



Grade Level Assembly 2021

Sugar Land Middle School

Mission Statement

Working **collaboratively**, the Sugar Land Middle School Professional Learning Community will commit to **creating a safe environment** with **high expectations** leading to **physical, social, emotional and academic success** for ALL TITANS.

Purpose of Today's Assembly

- Learn about and understand how all of us—students and adults—can have the best experience this year
- Ensure that everyone hears the same message
- To learn what it means to be a **TITAN**

Administrative Team



**Keith Fickel,
Principal**



**Monika Martin,
Associate Principal
6th Grade**



**Dr. Dawn Rogers,
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7th Grade**



**Luster Goodwin,
Assistant Principal
8th Grade**



**Becky White,
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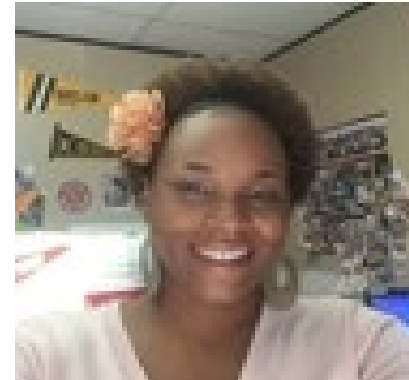
Counseling Team



Eleni Smith

Lead Counselor, 7th grade

Nafecia Brinson
6th grade Counselor



Kim Seright

8th grade Counselor

Carmen Brantley
Counselor's Clerk



11 Things that Require **ZERO** Talent in Life

- 1. Show up early/be on time**
- 2. Watch your body language (look up; lean in; don't cross your arms)**
- 3. Demonstrate a rigorous work ethic**
- 4. Take initiative on projects and assignments**
- 5. Display energy and passion**
- 6. Speak clearly and confidently**
- 7. Choose an optimistic attitude**
- 8. Ask others how you may help them (Servant Leader)**
- 9. Remain teachable (Life Long Learner)**
- 10. Do a little extra**
- 11. Smile and act friendly**

A **Fort Bend ISD** Graduate has a rigorous academic foundation, strong character, and is...

Equipped with skills for life

A servant leader

*An effective
communicator*

A critical thinker

A compassionate citizen

A collaborative team member

A life-long learner

Dealing with Challenging Situations (and People)

- People might do things you don't like
- People might say things you don't like
- YOU might do things that others don't like
- YOU might say things that others don't like
- It's okay to disagree—just have to be careful about how
- It's okay to offer an apology—be specific
- ***Treat others the way you want to be treated***

What is a Titan?

In Greek Mythology, Titans were Greek gods that ruled the world before the Olympians.

A Titan is a person of very great strength, intellect, or importance.

A Titan is one who stands out for greatness of achievement.





The TITAN Way



TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT

INVEST IN YOURSELF

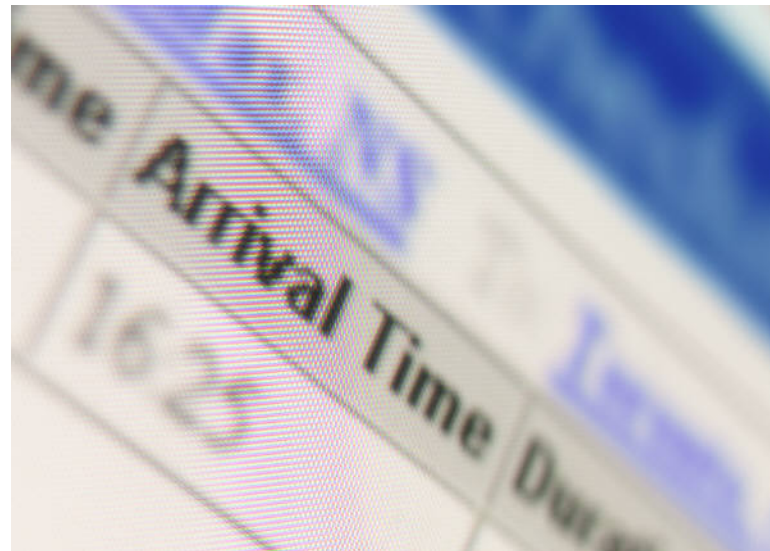
TALK WITH INSIDE VOICES

ALWAYS PUT SAFETY FIRST

NEVER GIVE LESS THAN YOUR BEST!

