

# **Russell Middle School**

# **Student Handbook**

# 2023-2024



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# A. School Specific Information

<u>Arrival/Dismissal:</u> Russell Middle School opens at 8:30 a.m. Car riders will be allowed into the building at 8:30. Students will report directly to home base. Students arriving after 9:00 are considered tardy. Walkers/Bikers will be dismissed before bus riders at 3:55. All students that walk home or bike home will need a signed permission slip from parents/guardians this year. They will receive a pass that students will use to exit the building. Students who ride buses or are car riders are dismissed at 4:00 p.m. Students should not report to school before 8:30 a.m. or remain after 4:15 p.m. unless they are in a specific activity under the supervision of a teacher or are being detained because of misconduct; otherwise, supervision WILL NOT be provided. The front office is covered until 4:30 p.m. daily. Phone messages are taken from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Students cannot be checked out after 3:30 p.m. because of dismissal procedures.

Absences: Students are expected to attend school on a regular basis. A written note from the parents explaining the reason for any absence must be brought to the homeroom teacher upon returning to school. The State Board of Education recognizes absences as excused for personal illness, illness, or death in the immediate family, for religious services, or when weather conditions make it impossible to attend school. A maximum of five (5) school days per school year may be excused for students whose parent or legal guardian is in military service in the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard in order for the student to visit with his/her parent or legal guardian prior to such parent or legal guardian's deployment overseas to a combat zone or combat support posting or during the parent or guardian's leave from such deployment.

We will be in contact regarding absences in the following ways:

1. After 5 Absences-Parents will be contacted by phone and letter

2. After 10 Absences-Parents will be contacted by letter, and a parent conference will be held

To facilitate student success, early checkouts are discouraged. Students who are present for at least one-half of the instructional day or three full periods, whichever is greater, shall be counted present for perfect attendance purposes. The accumulation of five (5) or more partial attendance days, in any combination of tardies and early dismissals, within a 9-week grading period shall disqualify a student from perfect attendance recognition. Tardies and early dismissals are both considered partial attendance and shall be treated in a similar manner. A student who has not missed a day of school for any reason earns perfect attendance. Students who do not attend school during a major part of the day may not attend school functions in the afternoon or evening.

<u>Assignments During Absences</u>: In the case of extended absences, parents should call and inform the front office staff, and the teachers will gather and provide missed assignments within 24 hours.

**Check-ins/Checkouts:** Parents or guardians must check students in and out in the front office personally. The office must have an updated list in Infinite Campus stating all persons who are allowed to check the student out of school. If there is any change in the custodial status, the school must be notified in writing, and proof is required. Parents should also update this information in the Parent Portal of Infinite Camput. For safety reasons, students may not leave the school campus during the school day with any person other than those listed. Proof of identification will be requested at the time of checkout in order for the school to insure the well-being of each student.

Hospital/Homebound: Please contact the counselors if your student needs to be out of school for an extended period due to injury or illness. More information regarding Hospital/Homebound services can be found here: https://campussuite-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/prod/1558774/0fe95a24-a31d-11e9-aabe-12253009c2da/2127812/85da13ca-c1ff-11ea-945c-0a9965dd6355/file/Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf. <u>Makeup Assignments</u>: Students are expected to make up all missed work due to absences. Students must contact the teacher immediately upon their return to school to make arrangements for making up missed work. The student must make up work according to a schedule set by the teacher, usually allowing 2 days for every day missed.

**Skipping/Out of Area:** Skipping school or class will result in disciplinary action that could result in ISS or OSS depending on the incident.

**Tardies:** Students should arrive at school on time. All tardy students MUST BE CHECKED IN BY AN ADULT in the front office before they report to homebase or any class.

**Dance and Athletic Event Expectations:** Only current Russell Middle School students may attend dances. Students who are counted absent from school on the day of a dance or ball game, are in Alternative School, or those suspended in or out of school may not attend on that day. Students may be restricted from the dance or other activities for disciplinary reasons. The school will not provide supervision for students after regular dismissal prior to ballgames.

