**LMMS ACADEMIC TEAM STUDENT BEHAVIORAL GUIDLEINES AND POLICIES/ 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 Lost Mountain 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 polices, 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 Lost Mountain 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 who have had bus referral consequences will NOT be permitted to participate in the trip.

Students whose misbehavior earns them a consequence of ISS may be prevented from participating on the trip. If the ISS infraction is due to **disrespect, dishonesty, disobedience, or disruption students will not participate.**  The decision will be made by teacher sponsor and an administrator. The decision is non-negotiable. \*\***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 Lost Mountain Middle School behavioral guidelines.

Thank you for your support.

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