Arrival Expectations

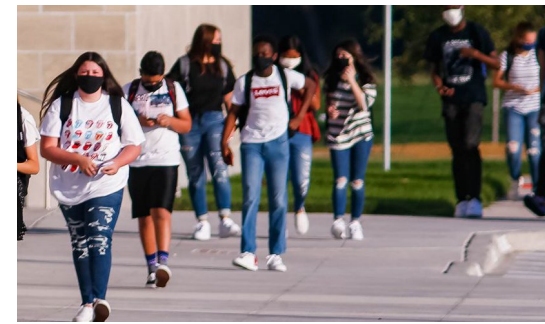
- Doors open at **8:20 a.m.**
- If you arrive before 8:20 a.m., you must wait in the courtyard or the front of the school.





You are not allowed to leave campus
once you arrive.

Entering the Building



- Students arriving on buses will enter through the Gym Doors
 - **Students will follow the instructions of the adult(s) in the area.**
- Students arriving by car, bike, or walking will enter through the front door
 - They will walk down the 108-112 hallway to the Commons
 - **Students will follow the instructions of the adult(s) in the area.**
- If students are not getting breakfast or going to tutorials they will report directly to their Grade Level Area.
 - 6th grade students will be seated in the Commons
 - 7th grade students will be seated in the Girls' Gym (boys and girls on separate sides)
 - 8th grade students will be seated in the Boys' Gym

Take care of restroom needs prior to going to your grade level area

Once You Get to Your Grade Level Area

- Cell phones must be in your backpack and on silent ; NO Headphones/earbuds
- You may talk quietly to those around you.
- Once you are seated you may not get up until you are dismissed to go to class; No moving seats
- No library
- No restroom (unless given permission)

Breakfast Expectations



- Model the **TITAN Way**
- 6th Grade students will be seated at Table 1
- 7th and 8th Grade students will be seated at Table 11
- Students who plan to eat breakfast may not be seated until they have their breakfast (keep your belongings with you as you go through the line)
- All students will fill in seat-by-seat, no empty spaces, no saving seats
- Do not plan to sit at the breakfast table until dismissal. First in first out as seats fill up
- Students should finish their breakfast in a timely manner and report to their respective Grade Level Areas as directed by duty staff
- Upon dismissal, **students are to pick-up all trash and dishes and properly put them away**
- **Students must all go down the main 300 hallway once they have been dismissed from their grade level area**

Lunch Expectations



- Model the **TITAN Way**
- Enter quietly and move immediately to your seat
- When an adult signals you to be silent, do so **immediately**.
- You will be dismissed by table to the lunch lines
- Stand and wait in line respectfully and maintain your social distance
- Use inside voice tones, keep hands, feet and belongings to self.
- Once seated, you may not get up without permission from an adult
- You are to sit facing your table; do not turn around to face the table behind you
- Upon dismissal, **students are to do a final in check their area for trash**
- At some point, “clean up crew” may be re-instituted

Cafeteria Expectations

- Raise your hand if you need assistance (additional napkins, paper towels, fill water bottles, restroom, etc.)
- Keep your area clean by disposing of trash properly. **You will wait until an adult comes to dismiss your table to throw trash away**
- **Do not take any food or drink items out of the cafeteria** (only water may leave if in containers that can be closed/sealed.)
- No electronics during lunch



