered by a federal law
  called the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

#### 2. SPEAK, ADVOCATE, ORGANIZE AND PARTICIPATE

 Meet and communicate with others peacefully; to speak freely, share ideas and opinions, and protest in ways that do not interfere with school programs or rules. This may happen through social media as well as physical or electronic/digital circulation of information such as newspapers, literature, leaflets, or petitions on school property and in accordance with school cell phone policy.

- Advocate for yourself, your peers, your school, and your community. This includes, but is
  not limited to: making recommendations for courses, clubs, and activities that will enrich
  your school community; engaging in civic discourse about topics and issues that impact
  your community; informing or evaluating school policy; having access to the information
  you need in order to improve for the health and wellness of your school.
- Serve on or participate in meetings held by Student Voice Committees, Student Government, Student Advisory Councils, Local School Councils as well as other activities, clubs, and organizations including social and educational clubs; political, religious, and philosophical groups; or teams available at their school without discrimination.
- Wear what they choose within District dress code guidelines. Depending on the school's
  dress code, this includes accessories with political or religious messages that are not
  disruptive, unsafe, or blatantly offensive to others.



## 3. HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND PERSONAL CARE

- Access to health care and protection from preventable illnesses
  - o In Ohio, children age 14 and over can give their own permission (consent) to receive specific health services (including sexual health services and mental health care). This means a parent or guardian does not have to be notified in order for a student to get this care. Also, for students who have public health insurance (called Medicaid), no bill/explanation of the care can be sent to the parent or guardian.
- Healthcare providers in Ohio are "mandated reporters". This means that if a student
  under the age of 18 discloses information indicating that they are being abused, may be
  in harm or are planning to harm themselves, the provider must notify the student's
  parent/guardian and/or proper authorities.

- Access to free menstrual hygiene products in all high school bathrooms and elementary/middle school bathrooms for students in grades 6-12.
- Information about school-based screening and exams for health (medical, dental, hearing, vision), thinking and learning, and language issues. This information should be delivered promptly and in ways that families can understand.
- Access to available school-based health centers and mobile care providers ("health vans") if parents give permission (consent).
- Healthy school meals that meet local, state, and federal nutrition requirements; This is in keeping with the USDA Community Eligibility Provision.

## 4. FAIR CONSEQUENCES

- Freedom to ask about restorative justice, a system that focuses on ways to repair any harm that happens as a result of a conflict, and provides pathways to address healing within a community.
- Freedom to receive help after suspension, and to make up work missed because of a suspension.
- Information about their own reported misbehavior with both a verbal and written notification at the time of being disciplined and be provided with an opportunity to respond.
- A clear understanding that-consequences must not be cruel or humiliating, and to know how and why any consequence is being used.
- Be provided information about how to appeal (ask for reconsideration of) any school decision about consequences before an incident occurs.
- Freedom from physical (corporal) punishment, verbal abuse, unfair searches (meaning without cause or reason), or any unusual form of punishment. District employees should not inflict any type of corporal punishment on any student.



- Treatment with courtesy and respect by all district staff regardless of actual or perceived age, race, creed, color, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religion, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, weight, sexual orientation, physical and/or emotional condition, disability, marital status, or political beliefs.
- Students may file a report if they feel they are being discriminated against at their school, with the school and network administration, Title IX, or with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.
- If a student is being sexually harassed or is being bullied because of their gender identity or orientation, call or text Ohio Safer Schools Tip Line at 844-SaferOH (844-723-3764). If it is an emergency, call 911.



- RCS counselors are "mandated reporters". This means that if a student under the age of 18 discloses information indicating that they are being abused, may be in harm, or may be planning to harm themselves, the counselor must notify the student's parent/guardian and/or proper authorities. All RCS employees must take additional steps to report signs of student abuse including calling the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.
- Feel mentally and physically safe and secure in school, and to report any incident that
  makes them feel unsafe or insecure, including sexual assault, inappropriate remarks,
  grooming, groping, inappropriate behavior, verbal assault, bullying, or any other type of
  harassment.
  - Students also have the right to receive regular updates about actions taken in response to their report of not feeling safe.
- A safe school building and clean facilities including bathrooms, classrooms, gyms,



hallways, and cafeterias.

- Protection of privacy covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This means no one has the right to interfere in students' or families' private lives or to look at or expose their private information without permission.
- Protection under Title IX, a federal law that requires schools to prevent, recognize, and respond to sexual violence, sexual harassment, and discrimination on the basis of sex and/or gender. Under this law:
  - Students are guaranteed freedom from sexual harassment and/or sexual violence.
  - Students are guaranteed the freedom to report an incident to school or police (and to receive a prompt and fair answer).
  - If a student is experiencing gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, or other sexual misconduct they can file a report with the school principal. If it is an emergency, call 911. RCS employees must take additional steps to report signs of student abuse including calling the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

- For students that are pregnant or parenting:
  - Guaranteed freedom to continue to attend classes and extracurricular activities while pregnant.
  - Guaranteed freedom to receive excused absences due to pregnancy or childbirth (with a doctor's note).
  - District staff should not coerce students into attending another school due to pregnancy.

#### INTRODUCTION

#### **PURPOSE**

The Reynoldsburg City Schools' Student Code of Conduct (SCC) supports our schools in maintaining safe, nurturing, participatory and productive learning environments. In order to maximize learning time and promote positive behaviors, every school must establish multi-tiered systems of support for students' social, emotional and behavioral needs. This includes developing clear expectations, teaching social-emotional competencies, and fostering positive relationships



among all members of the school community. Reynoldsburg City Schools is committed to an instructive, corrective, and restorative approach to behavior. If behavior incidents arise that threaten student and staff safety or severely disrupt the educational process, the response should minimize the impact of the incident, repair harm, and address the underlying needs behind student behaviors. In accordance with the SCC, all disciplinary responses must be applied respectfully, fairly, consistently, and protect students' rights to instructional time whenever possible.

