

DODGEN STUDENT BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR FIELD TRIPS

Failure to follow guidelines and policies set by the State of Georgia Department of Education, Cobb County Public Schools, and specific behavioral rules established by Dodgen Middle School can result in the following:

- Restriction from the field trip prior to departure (payments WILL NOT be refunded)
- Restriction of activities while participating in the field trip
- Disciplinary actions while on the field trip
- While on the trip, if the student does not adhere to these policies, he/she can be dismissed from the trip at the expense of the parent/guardian

These expectations for behavior have been established to provide students and chaperones at Dodgen Middle School with an orderly, safe, and enjoyable learning experience while participating on the trip.

The Cobb County Board Policy IFCB states that:

Teachers, working with school administrators, have the authority to exclude the participation of students whose *behavioral history suggest the possibility that they may endanger themselves or others while on the field trips*. This discretion must be made on actual student behavior and not based on disability identification.

The State of Georgia Student Discipline Code JD 160-4-8-.15 supports Dodgen Middle School's behavioral guidelines by stating:

Standards for student behavior during the school day and at school-related functions are designed to create the expectations that students will behave themselves in such a way so as to facilitate a learning environment for themselves and other students, respect each other and school district employees, obey student behavior policies adopted by the local board of education, and *obey student behavior rules established by individual schools*.

The Cobb County Board Policy JCDA, Section IV, Line A, Paragraph 3, supports Dodgen Middle School's Behavioral guidelines by stating:

The principal or designee may utilize any of the above discipline management techniques, and/or may employ: student participation in conference with parent/guardian, teacher, and/or principal, *restriction from school programs and special activities...* and any other disciplinary technique that positively promotes the student code of conduct and desired character trait(s).

Student restrictions from the field trip will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Any student who earns OSS will NOT be permitted to participate in the trip.
- Students whose receive three days of ISS (starting on the first day of school through the date of the trip) will NOT be permitted to participate in the trip. The decision will be made by the choir directors and an administrator. The decision is non-negotiable.
- Other behavior concerns will be addressed on a case by case basis and may result in exclusion from the trip.

****If fees have been paid, some, or all of the fees will not be refundable.** Exemplary behavior is expected at school to earn a place on this optional field trip.

I understand the above guidelines and policies and agree to adhere to these policies; furthermore, I will discuss these policies with my child prior to the field trip, so that there is complete understanding of these rules and expectations as stated by Dodgen Middle School behavioral guidelines.

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____

Parent Name _____ Student Name _____