Morning Tutorials



- Morning tutorials will be available Monday through Friday from 8:20-8:45. Students must have a pass from a teacher or a note in their planner from a teacher or parent to attend morning tutorials. Students should consult with their teachers for tutorial schedules.
- Computer lab usage will be in the library – same pass procedures apply as above
- Morning tutorials are designed to offer assistance with homework, projects and to re-teach concepts
- Students **must remain in morning tutorials** until dismissed to go to first period.
- Students are expected to use this time for academic help and work and for re-teaching and retesting

Band & Orchestra Rooms Before School



- Students **must** have a pass to enter in the morning, an instrument case is **NOT A PASS**
- Students may not drop off their instrument until they are dismissed, it goes with them to breakfast, tutorials and their grade level area
- If they are in the Band Hall or Orchestra Room, they are practicing, not hanging out.
- No pass, no entry!



Locker Rooms

- Students are not allowed to go to the locker rooms before school for any reason.
- Once they have been dismissed from their Grade Level Area, they may visit their gym lockers.





Electives and PE

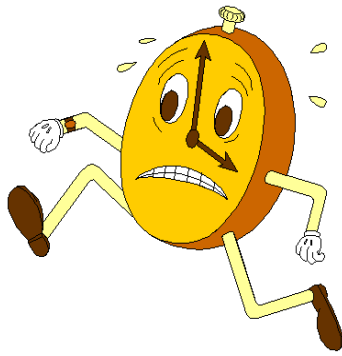


- Passes will not be given or accepted to go to the gym, Kickstart or elective class during the day
- As with other classes, if a teacher needs a student they will issue a pass and communicate with other teachers involved ahead of time
- Teachers will send an email in advance if a student needs to remain in their class into another period –this will be done sparingly

Hallway Procedures



- Students must comply with requests from any teacher, staff member or administrator. **All** staff members will be respected at all times
- Please refrain from disturbing any class (such as knocking on the door, hitting the walls, opening the door to other classrooms, being excessively loud, etc.)
- **Walk** on the **right** side of the hallway and stairs; take wide left-turns!
- Keep your voice at a reasonable volume (no yelling).
- Students may not be in Grade Level Areas other than their own.
- Students must have a hall pass, signed by their teacher, when they are away from their class for any reason
- Teachers will maintain a **tardy log** and **student sign out sheet** in their classrooms. It is the student's responsibility to fill out the departure, arrival and destination.



Tardies

- Start of year grace period (don't panic!)
 - Counting tardies will begin ~2 weeks after school begins, to allow practice of schedule and passing period routines
- Not cumulative across class periods
- Tardy count restarts each semester



Consequences

1st

Warning

2nd

Parent Contact

3rd

**Parent Contact /
Teacher-
Assigned
Consequence**

4th +

**Office Referral
in Skyward/
Parent Contact**

Planners



- Student planners have been issued during 1st period classes. Students should have written their name in at least 3 different places in their planner
- Students should have copied their class schedule in the white space on the cover page of the planner
- Student planners need to be taken to every class period, every day –including electives, gym and Kickstart!
- \$5 planner replacement cost and may be purchased by in the front office

Lunch Detention



- Students may serve lunch detention for various reasons. Lunch detention assigned by an administrator will be served in room 115.
- Lunch detention students will be given a sack lunch; If a student wants to bring his/her lunch they are free to do so; impromptu detention assignments will go through the first line only
- Students will not go through any of the cafeteria lines for lunch detention unless given permission by the grade level administrator
- Teachers may also hold their own lunch detention in their own rooms, and students will be monitored at all times. Teachers will coordinate with the cafeteria staff to get sack lunches prior to student attending lunch detention in the teacher's room
- Students who fail to attend their assigned lunch detention will receive a harsher consequence from administration