A safe, welcoming, and productive school requires the support of all staff, students, and families.

## RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## Student Rights

- To receive a free high-quality public education
- To be safe at school
- To be treated fairly, courteously, and respectfully
- To bring complaints or concerns to the school principal or staff for resolution
- To tell his/her side of the story before receiving a consequence
- To be told the reason(s) for any disciplinary action verbally and in writing
- To be given information about appealing disciplinary actions
- To express opinions, support causes, assemble to discuss issues, and engage in peaceful and responsible demonstrations

## Student Responsibilities

- To read and become familiar with this policy
- To attend school daily, prepare for class, and complete class and homework assignments to the best of his/her ability
- To know and follow school rules and instructions given by the school principal, teachers, and other staff
- To tell school staff about any dangerous behavior or bullying that occurs at school, on the way to and from school, or in the school community
- To bring to school only those materials that are allowed
- To treat everyone in the school community with respect
- To respect school property, community property, and the property of others

## Parent/Guardian Rights

- To be actively involved in their child's education
- To be treated fairly and respectfully by the school principal, teachers, and other staff
- To access information about the Reynoldsburg Board of Education (Board) policies and procedures
- To be notified promptly if their child is disciplined for inappropriate or disruptive behavior and informed of the consequences assigned
- To appeal disciplinary actions taken
- To receive information about their child's academic and behavioral progress

## Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- To read and become familiar with this policy
- To make sure their child attends school regularly, on time, and to notify the school before the school day begins if their child is absent
- To give the school accurate and current contact information
- To tell school officials about any concerns or complaints respectfully and in a timely manner
- To work with the school principal, teachers, and other staff to address any academic or behavioral concerns regarding their child
- To talk with their child about the behavior expected in school
- To support their child's learning and school activities at home
- To be respectful and courteous to staff, other parents, guardians, and students
- To respect other students' privacy rights

#### School Staff Rights

- To work in a safe and orderly environment
- To be treated courteously and respectfully
- To bring complaints or concerns to school administration and District offices
- To receive supportive professional development and resources





School Staff Responsibilities

- To explicitly teach, re-teach and model clear behavioral expectations to all students
- To actively supervise all areas of the school building and use positive strategies to redirect behavior
- To provide engaging learning activities that minimize opportunities for disruption
- To intervene early and de-escalate inappropriate behaviors
- To identify and respond effectively to students' social, emotional, and/or behavioral health needs, including referring students for additional support when necessary
- To treat everyone in the school community fairly and with respect
- For administrators to review the circumstances surrounding each situation and exercise their discretion to assign interventions/consequences in the best interest of the school community
- Administrators to apply the SCC accurately, consistently, and in a nondiscriminatory manner, including providing students with opportunities to respond, notifying parent/guardians when disciplinary action is taken, and recording all disciplinary action in the District student information system

Superintendent or Designee Responsibilities

- To monitor the implementation of prevention strategies and the safety and security program in each school
- To systematically monitor and publish suspension, expulsion, and other disciplinary data disaggregated by race/ethnicity, sex, limited English proficiency, and disability
- To prepare recommendations for improving school discipline
- To create guidelines for effective school discipline
- To establish procedures for reciprocal reporting with the Reynoldsburg Police Department

## **Requirements and Guidelines**

#### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

The SCC applies to students at all times during the school day, while on school property, while traveling to and from school, at any school-related event, on any vehicle funded by RCS (such as a school bus), and while using the RCS network.

The SCC also applies to student behavior outside of school if: (1) a student engages in a Level 3 behavior, and (2) the behavior disrupts or may disrupt the educational process or orderly operation of the school. This includes seriously inappropriate behavior on social networking websites that disrupts or may disrupt the educational process or orderly operation of the school.

To address inappropriate behavior, school administrators must comply with the District Policy. At a minimum, a principal or his/her designee must:

1) Redirect to correct behavior. All adults should redirect students to correct inappropriate behavior and minimize the likelihood of the behavior escalating or recurring.

- 2) Intervene to minimize escalation, disruption, resolve conflict, and as necessary to keep students and staff safe. If a student has been injured, make every reasonable effort to immediately notify the parents/quardians.
- 3) Gather information by talking to all involved students, teachers, school staff, or others who witness the incident. When student misbehavior is reported to the school principal or designee, an investigation must begin no later than the next school day; however, if student safety is at risk, investigations must begin immediately.
  - a) If there is an allegation of sexual misconduct, including but not limited, sexual harassment, sexual bullying, sexual assault, dating violence, or discrimination related to sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, contact the Title IX Office.
  - b) If a search of the student, his/her locker, desk, or personal belongings needs to be conducted, follow the Board's Interrogation and Searches Policy. Identify factors that may have contributed to the incident and seek to understand the full context.
- 4) Analyze whether the student's alleged behavior falls within the SCC using the information gathered. If so, determine the Group level of disruption caused by the inappropriate behavior, identify the inappropriate behavior listed, and consider the range of possible interventions and consequences.
- 5) Discuss with the student and provide the opportunity to explain his/her perspective.
  - a) Inform the student of the inappropriate behavior s/he may have exhibited, the applicable SCC behavior category, and the range of possible interventions and consequences.
  - b) Ask the student to explain what happened from his/her perspective and reflect on his/her actions.
  - c) Seek to understand the root cause of the behavior, including trauma or unmet social, emotional or behavioral health needs.
  - d) Make reasonable efforts to contact the parents/guardians and discuss the incident with them before assigning interventions and consequences.
  - e) No student shall be sent home before the end of the school day unless the school has established contact with the student's parent/guardian and provided written notice of a suspension.
- Make a determination and consider the needs of all parties involved.
  - a) Determine whether it is more likely than not that the student engaged in the identified SCC inappropriate behavior and which intervention or consequence is most likely to address the cause of the behavior.
  - b) Identify the social, emotional, and/or safety needs of the affected student(s) and provide appropriate supports and follow up.
- 7) Assign interventions or consequences according to the SCC.
  - a) Identify the intervention(s) or consequence(s) most likely to address the cause of the behavior including social, emotional or trauma-related needs, repair harm, and prevent repeat behaviors.
  - b) The principal or designee has the final authority to assign interventions and consequences based on the best interest of the school community, including available school resources, and the needs and rights of all involved students in alignment with the SCC.