1. Dances are held from 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. Football games begin around 5:30 p.m. and typically end about 7:30 p.m. and basketball games begin at 5:00 and end around 7:30.

2. The dress code for after-school dances is the same as for the school day, unless stated otherwise.

3. Students enter ball games from the side parking lot near the gym.

4. Admission is \$5.00 for dances. Ball game admission is \$3.00 for students and \$5.00 for adults with a \$15 family cap for immediate family members only. For dances, book bags and other belongings may NOT be left in the restrooms. Any left will be confiscated because these are NOT safe places.

5. Students must have a ride here at 5:15 p.m. sharp for dances and no later than 7:30 for ball games. Chaperones have family obligations and can stay only a limited time after dances/games end. Those students not picked up at a reasonable time may lose dance/game privileges in the future. Dances and ball games are optional activities, and students and their families should make transportation arrangements in advance of a dance/game day.

6. Anyone leaving the dance or ball game must pay to re-enter. Students who leave any event do so at their own risk. Concessions will be sold.

7. School behavior rules apply to all extra-curricular activities including dances.

8. There is always a law enforcement officer on duty at dances and ball games.

**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 spiritwear must be of reasonable length; e.g., mid thigh-length if they are to be worn at school. Biker shorts should not be worn to school.

3. All shirts, dresses, and blouses must have moderate sleeves.

4. 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.

5. Clothing and/or jewelry, which advertises or displays any insignia of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco is not permitted.

6. 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.

7. **Clothing that distracts** by exposing or accentuating the body, such as 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.

8. Jeans/Pants with holes above the knee are not allowed unless the skin is covered by leggings or compression pants under the jeans. Students that come to school with holes above the knee and do not have anything to wear under the jeans will be given duct tape to cover the holes.

9. Students that violate the dress code three times will receive a day of ISS and parents will be contacted. This is at the administrator's discretion. If the clothing is too distracting or offensive the student may be sent to ISS on the first offense if parents are unable to bring a change of clothing.

10. Sunglasses, earbuds, caps, hats, and other head-coverings such as bandanas and hoods will not be worn inside the school building.

11. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times at school. Bedroom slippers are not permitted unless it is Pajamas Day and parents will be notified of these days in the Wednesday folders.

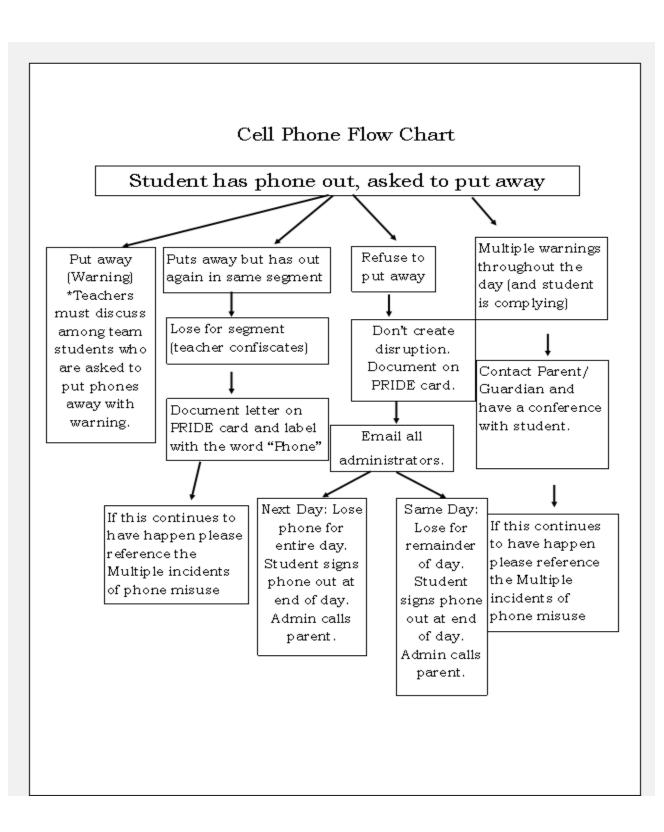
**Dress Code Discretionary Statement:** The Principals/Site Administrators have the authority to interpret the dress code and make a case-by-case determination for appropriateness of dress and appearance, which is or is not covered in these dress code standards. Principals/Site Administrators may make occasional, school-wide exceptions to these standards for such events as "hat days" or "spirit days." Normally scheduled "Spirit-wear Days" may be scheduled. Dress up days will also be scheduled in advance and students are encouraged to participate.

