



**Barrow County School System
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**2023-2024 County Line Elementary Student Handbook
County Line Elementary School
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SCHOOL HOURS

**The Instructional Day starts at 7:30am and ends at 2:00pm.
Students may begin arriving as early as 7:00 am. Classroom activities and instruction
begin promptly at 7:30 a.m.**

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The County Line Elementary Student Handbook includes some very important information about the upcoming school year. Please take time to read this information now and refer to it periodically throughout the school year. If you have questions, please contact the school office at 770-867-2902. We will be happy to talk with you.

I am fully committed to the academic growth as well as the social and emotional learning of our students. At County Line, students are instructed on the Georgia Standards of Excellence. In addition to Georgia's state-mandated curriculum, we recognize the importance of preparing our students for a rapidly changing world. Studies show that well-integrated social and emotional learning engages students and improves achievement. Through our Positive Behavior and Support (PBIS) system we hope to equip our students to:

- set and achieve positive goals,
- feel and show empathy for others,
- establish and maintain positive relationships,
- understand and manage their emotions, and
- make responsible decisions.

I believe amazing things can happen when people come together to work toward a common goal. My goal is to promote student success. I look forward to working with the County Line faculty, staff, parents and our community. I always welcome your input and participation in your child's education.

Thank you for your support of County Line Elementary.

Sincerely,

Diane Bresson
Principal, County Line Elementary School

COUNTY LINE VISION STATEMENT

Striving to be THE school families choose for their children.



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COUNTY LINE MISSION STATEMENT

At **C.L.E.S.** we uphold **STRONG VALUES** and develop **SUCCESSFUL** people with **SOLID** foundations while also celebrating individuality.
We set high expectations and embrace **INNOVATION** through the **ARTS** and **TECHNOLOGY**.
We provide a **WELL-ROUNDED** education with a **VARIETY** of learning experiences that are **STUDENT-CENTERED** and **HANDSON**.
We **NURTURE** and **LOVE** our **CRITTER** community as **FAMILY** while demonstrating **PRIDE** for **ALL** of our members.
We foster a **SAFE, WELCOMING** and **ENGAGING** environment.

CRITTER PRIDE PLEDGE



- I pledge to do my personal best each and every day.
 - I will be responsible, respectful, honest, and thoughtful.
 - I will do these things for the betterment of myself and my school.
 - I will always demonstrate my Critter Pride with an A+ attitude!
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Date	Event or Holiday
Jul 04	Independence Day
Jul 20	New Teachers Report
Jul 24-31	Teacher Planning Days (1-5)
Jul 26	Professional Learning Day (1) for teachers
Jul 28	Open House - all schools
Aug 01	First Day of School for Students
Sept 1,4	Labor Day (Holiday)
Oct 05	End of 1st Grading Period
Oct 06	Teacher Planning Day (6)
Oct 9-13	Fall Break
Oct 18	Report Cards
Nov 07	Digital Learning for Students/Professional Learning Day (2)
Nov 20-24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 20	Early Release/Last Day of 1st Semester (89)
Dec 21	Begin Winter Break for Students
Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 04	Planning Day (7)
Jan 05	Professional Learning Day (3)
Jan 08	Begin Second Semester Classes
Jan 10	Report Cards
Jan 15	ML King Day (Holiday)
Feb 09	February break*
Feb 12	Digital Learning for Students/Professional Learning Day (4)
Mar 13	End of 3rd Grading Period
Mar 14	Teacher Planning Day (8)*
Mar 15	March break*
Mar 20	Report Cards
Apr 1-5	Spring Break
May 22	Early Release/Last Day of School for Students (178)
May 22	Graduation BASA
May 23,24	Teacher Planning Days (9,10)
May 23	Graduation WBHS (8:00PM)
May 24	Graduation AHS (8:00PM)
May 25	Makeup Day for Graduation
May 27	Memorial Day

* denotes possible weather make-up days

Accident/ Illness

In case of an emergency illness or accident involving students on the school grounds or in the school building, the school will immediately notify the parents. To do this, the school must have current phone numbers for parents and emergency contacts on file. Please help us by keeping this information up to date and send any changes to the school in writing. After an accident, the teacher will complete and place on file a student accident report form.

