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Parents' Responsibilities

Parents/guardians are expected to take responsibility for seeing that their child arrives before the beginning of school and is picked up after the end of school within the time frames noted above. If for any reason parents are not able to comply with the times noted, a conference should be scheduled with the principal to discuss the matter.

Students Not Picked Up Promptly After School

Due to the necessity of having to supervise young students closely and the fact that teachers and other school personnel have many responsibilities after the regular school day, parents/guardians must assume the responsibility for picking up their child(ren) promptly after the school day ends. In situations where parents do not abide by the school dismissal schedule and fail to pick up their child(ren) within the specified time frame, the following procedure will be used to insure compliance:

1. After the first occurrence, the principal will contact the parent/guardian by telephone to discuss and attempt to resolve the matter.
1. After the second occurrence, the principal will write a letter to the parent/guardian outlining the requirements of this policy, including the provisions outlined in item 3 below.

1. Upon a subsequent occurrence, the principal has the authority to contact the Department of Human Services and to instigate neglect charges against the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Before and After-School Supervision Plan

Each school principal should develop a plan for supervising students who arrive prior to the time set for the opening of school and for students who remain after the time set for the closing of school. Such plan should incorporate the following minimal requirements:

1. The plan should be written.
1. The plan should direct students arriving early to report immediately to a designated room/location/site, etc. The room/location/site should be properly supervised by an appropriate number of staff members.
1. The plan should direct students remaining on the school premises after school closes for any extended length of time to report to a designated room/location/site, etc.
1. The room/location/site should be supervised by an appropriate number of staff members.

Notification

School principals are hereby directed to give notice to the parents/guardians of all students in their respective school of the content and intent of this policy. The notification shall be given in written form (newsletters, student handbooks, newspaper articles, etc.) at the beginning of each school year. Further, the Board directs that the content and intent of this policy be made a part of the Alexander City School System's newspaper advertisement at the beginning of each school year.

Care of Students after School-Sponsored Events

The schools of the Alexander City School System offer a variety of after-school, extra-curricular activities, which contribute greatly to the total educational experiences of students. Students' involvement in such activities contributes to their physical, mental, social, and emotional growth and development. Events, such as plays, athletic contests, debates, scholars bowl, beauty contests, band presentations, choral groups, etc. are vital components of each school's curriculum. The Board supports and encourages such after school learning opportunities for students of the School System; however, the Board is also cognizant that such activities necessitate additional work and time on the part of teachers, school administrators, and others to develop and conduct such meaningful extra-curricular events. While the Board encourages parents/guardians to contribute to such school-sponsored events from such programs, the Board further encourages parents/guardians to do their part in assisting school personnel by assuming responsibility for their child(ren) promptly after participating in or attending such activities.

Limits of Care: School System's Responsibility

The Board expects that school administrators will assign sponsor and personnel to supervise and monitor before, during, and after all extra-curricular events sponsored by the schools of the School System in order to insure the safety and well-being of students who must remain on school premises until picked up by their parents/guardians. Further, the Board expects that school administrators will announce to parents/guardians that they are expected to pick up their child(ren) promptly after such events in order to permit school personnel to return to their homes at reasonable hours. In an effort to assist school personnel with this important issue, the Board authorizes school administrators to operate in accordance with the following guidelines:

Events for Which a Price is Charged

For price-paying participants, school personnel shall be responsible for supervising up to and through the end of the activity.

2. For student participants in an event requiring a price for admission, school personnel shall be responsible for supervising the student participants for not more than thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the activity.

Events for Which a Price is Not Charged

School personnel shall be responsible for supervising students for not more than thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the activity.

2. Parents/guardians, whose child(ren) participates in after-school extra-curricular activities, are expected to take responsibility for seeing that their child(ren) is picked up promptly after the conclusion of such activities.

Students Not Picked Up Promptly After School-Sponsored Events

In situations where parents/guardians repeatedly fail to pick up their child(ren) promptly following after-school, extra-curricular activities, the following procedure will be used to insure compliance:

1. After the first occurrence, the principal will contact the parent/guardian by telephone to discuss and attempt to resolve the matter.
2. For children participating in the extra-curricular event, after the second occurrence, the principal will write a letter to the parent/guardian notifying him/her that the school will not assume responsibility for supervising his/her child(ren) after such activities.

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