- c) Follow the special procedures contained in the Procedural Safeguards section for students with disabilities and students with Section 504 Plans.
- d) Avoid consequences that will remove the student from class or school, if possible. Use out-of-school suspensions only as a last resort in accordance with the suspension guidelines on page 11.
- e) Note that RCS does not support the use of zero tolerance policies i.e. policies that require school staff to suspend or expel students for certain behaviors except if required by law. This means out-of-school suspensions cannot be a minimum or required consequence unless required by law.
- f) If a student is suspended, the principal or his/her designee may choose to give the student a combination of out-of-school and skill-building in school suspension days. The out-of-school suspension must be served first and the combined total of out-of-school and in-school suspension days must not exceed the limits available for each Group level.
- g) School staff members must not use public disciplinary techniques and must respond to inappropriate student behavior as confidentially as possible.
- h) No restrictions may be placed on food options or recess activities as a behavior consequence. Silent group lunches are expressly prohibited.
- 8) Complete report in the District student information system for all inappropriate behaviors under the SCC. Hand-deliver to the parents/guardians or mail a copy of the misconduct report to the student's home address.
- 9) Inform parents/guardians of their right to appeal if they believe that the consequence is unwarranted or excessive.
  - a) The parents/guardians have the right to ask the principal to review the consequence assigned and to reconsider the decision.
  - b) If a student has received an out-of-school suspension or referred for an expulsion hearing, the parents/guardians may appeal by request to the District Hearing Officer. The District Hearing Officer will determine:
    - whether any factual errors were made in the principal's investigation,
    - whether the documentation of the student's behavior aligns to the recorded SCC behavior category,
    - whether prior interventions were attempted when appropriate,
    - whether the length of the suspension was commensurate with the student's inappropriate behavior, and
    - in the case of a request for an expulsion hearing, whether the request was appropriate.
    - The Hearing Officer or designee's decision shall be final. The term of a student's suspension or request for an expulsion hearing is not halted by the parents'/guardians' appeal.
- 10) Restore the student's participation in the school community.
  - a) If the student received an out-of-school suspension for three (3) or more days, the principal or designee must develop a plan to support the student's transition back into the school community, including strategies for preventing future behavior incidents, restoring relationships, and addressing the student's ongoing social, emotional, and academic needs, with input from the student and parents/guardians.

#### **SUSPENSION GUIDELINES**

Students in grades pre-kindergarten through third may NOT be assigned in-school or out-of-school suspensions, except as required by law. If a student in pre-kindergarten through third grade exhibits behavior that presents an imminent endangerment to the physical, emotional, or mental safety of specific students/staff, the Assistant Superintendent or designee may grant an exception and assign an emergency one-day in school or out-of-school suspension after the student's parent/guardian has been notified. During the suspension, the principal or designee must develop a plan addressing the safety of students/staff and including strategies for preventing future behavior incidents, restoring relationships, and addressing the student's ongoing social, emotional, and academic needs.

## Skill-Building In-School Suspension

A skill-building in-school suspension is the removal of a student from his/her regular educational schedule for more than 60 minutes of the school day to an alternative supervised setting inside the school building to engage in structured activities that develop academic, social, emotional, and/or behavioral skills.

A student in grades four through twelfth may be assigned a skill-building in-school suspension if:

- 1) Skill-building in-school suspension is listed as an available consequence for the SCC behavior category, and
- 2) The student was informed of the his/her reported misbehavior, provided an opportunity to respond, and reasonable efforts were made to contact the parents/guardians, and
- 3) A copy of the misconduct report (generated in the District student information system) was provided to the student's parents/guardians.

#### Out-of-School Suspension

An out-of-school suspension is the removal of the student from class attendance or school attendance. When a student is removed from school in response to an inappropriate behavior, the removal counts as the first day of an out-of-school suspension.

A student in grades four through twelfth may be assigned an out-of-school suspension if:

- 1) Out-of-school suspension is listed as an available consequence for the SCC behavior category, and
- 2) The principal or designee determines that the student's attendance at school presents an imminent endangerment to the physical, emotional, or mental safety of specific students/staff and this threat is documented in the District student information system, or
- 3) The principal or designee determines that the student's behavior has caused chronic or extreme interruption to other students' participation in school activities and prior interventions have been utilized and documented in the District student information system, and
- 4) The student was informed of his/her reported misbehavior, provided an opportunity to respond, and reasonable efforts were made to contact the parents/guardians, and
- 5) A copy of the misconduct report (generated in the District student information system) was provided to the student's parents/guardians.

A student serving out-of-school suspension is not allowed to come onto school property, participate in extracurricular activities, or attend school-sponsored events. A student may be considered trespassing if he or she comes onto school grounds while suspended out of school.