Illness/Fever Policy

Per recommendations from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, a child with a fever higher than 100.4 degrees will be sent home, and the child may not return to school until fever-free (without medicine) for 24 hours. Students suffering from diarrhea or vomiting should be kept at home, and if these conditions occur at school, parents will be called to pick up their child.

Hospital Homebound

Hospital Homebound services include academic instruction and other services provided to eligible students who are confined at home or in a health care facility for periods of time that would prevent normal school attendance based upon certification of need by the licensed physician



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or licensed psychiatrist who is treating the student for the presenting diagnosis.

Head Lice

The Barrow County School System will take action to prevent the spread of head lice among students. Students in Barrow County Schools who have been identified as having live head lice will not be allowed to attend class. School personnel may, at the principal's direction and discretion, conduct head checks at various times throughout the year. If a case of head lice is found parents or guardians will be contacted to transport the student home. Parents will be provided with a copy of the written procedures and resources for the treatment of head lice.

Admission Procedures

Registration:

Online Registration is now available at the following website:

<http://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/Registration/>

All kindergarten or first grade children must be registered if they are entering public school for the first time. If a child is to enter first grade, he/she must be six years old on or before September 1. (An exception to this rule can be made for those youngsters who move here from another state that does allow them to begin school at an earlier age and the parents can provide evidence that the child was enrolled in a school.) Children entering kindergarten will need to go through a screening process.

Online registration is required for ALL students (new, returning from another school system, or custody changes). Once you complete the online process, the Registration team will review your application and documents. If something is missing, they will call you. If not, you will receive a confirmation email.

TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION, YOU WILL NEED:

1. **Proof of Residency** (Dated within 30 days) Examples include utility bill, settlement statement, or rental/lease agreement. If you're living with someone and do not have proof in your name, email registration@barrow.k12.ga.us. Possible needed forms: [Multi-Family Residence Certificate Form](#) | [Certificate of Rental Agreement](#)

2. **Parent/Guardian State-issued Photo ID**



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3. Student's Birth Certificate (or other acceptable proof of age and identity)

4. Student's Social Security Card Used for the purposes of identification and for application for the Hope scholarship and post-secondary applications. Parents may sign a waiver stating they do not wish to provide Social Security at enrollment.

5. Custody documents (if not the birth parent) or [Kinship Caregiver form](#). This form must be complete and notarized.

6. Georgia Immunization Form 3231

7. [New Health Form 3300](#)

Withdrawal Procedures

If possible, a parent/guardian should notify the school office at least two days before the student is expected to withdraw from the school. A withdrawal form must be completed, and a photo ID provided by the parent completing the request. If requested, on the child's final day of school, we will provide the parent with copies of the following documents to take to the child's new school:

- Withdrawal form
- Report Card
- Birth Certificate/Immunization Certificates
- Copies of all records will be mailed to the new school after we receive a written request for the records.

Attendance

Barrow County Student Attendance Protocol will be sent home with every student in August.

Absences:

Excuses for absences shall be furnished to the school by the student's parent or guardian and shall specifically state the reasons for the absence. All excuses will be evaluated by the principal or a designee to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. An excuse may be an official doctor's note, or in the case of minor illnesses, the note may be handwritten by a parent or legal guardian explaining the child's absence. A maximum of 5 parent notes are allowed each semester. After the 5th parent note only official doctor's notes will be accepted. Students shall be permitted to make up work when absences are excused and unexcused.



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Excuses for absences are due within 5 days of a student returning to school.

Tardies/Early Check-outs:

Students must be on time for class to minimize disruptions of the instructional day. Tardy is defined as arriving to school or class after the designated start time or leaving school or class before the designated end time. If a child arrives at school at 7:30 or later, the child must be brought into the school by a family member and must be checked in by the office staff. When checking in after 7:30, the student will be counted as tardy. Students must be in the classroom by 7:30 to be considered on time for school. Parents will be contacted if tardies become frequent. Any student checked out before 2:00 will also be considered tardy. Students who arrive late on buses will not be marked as tardy as this is due to circumstances beyond their control. Students may be counted present for the day if at least one half of the instructional day is spent in school.

Early dismissals will be granted for the same reasons available for legal absences. Students who need to leave early must have a parent or guardian to sign them out by office staff (No students will be allowed to check out between 1:30 p.m. and the end of school without a doctor's appointment or an emergency). Parents can expect the staff to ask to see an appointment card from the doctor when asking to check students out after 1:30. Please make appointments (doctor, dental, etc.) for after school hours or as late in the day as possible to minimize lost instructional time.