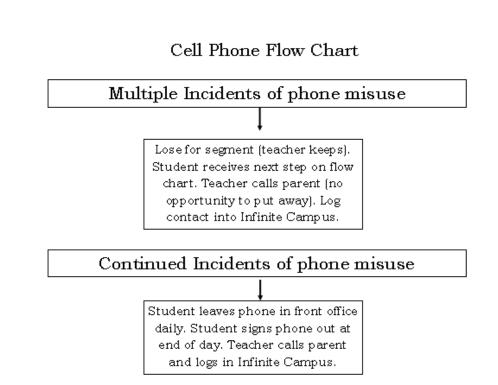
# Further Violations of the code of Conduct:

- Students that are found in a bathroom stall together will be searched and serve a day of ISS. Subsequent infractions will bring further consequences.
- Students found skipping class will serve a day of ISS for the first infraction. Subsequent infractions will bring further consequences.
- Students are not allowed to use the restroom without a pass from a teacher. If a student goes to the restroom without permission, this will be treated as an out of area which brings a consequence of 1 day of ISS. Students are given 5-6 group and individual restroom breaks a day. While we realize that emergencies happen, any student that consistently asks to go to the restroom outside of scheduled breaks will need to bring in a medical diagnosis from a doctor describing the reason the student requires restroom breaks beyond those scheduled daily. If your child states they are not given restroom breaks, please reach out to the teacher for clarification.

<u>Cell Phones/Electronic Devices</u>: Students must keep their cell phones in their bookbags at all times. Students with cell phones or other electronic devices (smart watches, electronic games, laser pointers, Kindles, tablets and laptops) out and in use at inappropriate times, or without teacher permission, will have their device confiscated by the teacher and given back at the end of class. The student will receive an I on their PRIDE Card. Students that continue to beak the cell phone policy will receive consequences as defined in the Cell Phone Flow Chart below.

# Cell Phone Flow Chart for RMS





**Eligibility for Athletics & Competitions:** State Board Policy IDE regulates activities that occur during the school year. The year is defined as August 1 through the end of the school year for students. The policy does not cover activities occurring from the end of school until August 1. No pressure can be applied for a student to participate in summer activities as a condition for making a team or program during the school year. Competitive activities include all individual and team sports, cheerleading, and academic teams. They do not include band, field trips, homework, or occasional work required outside the school day for a scheduled class. Students participating in competitive interscholastic activities **must have passing grades in at least 5 out of the 6 instructional segments the semester immediately preceding participation, including summer school, in order to be eligible**. Failure to meet these criteria will result in a period (one semester) of ineligibility following the student's failure to meet eligibility requirements. Students who are ineligible cannot dress out or practice for a competitive interscholastic group or program. We encourage participation in interscholastic activities by both boys and girls. To represent our school and community is not a duty but an honor, and certain policies must be followed by every athlete to have a successful program.

# To participate a student:

- a. Must meet eligibility requirements.
- b. Set examples for everyone and show leadership, good attitude, and sportsmanship.
- c. Demonstrate appropriate behavior in order to be a part of the team.
- d. Carry school insurance or a policy from home (for athletes).
- e. Have a current physical examination on file (for athletes).
- f. Be at school on the day of the activity in order to participate.

g. Be in grades 6 (for non-contact sports only), 7 or 8 for athletics. Students have three years of athletic eligibility in middle school and cannot be 16 years old on or before May 1 in the year of participation.

h. Pay the athletic fee required per sport.