Out-of-school suspensions are excused absences. The principal must ensure that a student serving suspension is able to obtain homework, and upon the student's return, provided with the opportunity to make up any quizzes, tests, special projects, assignments, or final exams given during the period of suspension.

A student serving suspension must be allowed to take state assessments at school and may participate in test preparation activities with the Assistant Superintendent's approval. The student's attendance will still be marked as suspended.

The Assistant Superintendent must approve any other exception to the out-of-school suspension guidelines. If approved by the Superintendent's designee, a student suspended for more than three (3) days may be required to attend a District-sponsored program during the term of suspension.

## **POLICE NOTIFICATION GUIDELINES**

The District partners with the Reynoldsburg Police Department (RPD) in multiple ways in an effort to promote positive relationships among the community, schools, and peace officers. School Resource Officers (SROs) are members of RPD who serve the District within the school setting on a daily basis.

It may be necessary for school administrators to contact RPD in three situations: (1) at the direction of the District's Coordinator of Safety and Security or other District central office administrator, (2) to seek assistance with an emergency situation, or (3) to notify law enforcement of a criminal act. School administrators contact the Reynoldsburg Police Department (RPD) by notifying the building SRO or by calling the Department directly.

## Emergency

School administrators have the responsibility to call 9-1-1 in situations they determine to be emergencies.

In an emergency situation, administrators must make reasonable efforts to notify parents/guardians immediately after contacting RPD.

#### **Criminal Acts**

When a student engages in illegal activity, it may be necessary for school staff to report the act to RPD. In this situation, school officials contact RPD to report violations of the law. School officials must not contact RPD merely to request removal of a disruptive student from the school in a non-emergency situation.

In a non-emergency situation, administrators must make reasonable efforts to contact parents/guardians prior to contacting RPD.

## Sexual Misconduct

If school administrators are made aware of a criminal act of sexual misconduct that is in progress, they must contact RPD. When made aware of an allegation of sexual misconduct, including but not limited, sexual harassment, sexual bullying, sexual assault, dating violence, or discrimination related to sex, sexual orientation, gender, or gender expression, contact the Title IX Office to assist in assessing whether police notification is needed. Ohio mandatory reporter

obligations are separate from reporting to RPD and must always be followed; please consult the Policy on Child Abuse and Neglect if needed.

The inappropriate behaviors that are clear violations of criminal law are identified in the next section with an asterisk (\*) before the specific inappropriate behavior. The inappropriate behaviors that *may* be violations of criminal law are identified in the next section with a double asterisk (\*\*) before the specific inappropriate behavior.

School officials must assess the situation before determining whether or not to contact RPD to report a criminal act. School officials should consider factors including:

- Whether the student distributed or was in possession of illegal drugs, narcotics, controlled substances, or "look-alikes" of such substances. If so, RPD must be notified.
- Whether the student was in possession of a firearm. If so, RPD must be notified.
- The severity of the criminal violation and the degree of harm to the school community,
- Whether a person was physically injured as a result of the student's conduct,
- Whether the student presents an imminent danger to the health, safety, or welfare of others, and
- The student's age.

Once school staff members contact RPD, the responding police officers ultimately will determine whether or not to investigate, arrest, and/or take any other steps in response. School principals and staff do not have the authority to decide whether a student will be arrested. Moreover, responding police officers do not have the authority to decide whether a student will receive interventions or consequences at school. The school principal will use the SCC to determine the appropriate intervention(s) and/or consequence(s) to address a student's behavior.

#### Clear Violations of Criminal Law

\*Consider factors above prior to notifying RPD

- Knowingly or intentionally using the RCS network or information technology devices to spread viruses to the RCS network
- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Theft or possession of stolen property that costs more than \$150
- Gang activity or overt displays of gang affiliation
- Engaging in any other illegal behavior which interferes with the school's educational process, including attempt
- Persistent or severe acts of sexual harassment
- False activation of a fire alarm which causes a school facility to be evacuated or causes emergency services to be notified
- Battery, or aiding or abetting in the commission of a battery, which results in a physical injury
- Use of any computer, including social networking websites, or use of any information technology device to threaten, stalk, harass, bully or otherwise intimidate others, or hacking into the RCS network to access student records or other unauthorized information, and/or to otherwise circumvent the information security system
- Vandalism or criminal damage to property that costs more than \$500 or that is done to personal property belonging to any school personnel

- Participating in a mob action
- Use, possession, and/or concealment of a firearm/destructive device or other weapon or "look-alikes" of weapons, or use or intent to use any other object to inflict bodily harm
- Intentionally causing or attempting to cause all or a portion of the RCS network to become inoperable
- Arson
- Bomb threat
- Robbery
- Sale, distribution, or intent to sell or distribute alcohol, illegal drugs, narcotics, controlled substances, "look-alikes" or such substances, contraband, or any other substance used for the purpose of intoxication
- Sex acts, and attempted sex acts, that occur with or without the voluntary participation of one or more parties, that may involve the use of implicit or implied force
- Aggravated battery, or aiding and abetting in the commission of an aggravated battery
- Murder
- Attempted murder
- Kidnapping
- Theft or possession of stolen property that costs more than \$1,000

#### Possible Violations of Criminal Law

- \*\*Consider factors above prior to notifying RPD
  - Gambling
  - Forgery
  - False activation of a fire alarm that does not cause a school facility to be evacuated or does not cause emergency services to be notified
  - Extortion
  - Assault
  - Vandalism or criminal damage to property that costs less than \$500
  - Battery or aiding or abetting in the commission of a battery which does not result in a physical injury
  - Fighting more than two people and/or involves injury
  - Theft or possession of stolen property that costs less than \$150
  - Possession, use, sale, or distribution of fireworks
  - Trespassing on CPS property
  - Use of intimidation, credible threats of violence, coercion, or persistent severe bullying
  - Inappropriate sexual conduct
  - Use or possession of alcohol, drugs, controlled substances, "lookalikes" of such substances, contraband (including all vaporizer devices that contain substances for the purposes of intoxication or any unknown substances), or use of any other substance for the purpose of intoxication in or before school or a school-related function.