No child will be allowed to leave the classroom with parents/guardians. They must be released through the office. Identification must be shown unless the office staff personally knows you. If parents know that a student will be picked up during the school day, please send a note to the teacher indicating the time that the student will be leaving.

Childcare

Early morning and afternoon childcare is available to all CLES students on a first-come, first-serve basis. Morning care is provided from 6:30- 7:00 a.m. Afternoon care is provided from 2:00- 6:00 p.m. when school is in session. Homework assistance, technology access, and playtime are provided. A snack is provided during the afternoon session. Please check our website for an application and for pricing information. You may also contact the front office for information at 770-867-2902.

Closings Due to Inclement Weather



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In the event of severe weather or other conditions, the starting time of the school day may be delayed or all schools may be closed.

Announcements will be made over local radio and television stations.

Each student should have a completed inclement weather form specifying directions in case school is closed during the day.

Concerns/ Complaints

We appreciate your bringing these to our attention so that we may have a chance to explain or correct the situation. Parents, if you have a problem or concern, please talk directly to the teacher, bus driver or other employee first, then to the Assistant Principal or Principal, if necessary. Please give us an opportunity to help/respond before posting complaints on social media.

Conferences with Teachers

County Line Elementary School values a strong home/school relationship. We believe that students learn best in a team atmosphere where parents and teachers work together for the benefit of the student. Parents are urged to attend all public meetings held by the school for parents to get to know their child's teacher early in the school year and to schedule individual virtual parent/teacher conferences if there are concerns. Conferences may be scheduled with an individual teacher by emailing the teacher, sending a note, or by calling the school office. Parent-Teacher conferences should be scheduled before or after school hours. An administrator can be present upon the request of the parents and/or teacher.

Counseling

Counseling is available for all students experiencing difficulty in any of the following areas: behavioral, family crisis, and social or emotional conflicts.. The counseling program includes individual and small group counseling, as well as classroom lessons that include topics like conflict resolution, decision-making, social skills, personal safety and drug/alcohol abuse prevention.

Field Trips

All field trips will be carefully planned to ensure instructionally sound learning experiences and adequate supervision of students. Advance approval by the School Governance Team is required for any field trip. The request is then forwarded to the central office for approval. Before a student can participate, he/she is required to secure written permission from a parent/guardian on a form that will be provided by the school. Field trips are subject to current health conditions and guidelines.



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Front Door Security

We now have a vestibule where guests will be able to talk to our office staff and sign in/out students. You will continue to need your picture ID. Our new point of entry will enhance safety and security for our students and staff.

Report Cards

All elementary schools in Barrow County are on quarterly grading periods. Elementary final report cards are sent home with students on the last day of school. Care should be taken to understand your child's report card, as well as the promotion requirements. If you have any questions about our grading system, please do not hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Promotion Requirements

Although the Barrow County Board of Education strongly believes that students should advance to the next highest grade level annually, promotion within Barrow County schools is based primarily on student achievement and is not an automatic process. It is recognized that under certain circumstances, retention or placement may be considered for some students. Parents will be invited to a conference regarding the school's decision to retain their student. Students in third grade must have a passing score in reading on the Georgia Milestones Assessment in order to meet promotion requirements. Students in fifth grade must have a passing score in both reading and math on the Georgia Milestones Assessment to meet promotion guidelines. If your child does not meet the passing requirements in one or more sections on the Milestones Assessment, they will be provided with remediation and given an opportunity to take the test again. In the event that they still do not pass, parents can request a promotion/retention meeting to discuss options with their child's student support committee.

Homework

Research shows that homework does not provide substantial academic benefits to students in elementary school (see Alfie Kohn's work). At CLES we believe that family time is important and therefore refrain from sending unnecessary homework to be completed after school hours. What is important, however, is that children read and be read to at home. Research has shown that the amount of time a child spends reading is an accurate predictor of future academic success. If you would like more guidance on how to support your child's academic development at home, please speak to his/her homeroom teacher.

We hope your child develops a love for reading that lasts a lifetime!