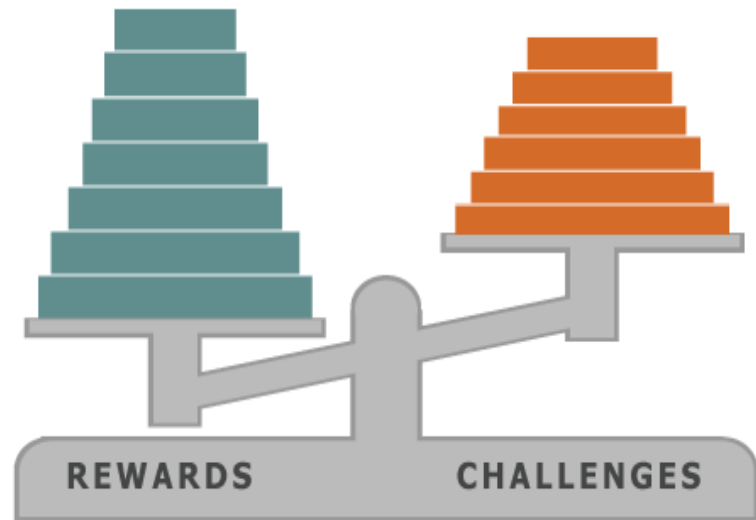


Teacher Assigned Before/After School Detention

- Parent contact will be made to explain and confirm when the student will serve the detention
- If the student does not attend the teacher assigned detention, a referral will be issued in Skyward

REWARDS

- Get recognized for your awesome behavior!
- Follow school expectations
- Earn rewards with your points
- PBIS Titan Bucks (more to come)



Extra-Curricular Activities

- Participation: Any student in ISS or partial ISS on the same day as an extracurricular event may **NOT** participate.
- If suspended or assigned to the DAEP, you are **NOT** allowed to participate or attend any extracurricular activities on the days suspended
- Students must go home before attending after school events like basketball, volleyball, and football games. Must be picked up **no later than 15 minutes after event** or lose privilege to attend events in the future
- All tickets must be purchased online. The cost is \$2.00 for everyone. The public link will be provided through the FBISD Athletic website
- ID's will be required once they are issued (coming soon)



Dress Code

- Oversized pants/shorts that sag and worn below the waist are inappropriate. Pants/jeans/shorts must be worn at the hip and must cover undergarments.
- **Persistent Violations=CONSEQUENCE**



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- Pants that are torn or have holes in them must **not** have any skin showing higher than 3" above the knee
- Oversized holes are not permitted
- **Persistent offences=CONSEQUENCE**



Dress Code

- Pants with holes, frays, rips, tears, higher than 3" above the knee but that have tights/leggings underneath are acceptable



Dress Code

- Shirts must touch belt line, with no revealing undergarments or midriff, while **sitting or standing**, all the way around
- Shirts may not have words/images relating to alcohol, tobacco, weapons, drugs or anything profane, provocative, or offensive.
- **CONSEQUENCE**
 - Fix the issue
 - Persistent-ISS



Dress Code

- No low cut, see-through, or too tight clothing.
- No oversized armholes, spaghetti straps, backless or off the shoulder tops.
- All shirts should cover any undergarments worn, (shoulder, arm holes, etc)
- **CONSEQUENCE**
 - Fix the issue/ISS
 - Persistent-ISS



Dress Code

- **No pajama wear**, unless it is a designated spirit day
- **No tights** unless accompanied with a shirt that is mid-thigh
- **Revealing clothing** of any type is prohibited.
- **CONSEQUENCE**
 - Fix the issue
 - Persistent-ISS



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must be at least to
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in length.



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- Shorts & skirts must be at least to 3" above the knee in length.
- Tights must have a shirt/tunic that reaches to 3" above the knee. Same as shorts/skirts.



FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY WITH LEGGINGS



Dress Code

- Attire that is distracting or causes a disturbance or identifies a student as part of an unauthorized group is prohibited (bandanas, shoe laces, chains, t-shirts, etc.)
- No hats/caps/doo-rags/wave caps/bandanas/ hoods worn inside the building.
- A hat MAY be worn on a designated spirit day
- **CONSEQUENCE**
 - Fix the issue/ISS
 - Persistent-ISS



Dress Code

- Shoes with backs are required for student safety

- **CONSEQUENCE**

- Fix the issue/ISS
- Persistent-ISS



NO

YES

Masks

All students and staff are strongly encouraged to wear masks.



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KEEPING YOU SAFER

**Protect yourself and
others by wearing a
face covering correctly.**

Dismissal Procedures

- All **walkers, car riders** and **bike riders** will be dismissed at the bell and must exit through the **front** of the building
- Walkers must cross 7th street **at the crosswalk.**
- Car riders must enter the vehicle in the circle drive, **not on 7th street**
- Band and orchestra students will pick up their instruments and may leave through the band hall doors



Dismissal Procedures

- 1st run bus will be dismissed over the Public Address (PA) and must exit through the Commons to the bus ramp
- 2nd run bus riders **must remain in their 7th period class** until dismissed over the PA
- Any students staying after school for an activity will remain in their 7th period class until second run is called.
- Band and orchestra students will go get their instruments and may leave through the band hall doors
- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE BUS RAMP**



Academic Integrity Pledge Highlights

I, _____ as a Fort Bend ISD student, pledge to exhibit the traits of a graduate by demonstrating academic integrity and to avoid academic dishonesty,

Academic Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- Cheating or copying the work of another student,
- Plagiarism, by incorporating significant portions of someone else's work without appropriate citation.
- Unauthorized access (providing or possessing) to written or electronic information, and;
- Unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing an assignment or during an examination

The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judgement of the classroom teacher or another supervising professional employee, taking into consideration written materials, observation, or information from students, or other evidence. *Appeals on the judgement will be brought to a campus committee (Chapter 37) designated by the campus principal.*