#### **DISCIPLINE POLICY**

All matters related to the Student Code of Conduct will be addressed with fairness and respect to all race, color, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) of every student.

In order to protect a student's right to an education, the State of Ohio has given the Board of Education the authority, by statute, to "make such rules and regulations as are necessary for its government and the government of its employees, pupils of its schools, and all other persons entering upon its school ground or premises."

Students will be expected to conduct themselves in such a way that the rights of others are not violated. Students will respect school authority, conform to school regulations, and accept directions from authorized school personnel. A student who fails to comply with established school rules or with any reasonable request made by school personnel on school property and/or at school related events will be dealt with according to approved student discipline regulations.

The building administrators are charged with the overall oversight and discipline of all students in his/her building. However, the primary responsibilities of management of students is in the hands of each teacher. Parents will also be informed of the conduct expected of students. Students are reminded that they are responsible for their actions toward school personnel and school property during all school-related activities and events, even when such activities occur off school grounds. Policies at RCS are designed to:

- 1. Protect the health, safety, and welfare of each student;
- 2. Prevent disruption of the educational process;
- 3. Maintain an atmosphere and climate conducive to learning; and
- 4. Protect the building and grounds from vandalism and destruction

The administration reserves the right to exercise flexibility and discretion when implementing the rules of the Student Code of Conduct in compliance with the Reynoldsburg Board of Education Policy. This also means the administration may develop appropriate rules and regulations as called for by various situations. In addition, the administration may, in severe or unusual cases, or in cases where it is in the best interest of the

student(s), elect to address students in ways other than stated specifically in the Student Code of Conduct. Note: any step found in the Code of Conduct may be waived at the administrator's discretion.

Students who choose not to report or to report on time, or who choose to complete lesser consequences, may have additional consequences assigned by the administration. Repeated violations of school rules and regulations are a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Consequences for the following behaviors may include a variety of options, such as notify parents, restrictions, in school suspension, notify police, assign the student 10 days out of school suspension, with a recommendation for expulsion.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS**

The following infractions constitute major violations. <u>Consequences will be issued at the discretion of the administrator.</u> This code of conduct is in effect while students are under the authority of school personnel and/or during all school-related activities and events, even when such activities occur off school grounds. The Code of Conduct applies to school buses, extracurricular events and to some alternative education programs. The Code of Conduct may also apply to off campus conduct that occurs outside of the school's educational activities or programs if such conduct or misbehavior endangers the health and safety of students within the district, adversely affects the educational process, is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on school district property, or creates a hostile, offensive or intimidating environment within the school. In addition, this Code of Conduct includes misconduct by a student that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a district official or employee or the property of an official or employee.

LEVEL 1

#### **R01** Academic Misconduct

A student shall not plagiarize (i.e. use another's thoughts, words or ideas as one's own). A student shall not provide work for another student's use or use unauthorized materials or devices. Academic Misconduct may result in no credit for an assignment as well as other consequences. No student shall act dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage on any academic assignment and/or assessment.

## **R02** Disruption of Class

A student shall not exhibit behavior that is deemed by the teacher or staff member in authority to be disruptive to the normal operation of the class. Such behavior includes violence, force, coercion, threat, excessive noise, passive resistance, or other disorderly conduct that causes or attempts to cause disruption or obstruction to the normal classroom operation.

## R03 Profanity/Abusive Language

A student shall not use profane, vulgar, abusive, obscene, or other words which under the circumstances are offensive by reasonable standards of the school District community or which disrupt normal school activities. Abuse of language directed at staff member or student will be treated more severely.

## **R04** Public Display of Affection

A student is prohibited from demonstrating physical or verbal actions which are considered by reasonable standard of the school District community to be inappropriate for the school environment. This includes, but is not limited to, kissing and hugging.

## **R05** Dress Code - RCS Board Policy

In order to promote school safety and provide a healthy and respectful educational environment, all students in grades kindergarten through twelve shall adhere to this dress code policy. The objective of this dress code is to provide an appropriate, safe and respectful educational environment while allowing students to dress comfortably, within limits, to facilitate learning. The District expects students to maintain the type of appearance that is not disruptive to the educational process of the schools. The final determination of a student's adherence to the dress code will be made by the school administration.

Parents/guardians share equal responsibility with their child for the student's adherence to the dress code policy. Administration and faculty, together, are responsible for enforcement of the dress code. The dress code is enforced at school and school functions which are not open to the public. The decision of the principal is final with regard to dress code violations.

When dress or grooming interferes with the cleanliness, health, welfare or safety of students, or when dress or grooming disrupts the educational process it is prohibited. Clothing must be worn as designed and appropriately sized.

As new trends in fashion or dress emerge or become out of date, the District reviews and revises the dress code to reflect the standards of the community.

Based on input received from principals, staff, and parents, the required dress code shall consist of the following clothing:

## DRESS CODE, GRADES K-12

- A. No clothing is permitted that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence or is offensive or degrading.
- B. No clothing associated with gangs.
- C. No clothing that exposes underwear or excessive skin, or is transparent or "see-through".
- D. Pants must be worn at the waist and should not show underwear.
- E. No clothing long enough to drag on the ground.
- F. No sunglasses unless prescribed in writing by a medical doctor for indoor wear.
- G. No chain wallets or chains that could be dangerous to persons or destructive to school property.
- H. No flip-flops, house shoes or slippers.
- I. No pajamas.