**Emergency Drills:** Fire and/or tornado drills are held on a monthly basis throughout the school year. Safety during a real emergency dictates that students take these drills very seriously. Students must follow their teacher's instructions and

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move to designated areas as quickly and quietly as possible. These areas and procedures are posted and fully explained to students by their teachers. Students must not talk, run, or push. A signal bell will be given for returning to class. Behavior that interferes with the emergency drills will result in disciplinary action being taken.

**Food/Drink/Gum:** Food is not allowed in classrooms except during scheduled snack times unless the teacher has given permission. Only water in resealable water bottles will be allowed in the classrooms. No energy drinks or coffee is allowed at school. Soft drinks are only allowed in the cafeteria at lunch. Outside food is not allowed in the cafeteria or classroom. Gum is NOT allowed.

<u>Grading System</u>: Numerical grades are used for all subjects. Comments on conduct may be made in appropriate circumstances. The current grading scale is as follows: A=100-90 B=89-80 C=79-70 F=below 70

## **Gradebook Categories**

## All MS Courses (except the 2 HS courses)

- Daily Work 10% (classwork, homework, and other smaller assignments)
- Quizzes 30% (quizzes and other larger classwork assignments)
- Major Grades 60% (tests, essays, projects)

## **Honors Physical Science**

- Tests: 45%
- Quizzes: 10%
- Labs: 10%
- Classwork/homework: 10%
- Midterm: 5%
- Final: 20%

## Enhanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections

- Summative (tests) 35%
- Formative (quiz, other) 45%
- EOC 20% (this is required) This will change from Leah McConnell

<u>Middle School Exams</u>: Exams will be given in all classes in May. All exams will be performance-based tasks. Exams will count in the major grade area. Middle school students in Barrow County are required to take final examinations. Students are not able to exempt or take exams early.

Head lice: The Barrow County Board of Education has adopted a procedure regarding head lice. Please visit https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/ePolicy/Policy.aspx?S=4009&Sch=4009&PC=JGCCA&Z=P&revNo=1.36&srch=head+li ce&ktype=Exact&encu=xa9jwu0EeqNJP1IMR8zErI2Eu9hM2yurtmPs7R4uWoGRD9OG4QQ6LpMnqLEb2QuPslshuPslshM MOsyM0nRplusUKNSslsh3C9Jysfq8FBzBx4UhxHOV6JJ4Bkyhwi3JVtslshkD9WnMkxskv10BhfTX4iUcrNvNv7Anvzbxh6BZE1 slshJcNWWmreKuplus3Xjqn8j4plusndeklKHeGGkn

<u>All A Honor Roll</u>: The honor roll is compiled quarterly. To qualify, a student must have a grade point average of 90 or above in ALL subjects in which he/she is enrolled that quarter.

<u>A/B Merit Roll</u>: The merit roll is compiled quarterly. To qualify, a student must have a grade point average of 80 or above in their classes. At least one grade must be 90 or above in order to receive this award.

# Insurance: Please see link.

**Personal Items/Valuables:** Placing name labels on personal articles and wearing apparel is helpful. The borrowing/loaning of personal possessions is discouraged. Lost articles, including books, are placed in the lost and

found area. Students are discouraged from bringing large sums of money or valuable items to school; if they choose to, they claim responsibility for those items and the school is not responsible if items are lost or stolen. All property of students brought to school is subject to search without prior notice.

**Lost and Found:** A designated area is located in the front office where students can inquire about missing articles or turn in items found. Items not picked up at the end of each nine weeks will be donated to a charitable organization.

MTSS: This incorporates Response to Intervention (RTI) and Student Support Teams (SST). These services are provided to students who are experiencing challenges in their academic classes.

**Parent Volunteers:** There are a number of opportunities for which parents can volunteer at Russell Middle School. Volunteers should contact an administrator, PTO officer, or the Partners In Education Coordinator (Rebecca Good) at the school.