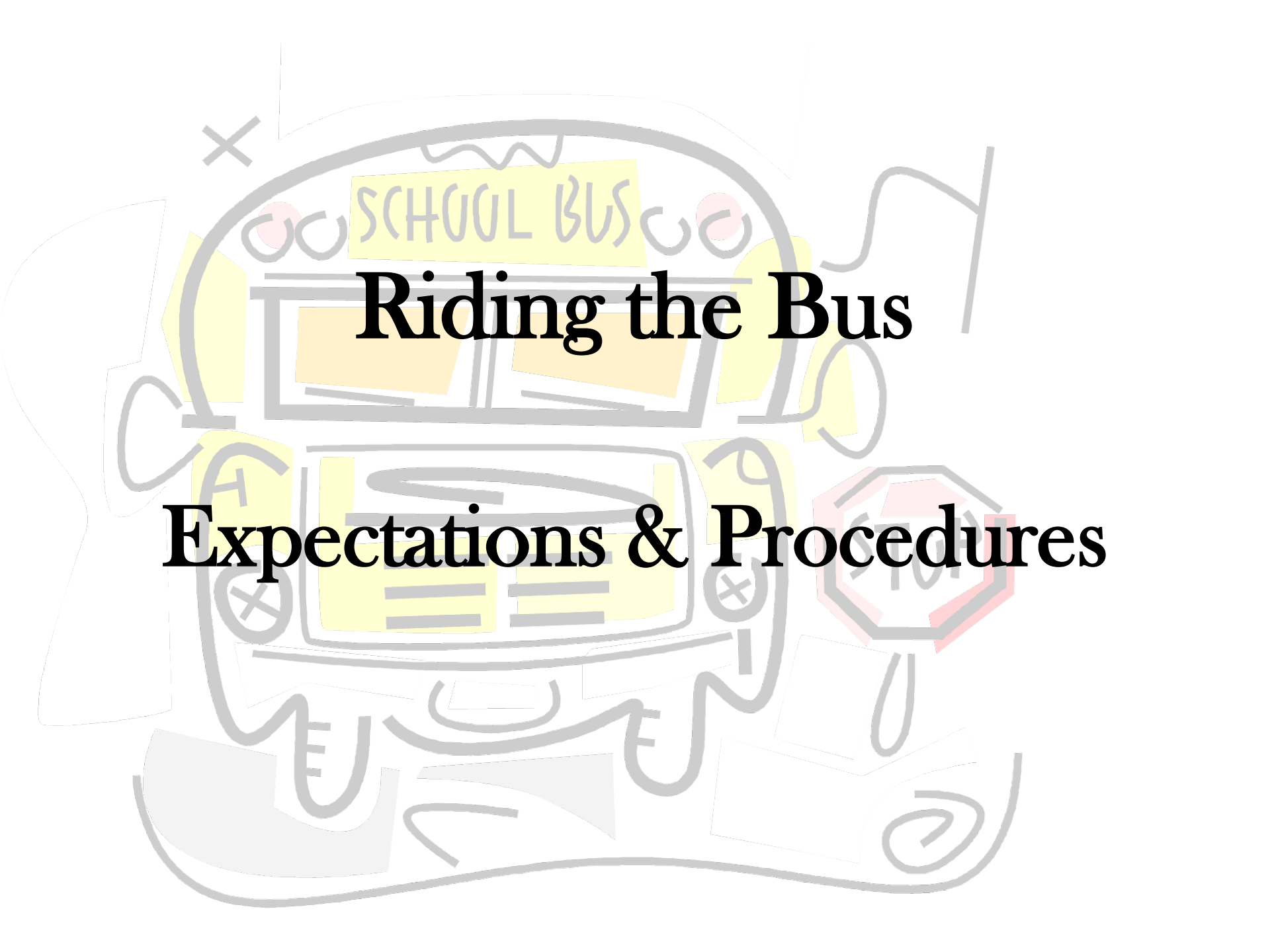
Student Signature _____ **Date:** _____

With this pledge, I understand that I shall be subject of grade penalties on assignments or tests and disciplinary penalties, which may include disqualification from participation in academic awards/programs, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Parent Handbook. Instances of academic dishonesty will have an impact on academic awards/programs for the current and following school year.

Personal Digital Devices on Test Days



- Every test/major assessment will be administered by teachers like a STAAR or EOC exam
- Cell phones, smart watches, and all other electronic devices – except as designated by the teacher – ***will be turned off and away from students' desks***
- Students caught with unapproved devices in their ***possession at any time*** during a major assessment will have their device confiscated (delivered to assistant principal, subject to discipline) & their assessment will not be graded
- Students ***using*** devices during major assessments will receive a “zero” on the assignment, their device will be confiscated, and they will be referred to administration
- Adhere to the **Academic Integrity Pledge**



Riding the Bus

Expectations & Procedures

BUS EXPECTATIONS



- Obey all drivers' instructions (bus drivers can write bus referrals if needed).
- Use TITAN classroom behavior on the bus.
- Do not throw objects inside or outside the bus.
- Stay seated at all times and keep your hands/heads and other body parts inside the window.
- If your bus driver has assigned seats, sit where told.
- Only Riders of a specific route are allowed on that bus.
- **Never** open an emergency exit, unless instructed to do so.
- Riding the bus is a **privilege**, and students violating bus rules can be suspended from riding the bus and disciplinary action will be taken.



Clubs & Organizations

- ARMS (Accepting Responsible Male Strengths)
- Art Club
- Book Club
- Cheerleading (7th/8th grade only)
- Chess
- Coding
- Digital Storm
- Drama Club
- Fit Club
- Gaming Club
- Health and Wellness
- National Junior Honor Society
- Pep Squad
- Science Club
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Titan Buddies
- WEB (Where Everybody Belongs)
- WINGS (We Inspire New possibilities; we are Girls Soaring)
- Orthys



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