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Lost and Found

There are always a large number of jackets, sweaters and other articles of clothing left at school each year. To assist us in reuniting these belongings with their rightful owners, please write your child's name on the labels of garments. Also, have his/her first and last name on as many of his/her school supplies as possible. If an item cannot be identified, it is placed in the "Lost and Found Collection." We will allow parents to look through these items when the conditions are appropriate. At the end of each grading period, all lost and found items not claimed are given to charitable organizations.

Media Center

We are fortunate to have a great collection of materials in our Media Center. We encourage students, teachers, and parents to use this resource. Individual students may come to the Media Center at any time during the school day (with their teacher's permission) to check out books, study, do research, play quiet games, work on Makerspace activities, or read for pleasure.

Media Center Rules:

- Quiet voices (to show respect for others).
- Walking Feet (to keep yourself and your friends safe).

Student Checkout Policy:

All books are checked out for **two weeks**. Items may be renewed, unless there is a waiting list. Students (with the help of their families) are responsible for the care and return of library books. Students with overdue books may not check out again until the books are returned or paid for. Fines are not charged for overdue books.

Checkout Limits:

K-1st Grade: 1 book at a time (to stay in classroom)

2-5th grade: 2 books at a time

Overdue Notices:

Overdue notices will be sent out weekly. The notices are reminders that books need to be found and returned or paid for so that accounts can be cleared BEFORE the end of the school year. Without a cleared account, students cannot receive their end of the year report card nor check out books the following year.

Parent Visits



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Parents may walk their children to class the first two days of school. After that, we ask that you please drop your child off in the car rider line. There will be staff available to help carry heavy items to class. Parents will not be allowed to eat breakfast with their children. We strongly believe in cultivating student independence and maximizing class/instructional time. If you need to speak with the teacher, please contact them directly and make an appointment.

Lunch Guests

Lunch guests will be permitted a maximum of one day each week. Lunch guests may not bring outside food and must eat at the provided tables in the atrium. Students may not bring other children to eat with them. Please make sure all lunch guests and students remain seated the entire time. Classroom instruction should not be disrupted by loud noises or children running around. It is also vital that your student returns to class on time.

Forgotten Items

Necessary items for students, which are brought during the school day, are to be brought to the front door. School personnel will deliver them to the student at times which will least affect classroom instruction, or notify the teacher by email that the items are ready to be picked up. Please try to limit bringing items to your child during the school day. This does create an interruption to the class. If forgetting items becomes an issue for any family more than twice per month, we reserve the right to decline the item being brought on campus.

Parties

To protect valued instructional time, class parties are limited to two per year and are limited to one hour in length. The teachers and the room parent(s) plan the parties. Grade level teams will select common dates and times for the parties. Parents may send snacks or treats for students' birthdays but will not be allowed to join the class.

Physical Education

This is an important part of the education program at County Line Elementary School. It is required for every student. Physical Education is graded in accordance with any other academic subject. If a student has been ill, he/she will be allowed to sit out of movement activities after presenting the P.E. teacher with a note from home stating they are sick/have been sick. A maximum of one day is allowed without a doctor's written excuse. The P.E. teacher will plan appropriate non-movement activities during this time. Special arrangements are made for students with physical disabilities, rheumatic fever, etc. Adaptive P.E. is substituted



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in these cases. Students are required to wear tennis shoes to participate in P.E. activities.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

We encourage all parents to attend and become active members of our PTO. All meetings are held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at the school before a scheduled school event. PTO has provided many things to promote quality education at County Line. This group of parents volunteer countless hours to support activities and functions at our school. Notices concerning PTO sponsored events will be sent via email blasts or through flyers. Come join the fun, get involved, and learn more about our school! Your support of the PTO's fundraising projects is greatly appreciated. All funds raised by PTO directly benefit our school.

School Materials and Fines

Textbooks, library/ media/ bookroom materials, and equipment are the property of the Barrow County Board of Education/ CLES and are issued to students for their use free of charge. The return of these materials to the school for further use shall be the sole responsibility of the students and their parents/guardians. Students who lose or damage materials and equipment shall reimburse the Barrow County Board of Education/ CLES for the cost of replacement/ repairs.

School Supplies

Students are to come to school every day with the supplies needed to do their assignments. The teachers will notify you of specific items they would like their students to have. A supply list is also available on the school website: <http://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/cles/>

Snacks

Items such as gum, candy, and soft drinks are not allowed. Snacks such as fresh fruit or something of nutritional value are permissible in classrooms. Check with your child's teacher for specific classroom snack guidelines. Please do not send drinks with red, orange, blue, or other brightly colored dye.