Barrow County School System began conducting background checks on all volunteers during the 2020-2021 school year. The Barrow County School System requires all volunteers who interact with students off campus at overnight events to have an FBI Fingerprint Background Check completed. The Safety and Security Office will conduct the appropriate check and maintain a list of approved volunteers. Only approved volunteers may be utilized in our schools. Volunteers must submit to a new background check annually.

Volunteers must be provided mandated reporter training as well. This is accomplished by the following process:

- 1. School will provide the volunteer with the document Mandated Reporter Information and Resources 2023. The volunteer MUST review the one-page Information and Resources document before they can be around students in BCSS schools. (\*In addition to generic information on responsibilities the document contains a link that has further resources and a video they can view on the subject. This is not required.)
- 2. Afterwards, they must sign the acknowledgement form (attached as a PDF) that they have reviewed and understood their obligations in this matter. The school will then keep a copy of the signed document on file for the entire school year. Just as with staff this is an annual training so they would need to review the one pager and sign each year.

**Physical Education:** To be excused from P.E., a written note from the parent will be required if a student cannot participate with the class. Illnesses or injury requiring that a student be excused from P.E. for a period exceeding three days will require a written doctor's excuse.

**Professional Staff:** The principal is responsible for supervising and evaluating the total program for the school, assumes responsibility for pupil welfare during school hours and promotes desirable relationships within the school among parents, teachers, students, and other members of the community. The assistant principals work directly with the principal and also with the teachers, parents, and students regarding student attendance, behavior, instruction, and discipline. The primary role of the counselor is to help students and parents with problems that might occur. The media specialist is trained to assist teachers, students, and parents in obtaining necessary materials for research, special projects, or leisure-time reading. Classroom teachers are qualified personnel specifically trained to meet the needs of middle school students. They are professionals who work in team situations to provide an effective educational program for students. The School Resource Officer bridges the gap between youth and law enforcement as he/she serves to improve the safe atmosphere of the school and assists with security of the campus during school and extra-curricular activities.

**Promotion Guidelines:** Students must pass **four of the five subjects** (language arts, math, science, social studies and Connections) to be promoted to the next grade. The grades for each Connections course taken during the school year will be averaged to determine the connection grade for purposes of promotion and retention. In cases where

promotion is questionable, we attempt to notify parents several months in advance, and a cooperative effort is made by all involved personnel to ensure the student's successful completion of the grade.

**Property:** Russell Middle School is a well-equipped building of which each student can be proud. Students are urged to take pride in the appearance of their school, the building, furniture, buses, and surroundings. The physical condition of a school usually reflects the types of students and teachers who work there. Students will be required to pay for any damage they cause to school property. This includes damage to Chromebooks.

**Registration:** Online registration is required for students who are new or returning from another school system, or who have custody changes. Once you complete the online process; the Registration team will review your information during the time you schedule. If something is missing, they will call you. If not, you will receive a confirmation email. Registration is available virtually at this <u>link</u>.

**<u>Report Cards</u>**: At the end of each nine-week grading period, report cards will be issued to all students. These indicate numerical grades earned in each subject area and also provide attendance data and behavioral comments.

**<u>Restitution</u>**: A student may be required to pay for or restore any damages caused by his or her actions.

**Progress Reports:** Progress reports are sent home approximately midway through the quarter and, are intended to be an indicator of their current average at the time and are not intended to be accurate reflections for the students' final quarterly average.

<u>School Closing</u>: In case of extreme weather conditions or other emergency changes in the daily schedule made after school hours, listen to radio stations in Athens, Gainesville, and Winder. Refer to the <u>BCSS website</u> for a detailed listing of radio and TV stations.

<u>Sensitive Issues Policy (IFAA-R)</u>: Occasionally students will encounter controversial or sensitive topics through materials read, class discussion, or assignments. Educational curriculum cannot always avoid controversial issues in our society. A duty charged by the school system is to prepare learners to acquire the insights and the skills necessary to make important personal and political decisions. Teachers shall be knowledgeable of controversial issues occurring in curriculum and thus be prepared to present a balanced perspective that addresses multiple views. Teachers welcome the opportunity to discuss and review the curriculum and materials for this course with the parents. Parents shall have opportunities to select alternate assignments should they believe the material in question is inappropriate for their child.

