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COMMON PRACTICES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The following are middle and high school common practices that have been extracted from the Lincoln Public Schools Important Information Booklet. This sheet is meant to be a quick-reference guide for common practices that are for middle school families only. A complete LPS Important Information Booklet is available online at lps.org.

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS IN THE LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a framework for teaching procedures and techniques designed to help improve behavior. It involves procedures at the school-wide, classroom, and individual student levels.

The purpose of district-wide PBIS is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm. Introducing, modeling, and reinforcing positive social behavior is an important step of a student's educational experience. Teaching behavioral expectations and then recognizing students for following our expectations is a more positive approach than only responding to misbehavior.

STUDENT DRESS

"Come Dressed for Learning" is a motto. When parents know and understand the dress regulations, it helps us maintain a positive learning environment. Students should not dress in a manner that causes a disruption to the educational process, or a distraction to the learning environment, or in a manner contrary to the mission of the school.

From the LPS Rights and Responsibilities of Students:

- M. Dressing or grooming in a manner wherein such dress is dangerous to the student's health and safety or to the health and safety of others or repeated violations of the student dress and grooming standards; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that is lewd or indecent, vulgar, or plainly offensive; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that school officials reasonably conclude will materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school; or dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that a reasonable observer would interpret as advocating illegal drug use.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SCIP)

SCIP is a student assistance program that works with families, schools and the community to support student behavioral, mental and emotional health. When schools, parents and the community build a collaborative relationship of support around students, they are more capable of reaching their full potential. SCIP can assist parents in identifying behaviors or concerns that may be interfering in a student's ability to learn, seek solutions, and explore options, which will increase student's opportunities to be successful in school. In addition to in-school supports, SCIP collaborates with community behavioral health agencies to offer another layer of support to students and families. To refer your student to SCIP or to find out more about the program please contact your school's SCIP Team Leader or the Lincoln/Lancaster County SCIP Coordinator at 402-327-6841.

EXTRA/INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS

LPS middle schools offer a full-year of after school extra/intramurals for 7th and 8th grade students.

Fall sports include: Cross Country, Soccer, Girls Volleyball; winter sports include: Girls/Boys Basketball and Wrestling; Track is held in the spring. All students are expected to follow assigned guidelines for conduct and academics for participation. Activity specific guidelines will be shared at the start of each season.

Practices are for athletes only. Friends and/or family members may not observe practices. People waiting to give students rides home from school should wait in their vehicles in the parking lot. Parents waiting to walk home with students after school should wait in the assigned area. Other LPS students cannot wait on campus for students while they are practicing.

MIDDLE LEVEL GRADING CHART (see next page)

Early Dismissal Dates: (August 13 and 14, 2018) Students will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Dates:

(August 28, 2018, September 25, October 30, November 27, December 18, January 29, 2019, February 26, March 26, April 30.) Students will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m.