Cell Phones

At County Line Elementary, we have greatly increased the number of devices available for student use. Cell phones/smart watches are not needed to support instruction. At the elementary school level, cell phones/ smart watches serve as a distraction to students and negatively impact our ability to provide a safe and productive learning environment. Please leave all electronic devices at home. If a device is on campus, it



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must remain in your child's book bag throughout the school day. If present, cell phones must be switched off while at school. These items are brought at your own risk. School staff and administrators are not responsible for investigating missing/ lost/ stolen devices.

Telephone Use

Students will not be called to the telephone, nor will they be allowed to use the school phone or personal cell phones to call out, except in emergency circumstances. Telephone messages from parents to students will be handled by the school office. Such calls should be reserved for emergency situations.

Realizing that some parents provide cell phones for their child to be able to reach them upon arriving home in the afternoons; please be aware that if your child is using the phone at school during the school day, it will be confiscated, and you will be requested to come and pick it up. We are not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen phones. Barrow County Schools has an Acceptable Use of BYOT policy. If your child is in violation of this policy, they may not be allowed to bring phones/devices to school.

Transportation

Car Transportation

Car riders will be released at 2:00pm. Car riders may be picked up through the driveway in the front of the building. You must remain in your vehicle in the car rider line. Please obtain a car tag and put the sign inside your windshield. Anyone picking up in the car line must have the name visible through the front windshield when coming to pick up a child. Lost or damaged tags must be replaced at a fee of \$5 per tag. Children should be picked up promptly. Failure to pick your child up by 2:20 pm will result in an afterschool drop-in fee of \$10 per child due when the child is picked up.

Change in Transportation

If there is a change in the regularly scheduled mode of transportation, please make arrangements with your child before he/she leaves home in the morning. Please send a WRITTEN note, dated and signed by the parent/guardian, on the day of the change so that the school will have a record of the change in the student's regular schedule. The student is responsible for obtaining the school's signature on the day for which the permission to change is granted. The student must bring the note to the office so that front office staff may verify the note. If these protocols are not followed, then the child will be sent home using the normal mode of transportation. Teachers will not accept emails for transportation changes. This is intended to prevent children from deciding during the



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day, on their own, to go home with friends. In addition, teachers may not check email while teaching. We will accept a fax or email attachment including parent/guardian picture ID regarding transportation changes, ONLY in emergency situations, but no changes will be made after 11:00 AM. Afternoons are generally a very busy time in the office, which can result in messages not being delivered in time to make the necessary changes. It works best if you have transportation arrangements worked out and understood each morning.

Volunteers

Classroom visitors and volunteers are limited. Please speak with Mrs. Johnson for details.

Student Dress Code

The purpose of this dress code is to assist administrators, teachers, students, and parents in fulfilling the mission of Barrow County Schools to provide all students quality educational opportunities that enable them to become successful, responsible, and contributing citizens. To accomplish this mission, the learning environment must be one that is safe, disciplined, and free of distractions. Therefore, the dress code regulations that follow are not designed to inhibit personal taste but to encourage learning, good behavior, and safety.

1. Any clothing, hairstyle, jewelry, chains, or attire that is distracting or causes a disruption or constitutes a safety issue will not be permitted at school.
2. Shorts, skirts, dresses, and spirit wear must be of reasonable length; e.g., mid-thigh if they are to be worn at school. (All shirts, dresses, and blouses must have moderate sleeves.)
3. Clothing such as skirts, pants, trousers, etc., must be worn at the waist. Clothing shall not be poorly fitted or oversized or extremely baggy. Clothing that exposes underclothing or impedes walking will not be permitted. (Jeans and other articles of clothing with holes are not permitted.)
4. Clothing and/or jewelry, which advertises or displays any insignia of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco are not permitted.
5. Clothing and/or jewelry with words or symbols which are offensive, insulting, embarrassing, sexually suggestive, obscene, gang-related, or promote violence, terrorism, or abusive behavior will not be permitted at school.
6. Clothing that distracts by exposing or accentuating the body, such as spandex pants, see-through garments, halter or tube tops, backless dresses, muscle shirts, bare midriff outfits, or shirts, blouses, etc., that are tied at or may rise above the waist will not be permitted at school (*County Line's teachers and administrators view*



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age and development as an important factor when determining appropriateness of dress. What is appropriate attire for a Pre-K or Kindergarten student may not be appropriate attire for a 4th or 5th grader).