<u>Student Calendar</u>: The printable version of the 2023 – 2024 student calendar can be accessed on the Barrow County website or at this <u>link</u>.

**Telephone Calls:** Students are not allowed to use any school phone except in an emergency. Parents and teachers should stress to students the importance of being responsible and coming to school prepared with materials, supplies, and items of personal need. Students should not use class time to make calls of a personal nature. Phone calls from the office phones should be limited to students who are sick and have a legitimate emergency. No student may use the phone without written permission from the teacher. Students needing to use the phone should go to the front office. Students will sign a phone log each time a call is made. We do not call students out of class to receive calls except in the cases of extreme emergencies.

**Textbooks and Library Books:** Students sign for or check out from the media center each book received at the time of issue. Teachers should not be asked to store books or supplies and cannot be responsible for them. Books left lying around campus unattended may be stolen, and students will be held accountable for replacing any books issued to them.

**Transportation:** School Buses - Students may be denied bus privileges when behavior is inappropriate. Students must bring a note from home if they intend to change their means of transportation or the place they are to be dropped off after school. (A school employee must approve these notes, and students will be issued a bus pass prior to the end of the school day from the front office.) Private Cars - Students who are transported in cars should be dropped off in front of the school in the designated area. Automobiles must not use the bus loading area. Students are not allowed to drive private cars to Russell Middle School.

**Walkers/Bike Riders**: Students that walk/bike home from school will be given a form for parents to fill out giving the school permission to allow their child to leave school as a walker/bike rider at the end of the academic day. Students that do not return this permission form must ride the bus home or be a car rider. Students will be given a walker/biker pass that they must have available to show a teacher when they exit the building.

**Vending Machines:** Vending machines are only available after lunch has been offered to the student. No student will be allowed to go to a vending machine at any other time of the day.

<u>Visitors:</u> All parents and visitors must first check in at the main office to be issued a visitor's pass before going to other parts of the building. Lunch visits require parents/guardians to eat with their child in the front lobby. In the interest of safety, please be advised that any visitor not complying with check-in procedures is subject to possible criminal charges.

<u>Withdrawals</u>: Parents or guardians of students who are planning to withdraw during the school year should contact our registrar (Robin Price) to complete the withdrawal process prior to the move.

# **B. Barrow County School System Information: RMS Website**

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: <u>https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/schools/rms/families/student-handbook</u>

# COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

# FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA) <u>\*\*\*NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICES\*\*\*</u> <u>BARROW COUNTY SCHOOLS GENDER EQUITY IN SPORTS</u> <u>TITLE VI AND TITLE IX NOTIFICATION SECTION 504 INFORMATIONAL NOTICE</u>

STUDENT COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES: Link

# School Meal Prices 2023-2024

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		Full Price	Reduced	Full Price	Reduced	Full Price	Reduced
			Price		Price		Price
	Breakfast 1	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
	Day						
	Lunch 1 Day	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.40	\$ 2.25	\$ 0.40	\$ 2.50	\$ 0.40

# **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Clubs and organizations are available at **Russell Middle School** for student participation. The clubs and organizations that are available are listed below 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 organizations form signature letter. The opt-out form was included in your Open

House folder but you may obtain a policy signature letter from the school office. If a club or organization not listed below is started during the school year, students will have to have parental permission prior to participation.