- J. No excessive holes, tears or rips that show skin or underwear.
- K. No low-cut, scoop or plunging necklines. All tops must meet bottoms. Torso cannot be exposed.
- L. Sweatshirts with hoods will only be permissible so long as hoods are not worn in the building.
- M. No coats, cold weather jackets, or blankets worn during the school day unless permission is granted.
- N. No head coverings except for religious or medical purposes.
- o. Shorts, capris, skorts, and dresses cannot be shorter than two (2) inches above the knee. No slits in skirts or dresses shall be higher than two (2) inches above the knee.

Other exceptions may be allowed **only** upon the **prior** approval of the administration.

#### **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

Students who violate this policy are subject to the following disciplinary actions:

- A. A warning is issued and the student's parents/guardians are required to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear.
- B. Repeated violations may result in other disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.
- C. Building administrators will make the final decision at the building level if a student's attire does not meet the requirements of this policy.

## **GRADES 5TH THROUGH 12TH ONLY**

## **SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION**

If students attend classes or activities at a different campus besides the one where they are enrolled, they must have a school-issued ID in their possession.

LEVEL 2

## **R06** Disruption of School/Persistent Disorderly/Repeated Violations

A student shall not exhibit behavior that is deemed by the teacher or staff member in authority to be disruptive to the normal operation of the school. Such behavior includes violence, force, coercion, threat, noise, passive resistance, inciting panic, reckless horseplay/buying/selling/trading property during the school day or other disorderly conduct that cause or attempts to cause disruption or obstruction to the normal school operation. A student shall not persist in inappropriate behavior or escalate to a point of danger to self or others.

#### **R07** Failure to Serve

A student shall not fail to report, report on time or serve the full duration of consequences.

## **R08** Forgery and Falsification

A student shall not falsely represent or attempt to falsely represent any information given to school official or pertinent to school activities or use the name or identity of another person.

## R09 Gambling

A student shall not play a game for money or other considerations. Gambling includes, but is not limited to casual betting, betting pools, organized sports betting, and any other form of wagering. Students who bet on an activity in which they are involved may also be banned from that activity.

## R10 Bullying, Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence

Bullying, harassment and intimidation is an intentional written, verbal, electronic or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student, more than once and the behavior both causes mental or physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student. The intentional act includes violence within a dating relationship. This behavior is prohibited on school property, at a school-sponsored activity, or may apply to off campus conduct that occurs outside of the school's educational activities or programs if such conduct creates a hostile, offensive or intimidating environment within the school. In the event of a one-time incident, administration shall determine and implement discipline to their discretion.

#### R11 Insubordination/Disrespect

A student shall comply with any reasonable instruction(s) of school staff/employees during any period of time when the student is under the authority of such school personnel (e.g., identification of student by name when requested).

## R12 Interference with an Investigation

A student shall not interfere with school personnel during an investigation or apprehension. This includes failing to tell the truth, serving as a "look-out" for a person(s) violating rules, destroying evidence or information, attempting to prevent the discipline or apprehension of another person, retaliating against any person, either directly or indirectly for filing a complaint or participating in the evaluation, or sharing information about ongoing or current investigations (to include via social media, text message or other electronic mediums).

#### R13 Loitering

A student shall not loiter in restrooms, hallways, or on school grounds during, or after the school day or during school activities. Students are not to be in any area of the building or ground without permission.

## R14 Misconduct at a School Sponsored Event

A student shall not behave inappropriately during a school sponsored event or activity. School sponsored field trips, excursions, athletic events or other activities are considered an integral part of the total school program and, as such, all school rules and student behavior codes apply to student participants and student spectators at these events. Misconduct at a school sponsored event or activity will result in disciplinary action.

## R15 Misconduct while Driving and Parking on Campus

A student shall not operate a vehicle or motor vehicle upon school grounds, parking lots, or within a school safety zone in a wanton or reckless manner. Students shall not ride on the exterior or on top of any vehicle or motor vehicle. Students shall obey all traffic laws, traffic control devices, parking signs, parking lot markings and speed limits. Parking privileges may be revoked and appropriate discipline will be issued.

# R16 Possession of Unauthorized Devices/Inappropriate Materials/ Personal Electronic Devices (Cell Phones)

A student shall not bring or possess unauthorized devices on school property, within a District owned building or on a school bus. These devices include items that interfere with the educational process and/or safety of the school community. The administration reserves the right to hold any unauthorized device, and release the item only to the student's parent/guardian. A student bringing an unauthorized device does so at his or her own risk. An unauthorized device includes, but is not limited to a lighter, matches, laser pointer, noise maker, whistle, air horn, speaker, toy, or any other item deemed inappropriate by the school administrators. **The school will not investigate lost or stolen unauthorized devices.** 

A student shall not possess, bring, transmit, conceal, sell, or offer to sell material which is considered by reasonable standards of the school community to be offensive, obscene, sexually explicit, gang related, violent, and/or pornographic. This includes possessing, obtaining or disseminating such material using personal electronic devices (including cell phones) while on school property, by means of school provided internet connectivity or via the usage of school computers, laptops, or other electronics in violation of the *Acceptable Use Policy*.

All technology, to include personally owned electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, tablets and similar devices) brought into the schools must only be used to support education and research and be consistent with the objectives of the district. All personal electronic devices must be turned off, kept secured, and out of sight during the school day. A student shall not use a personal electronic device during instructional time unless expressly permitted while under the supervision and direction of school staff. A student shall not use a personal electronic device on school property that would violate the district's *Computer and Technology Acceptable Use Policy*.