7. Sunglasses, caps, hats, and other head-coverings such as bandannas and hoods will not be worn inside the school building.
8. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times at school. Due to safety concerns, flip-flops are not allowed at County Line Elementary.

Discretionary Statement:

The Principal/Site Administrators have the authority to interpret the dress code and make a case-by-case determination for appropriateness of dress and appearance, which is or is not covered in these dress code standards. Principals/Site Administrators may make occasional, school-wide exceptions to these standards for such events as "hat days" or "spirit days." Normally scheduled "Spirit wear Days" may be scheduled on Thursday and Friday of each week for the entire school.

Student Clubs and Organizations

Any clubs or organizations for student participation are listed on our school website along with the purpose, faculty advisor, and a description of past or planned activities. If you do not want your child to participate in one of these clubs or organizations, you must notify the principal in writing by completing the clubs and organization form signature letter. You may obtain a policy signature letter from the school office or from the link below. If a club or organization is not listed and is started during the school year, students will need parental permission to participate.

[School Clubs and Organizations Georgia Law](#)

[School Clubs and Organizations Opt-Out Form \(pg 2\) \(Spanish version\)](#)

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In addition to this Student Handbook, please review the Barrow County School System handbook that includes the Parent's Right to Know Qualifications, Rights & Responsibilities, Required Notifications, and other important notices. You can find the information here: <https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/families/students/student-handbook>

Barrow County Learner Profile



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The Learner Profile describes a broad range of student qualities and responsibilities tied to character development, academic success, and life beyond school. The Learner Profile lists the attributes we expect all students to possess by the time they graduate from one of our high schools.

THINKS CRITICALLY



- Reflects on their thinking
- Exhibits curiosity and is inquisitive
- Makes measured decisions

SOLVES PROBLEMS



- Thinks independently and seeks solutions
- Applies knowledge to real-world issues
- Uses a growth mindset

COLLABORATES



- Communicates effectively with peers and adults
- Works within a team and positively contributes
- Advocates for himself

SHOWS EMPATHY



- Shows compassion towards self and others
- Recognizes and accepts differences
- Listens openly and respectfully resolves conflicts

DEMONSTRATES RESILIENCE



- Perseveres through adversity
- Takes and uses constructive criticism
- Learns from failure and embraces mistakes



Barrow County School System
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STUDENT/PARENT POLICY UNDERSTANDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The **County Line Elementary** Student Handbook/Agenda includes some very important information about the upcoming school year. Please take time to read this information now and refer to it frequently. If you have questions, contact the school office.

Each school is required to document that every parent and student has been given a copy of the Student Code of Conduct along with other required information, including notification of possible consequences and penalties for truancy, and has been given a chance to ask questions about anything he or she does not understand.

A completed and signed form must be on file for all students. Parents/Guardians and students age ten years or older by September 1st are required to sign this acknowledgement form in the space below. Please return the form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. You may also complete the form electronically here: <https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/families/students/policy-understanding-form>

Students who are unable to read or fully understand this information are not required to initial or sign this document. However, parents are expected to explain the information to their children in terms that they can understand. Failure to sign and return this form will not excuse a student from the requirements of the policies. To complete this form, students and parents should each initial each item that you have read and understand and then sign the form in the space provided.

Parent Student

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| _____ | _____ | 1. Student Code of Conduct and School Bus Behavior Guidelines |
| _____ | _____ | 2. School Attendance and Georgia's Compulsory Education Law |
| _____ | _____ | 3. Cafeteria Charge Board Policy (EE) |
| _____ | _____ | 4. Medication Policy |
| _____ | _____ | 5. Parent's Right to Request a Teacher's and/or a Paraprofessional's Qualifications |
| _____ | _____ | 6. Barrow County School System Internet Safety, Technology Responsibility, and Acceptable Use Policy |

I have read and understand the 2023-2024 **County Line** Student Handbook/Agenda. **I understand that I am responsible for following the guidelines set forth in this document.**

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have reviewed the student handbook with my child:

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____