National Junior Honor Art Society Student Council Yearbook Staff BETA Club FCCLA FBLA Drama Chorus Band Football Volleyball

- Basketball Girls
- Basketball Boys
- Cross Country
- Track
- Cheerleading
- FCA

**PROHIBITION AGAINST BULLYING** – The following policies can be seen on this link.

# STUDENT REPORTING OF ACTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

MEDIA AND INTERNET PUBLICATION RELEASE NOTICE

# **NEWS MEDIA RELEASE NOTICE**

# BARROW COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERNET SAFETY, TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBILITY, AND ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Using Technology at School

**Internet Safety** 

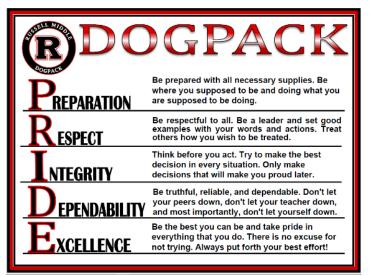
# Student Code of Conduct

# **POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SYSTEM (PBIS)**

PBIS is an evidence-based, data-driven framework proven to reduce disciplinary incidents, increase a school's sense of safety and support improved academic outcomes. More than 16,000 U.S. schools are implementing PBIS. The premise of PBIS is that continual teaching, combined with acknowledgement or feedback of positive student behavior will reduce unnecessary discipline and promote a climate of greater productivity, safety and learning.

All Barrow County Schools participate in PBIS.

	RUSSELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PBIS Flow Chart for Minor Offenses					
STEP 1 WARNING	Step 1: Verbal Warning or Redirection Teacher warnings can include but are not limited to the following: positively state rules/expectations; reminder of consequences for mild penalties, praising students displaying appropriate behavior, move seat, and in-room isolation.					
STEP 2 LETTER	Step 2: Letter on PRIDE Card Teacher marks a letter on the student's PRIDE card in the appropriate box. Teacher may add additional notes to the back of the PRIDE card if so desired.					
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STEP 3 LUNCH DETENTION	Step 3: Lunch Detention Teacher assigns student lunch detention and makes the lunch segment teacher aware. Student will sit at silent lunch table or away from peers during lunch.					
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STEP 4 Conference	Step 4: Behavior Conference Teachers will engage in a conference to discuss the student's behavior. This conference should involve content area teachers and the parents/guardians of the student at a minimum. In some cases, the student and/or administrators should be included. If the parents/guardians cannot attend, a phone conference may be used. At this time, the FBA checklist will be compiled along with other flow chart disciplines for an office referral.					
STEP 5 After School Detention	Step 5: After School Detention Student will report to the assigned after-school detention location. The teacher will make parent contact by phone. Additional contact may be made by email or another type of written notice like a detention slip. Teacher will also start or add this infraction to the FBA checklist.					
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STEP 6 REFERRAL	Step 6: Office Referral to Administration The teacher will submit a referral in Infinite Campus, along with accompanying documentation like description of infractions.					



#### **BUS DISCIPLINE**

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#### STUDENT/PARENT POLICY UNDERSTANDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The **Russell Middle School** 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 at **770-867-8181**. We will be happy to talk with you.

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.

<u>A completed and signed form must be on file for all students.</u> Parents/Guardians and students age ten years or older by September 1<sup>st</sup> are required to sign this acknowledgement form in the space below. Please return the form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

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							
1. Student Code of Conduct and School	1. Student Code of Conduct and School Bus Behavior Guidelines						
2. School Attendance and Georgia's Cor	2. School Attendance and Georgia's Compulsory Education Law						
3. Cafeteria Charge Board Policy (EE)	3. Cafeteria Charge Board Policy (EE)						
4. Medication Policy	4. Medication Policy						
5. Parent's Right to Request a Teacher's and 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 Russell Middle School Student Handbook. I understand that I am responsible for following the guidelines set forth in this document.							
Print Student's Name:							
Student Signature:	Date:						
I have reviewed the student handbook with my child:							
Parent Signature:	Date:						

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SCHOOL CLUBS AND	ORGANIZATIONS							
<u>2023-2024</u>								
If you do <b>NOT</b> want your child to participate in a particular club or organization at school, please complete the information requested below and return to your child's school. For a complete list of school clubs and organizations for any particular school, please contact the school.								
Student Name:	Grade:							
My child, identified above, <b>may not</b> participate in the club or	organization listed below:							
By completing this form I am declining permission for my child	to participate in the club or organization listed above.							
Parent Signature: D	ate:							
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