Students are prohibited from using a personal electronic device to violate, or coordinate a violation of any other provision within the student code of conduct.

Students shall not utilize a personal electronic device to videotape, record, and photograph or otherwise capture images of any person or school property without the prior expressed consent of a school official. This includes all use of a camera or camera phone on school property to record students, staff, or other occupants of the building. The recording of any disturbance, fight, or other code of conduct violation is strictly prohibited.

Students are also prohibited from creating, possessing, capturing, transmitting, displaying or sharing with other students any material or information which is considered by reasonable standards of the school community to be offensive, threatening, insulting, humiliating, embarrassing, obscene, sexually explicit, gang related, violent, and/or pornographic.

A student using a device which violates this code is subject to disciplinary actions. The device being used may be confiscated at the discretion of the staff member and returned to a parent or guardian.

The school is not responsible for and will not investigate lost or stolen personal electronic devices.

#### R17 Tobacco

A student shall not smoke, use, possess or distribute tobacco or tobacco products on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities. A tobacco product is any product that is made from tobacco, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco or snuff. A cigarette includes clove cigarettes and hand-rolled cigarettes. Tobacco-related products, such as electronic cigarettes, vapor pens, electronic cigarette liquid (whether it contains nicotine or not), any electronic cigarette component, matches and lighters, are also prohibited.

## R18 Theft

A student shall not take, receive, nor attempt to take or receive into his or her possession property of the school District or property of another student, teacher, visitor, or employee of the school District without privilege to do so. The school will make a reasonable effort to recover or obtain restitution, but is not held responsible for stolen items.

## R19 Threatening Behavior

A student shall not engage in any behavior, make verbal, nonverbal or other forms of communications or gestures that would be considered by reasonable standards of the school community, including staff or students, to be threatening, harmful, or likely to provoke a violent response. No student shall threaten harm to persons or property or act in a turbulent or offensive manner. This includes engaging in conduct designed to urge or incite another to commit any act of violence.

#### R20 Vandalism

A student shall not knowingly or with reckless disregard cause or attempt to cause damage to or deface school property or private, personal property including, but not limited to buildings, grounds, equipment, materials, computers or other technology. In accordance

with state law, parent(s) may be liable for payment for the cost to repair or replace any such property damage caused by the acts of their children.

## R21 Trespassing/Aiding in Trespassing and Skipping/Leave School Grounds

A student shall not leave school grounds, enter school property before, during or after school hours without express permission of an appropriate school official. A student shall not aide another person in trespassing, including opening or propping a door for entrance to the building, transporting a student for the purpose of trespassing, or being a "look out" for students who are attempting to trespass or skip class.

## R22 Hate Speech

A student shall not use derogatory verbal, written, or symbol communication regarding race, sexual orientation or religious beliefs that would be considered by reasonable standards of the school community, including staff or students, to be threatening, harmful, or likely to provoke a violent response.

## R23 Social Media Use

Students shall not commit a harmful or aggressive electronic act toward another student or staff member, including the use of social media platform. An electronic act encompasses the use of a cellular telephone, computer, pager, personal communication device, or other electronic communication device.

LEVEL 3

## R24 Assault/Bodily Injury

A student shall not knowingly or with reckless disregard cause serious physical harm, or threaten to cause physical harm, to any person. The term "bodily injury" means— (A) a cut, abrasion, bruise, burn, or disfigurement; (B) physical pain; (C) illness; (D) impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty; or (E) any other injury to the body, no matter how temporary.

#### R25 Serious Bodily Injury

A student shall not cause serious bodily injury to oneself or others. Serious bodily injury is defined as "A bodily injury that involves substantial risk of death; extreme physical pain; protracted and obvious disfigurement; or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ or faculty" (18 U.S.C. Section 1365(h)).

## **R26** Dangerous Weapons

A. Dangerous Weapon other than a firearm, explosive, incendiary or poison gas. A student shall not use, possess, sell, negotiate, broker, or distribute a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, which is used for, or is readily capable of causing death or serious bodily injury on school property, school sponsored activities, or by utilizing social media. Dangerous weapons include, but are not limited to knives, swords, razors,

needles, metal knuckles, martial arts devices or other dangerous instruments which could be mistakenly identified or used as a dangerous weapon.

- B. **Firearms**. A student shall not use, design, produce, handle, transmit, transport, sell, negotiate, broker, conceal, distribute or possess any firearm, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm ammunition, holster, or firearm silencer; on school property, school sponsored activities, or by utilizing social media which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosion, compressed air, spring or other mechanical means. This includes but is not limited to, zip guns, starter guns and flare guns. This also includes any "look-alike" firearm, pellet gun, BB gun, or other object which could be mistakenly identified as a firearm.
- C. Explosive, Incendiary, or Poison Gas. A student shall not use, possess, sell, negotiate, broker, or distribute any destructive device on school property, school sponsored activities, or by utilizing social media, which would include a bomb, a grenade, an improvised explosive device of any kind, a rocket having a propellant charge, or a missile having an explosive or incendiary charge. This includes any weapon that will, or that may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant.
- D. Other Weapons (to include less than lethal). A student shall not use, possess, sell, negotiate, broker, or distribute any weapon designed to cause pain, harm or injury on school property, school sponsored activities, or by utilizing social media. These weapons include, but are not limited to, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, pepper spray, mace, pocket chains, Tasers or other electronic control weapons (ECW) or electronic control devices (ECD), whips, sharp objects, or other objects fashioned for use as a weapon.

## R27 Drugs

Student will not knowingly use, possess, sell, conceal, negotiate or broker to distribute or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, betel nut, steroid, controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, lookalike drug, or intoxicant of any kind while on school grounds during, before, or after school hours, off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event, or on school buses or rented carriers.

- A. Suspected Use
- B. Possession or having control, use of, or evidence of use.
- C. Prescription Drugs and Over the Counter Drugs.

Students who must take either prescription or non-prescription medication during school hours must have parental permission on file in the clinic and the medication must be kept in the clinic unless the requirements for self-possession of emergency medication are followed. Medication cannot be brought to school, taken, or administered except in compliance with these guidelines and board policy. No student shall have possession of, sell, conceal, negotiate, or broker to distribute or be under the influence of any prescription drug or over the counter drug of any kind while on school

grounds during, before, or after school hours, off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event, or on school buses or rented carriers.

## R28 Fighting

A student shall not strike, push or fight with another person. This includes mutual participation in an incident involving physical violence, regardless of who initiated the incident. An individual whose deliberate behavior directly leads to a fight between other parties shall be considered a participant, and may receive consequences as a result of their actions.

## R29 Hazing/Extortion

Hazing is defined as doing any act of coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. Hazing by any means or method is prohibited. A student shall not use force or intimidation to obtain anything (e.g. privileges, property, and money) from another person.

## R30 Sexual Misconduct

A range of sexual contact that includes pinching, grabbing, suggestive comments or jokes, welcome or unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other physical or verbal communication of a sexual nature that is sufficiently severe, persistent and pervasive and pervasive that it creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment.

#### R31 Arson

No student, by means of fire or explosion, shall cause or create a risk of physical harm or damage to any school or privately property. No student shall cause a fire or attempt to cause a fire on school property or at school sponsored activities, unless expressly permitted and supervised during the course of classroom instruction or experimentation.

#### R32 Alcohol

Students will not knowingly use, possess, sell, conceal, negotiate, or broker to distribute or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind while on school grounds during, before, or after school hours, off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event, or on school buses or rented carriers.

## R33 False Alarms/Bomb Threats/Tampering with Emergency Equipment

A student shall not destroy, damage, tamper with, remove or deploy any fire safety equipment, automated electronic defibrillator or other device that's intended use is for or during an emergency situation. No student shall cause the evacuation of any school building or related property, or otherwise cause panic, alarm or inconvenience by means of a false alarm, threat, false activation of a fire alarm or by circulating any information, verbal or written, to indicate any emergency or danger exists or has the potential to exist when it is known, or the person has reason to know that the information or alarm is false.

## R34 Gang Related Behavior

A student shall not wear, carry or display gang paraphernalia; exhibit behavior verbally or by action, which symbolizes gang affiliation; or cause and/or participate in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student. A student shall not be involved in initiations, hazing, intimidations and/or gang related activities of group affiliations which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, and/or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm.

#### **Bus Behavior Protocol**

Bus suspension periods will be commensurate with the infraction(s) committed as determined by the Superintendent or designated District personnel. The following progressive response parameters will be followed when students fail to follow bus rules. These measures will be implemented upon violation of the District's Student Code of Conduct, incidents of disorderly conduct, or failure to follow directives and guidance of the bus driver. Infractions will be documented by the bus driver via an *Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report*. Consequences may be adjusted at the discretion of the Administrator.

## **MINOR**

First Minor	Written warning and a copy of the <i>Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus</i>			
Offense	Report sent to the parents or guardians by the Transportation Department.			
Second Minor	Written warning and a copy of the Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus			
Offense	Report sent to the parents or guardians and the school by the			
	Transportation Department.			
Third Minor	Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report sent to the school and a			
Offense	meeting with the parent or guardian is held by the Principal or designee.			
Fourth Minor	May result in a loss of all riding privileges up to 3 days. A copy of the			
Offense	Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report sent to the school by the			
	Transportation Department.			
Fifth Minor	May result in a loss of all riding privileges up to 5 days. A copy of the			
Offense	Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report sent to the school by the			
	Transportation Department.			
Sixth Minor	May result in a loss of all riding privileges for 10 days. A copy of the			
Offense	Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report sent to the school by the			
	Transportation Department.			
Seventh Minor	May result in a loss of all riding privileges for the remainder of the school			
Offense	year. A copy of the Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report sent to			
	the school by the Transportation Department.			

## **MAJOR**

First Major	May result in a loss of all riding privileges up to 3 days. A copy of the		
Offense	Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report sent to the school by the		
	Transportation Department.		
Second Major	May result in a loss of all riding privileges up to 5 days. A copy of the		
Offense	Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report sent to the school by the		
	Transportation Department.		
Third Major	May result in a loss of all riding privileges for 10 days. A copy of the		
Offense	Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report sent to the school by the		
	Transportation Department.		
Fourth Major	May result in a loss of all riding privileges for the remainder of the school		
Offense	year. A copy of the Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus Report sent to		
	the school by the Transportation Department.		

Any major offense may result in an immediate suspension or loss of riding privileges for the remainder of the year.

Student Signature	Date
Student Code of Conduct ("SCC") for the Re	eynoldsburg City Schools. I am aware of my rights rmore, I understand that inappropriate student
I	(print student's name) have received and read the
Student Agreement	
Student Code of Conduct	
Reynoldsburg City Schools	
Acknowledgement of Receipt of the Studen	t Code of Conduct



Parent/Guardian Agreement	
Dear Parent or Guardian:	
Reynoldsburg City Schools believes that you should be informed regarding our efform and maintain a safe secure learning environment for all students. Please read the S sign the document below to acknowledge your receipt and understanding of the SCC	CC and
I am the parent or guardian of the above named student. I have received and read the understand that by signing this document, I agree to support and promote the goals and make every effort to work with the school in resolving all disciplinary matters.	
Parent/Guardian Signature Date	





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