

FALCON CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK

The District has language assistance services available for parents and families upon request. To request services, please contact your school principal or call 720-554-5046 for Interpretation and Translation Office Support.

At Falcon Creek Middle School we aspire to provide an educational experience that ensures every student is academically, socially, and emotionally prepared for the next phase of life, including high school. To achieve this goal, we consider all possible means of support and information necessary to provide multiple pathways to success for all students. This handbook serves as both a reference and a guide containing the various policies and procedures that support Falcon Creek Middle School students in developing the habits and behaviors that fulfill our mission and help students toward a successful academic and personal future. Please carefully review the information contained in this resource and discuss any questions or concerns with parents, guardians, or school personnel.

DAILY SCHEDULE

School hours are from 8:50 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. You may enter the building at 8:40 a.m. Unless a special circumstance exists, you should not be on school grounds before 8:40 a.m. On cold weather days students will be welcomed into the building to wait in the following locations: 6th Grade in the Main Gym; 7th Grade in the Cafeteria; 8th Grade in the Auxiliary Gym. At the end of the school day, students are expected to leave school grounds by 3:50 p.m. unless they are under direct supervision of a staff member.

SCHOOL CLOSURE/DELAYED START SCHEDULE

The Cherry Creek School District communicates school closure and delayed start information through ConnectEd, social media sites, radio stations, as well as our [district](#) and [school](#) websites. On a delayed schedule, the middle school start time is 10:20 a.m. and morning bus pickups are **delayed 90 minutes**.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Falcon Creek is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds until a parent or approved adult follows the proper procedure at the Attendance Office. You must also be signed back in at the Attendance Office when returning to campus.

VISITOR AND DELIVERY GUIDELINES

Parents are always welcome at Falcon Creek Middle School. Parents/visitors may enter through the main entrance doors and are required to check in at the security kiosk in the vestibule. Once checked in, guests may proceed inside the main hallway to the security desk for additional assistance. Each visitor will need to present a driver's license or other government issued photo identification. We encourage parents to make an appointment in advance to ensure the availability of a teacher, counselor or administrator. Visitation by young relatives, students from other schools, or friends is not allowed during school hours. Unauthorized visitors will be asked to leave the building and may be cited for trespassing. Items may be delivered to school by a parent/guardian and the student will be notified to come to the security desk for pick up.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Grading: Student grades are maintained in Powerschool and updated a minimum of every two weeks. Each grading period is approximately nine weeks long and there are four quarters in an academic year. At Falcon Creek, we employ a grading system in support of academic achievement and student engagement. Graded work reflects student learning and progress toward content standards. Students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate learning and learning is not time bound. Letter grades are based on summative assignments that illustrate a student's progress toward the learning outcomes. As part of our equitable grading practices, all classes in the building use a grading scale beginning at 50%, making the percentiles of a failing grade equivalent to the other letter grades.

Student Report Cards: At the conclusion of each quarter, a ConnectEd Message will be sent alerting families that grades have been finalized and reports cards are available. A follow up email containing instructions on how to access report cards will be sent shortly after. Parents are encouraged to check PowerSchool frequently for grade updates or set automated emails.

Academic Recognition: Students are recognized quarterly for Merit Honor Roll (quarterly G.P.A. increase of .5 or greater), Honor Roll (G.P.A. of 3.5-3.99), and Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 G.P.A.).

Homework and Academic Support: Homework is an extension of the learning process. It is completed independently, outside of class, without the direct supervision of the teacher. Teachers commit to providing homework that is relevant and meaningful to the academic development of our students. Completing homework regularly helps with academic development and establishes academic behaviors that are essential for success beyond middle school. Parents are strongly encouraged to provide a specific time and place for regular homework completion. Students needing additional academic support, help with understanding the lesson, time for making up missing assignments, or making up a test or quiz, should talk with the teacher and set up a designated time or attend extended learning before or after school. Refer to the school website for the days, times, and locations for extended learning.

Late Work Policy

The Falcon Creek faculty strives to help busy students budget their time and meet specific deadlines. The mastery of this skill is important as students navigate their way through middle school and prepare themselves for high school. Always communicate with your teachers when needing additional time or opportunities for learning any material. And remember, turning in late work is always better than not turning in the assignment at all.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Middle school-aged students are required by law to attend school. Beyond compulsory attendance laws, regular and punctual patterns of attendance directly correlate to student success in school. If the frequency of absences becomes excessive, students may be referred to the Dean for attendance interventions. Responses to excessive absences (both excused and unexcused) may include an attendance contract, required medical excuses, and referral to the District Student Attendance Review Board, and truancy court.

Early Dismissal: If a student is to be dismissed early from school, the parent and/or guardian needs to follow the building check-in procedures and then proceed to the Attendance Office to check out the student.

Attendance Line: When a student is absent from school, a parent/guardian should call the **Attendance Line at 720-886-7717**, prior to 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the absence. If a student is not called in on the day of the absence or is truant from a class, automated phone messages will be sent through ConnectEd and the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

Pre-arranged Absence(s): Parents may request a prearranged absence when it is known in advance that a student will be absent. The parent and/or guardian may call the **Attendance Line (720-886-7717)** indicating the days and reason for absence. The Attendance Clerk will record the absences into Powerschool to alert teachers. It is the student's responsibility to gather and complete any classwork and homework missed while absent.

Extended Absence: If a planned absence will be longer than five days, please visit the FMS website and download the [Extended Absence Form](#) and review the directions for completion.

Excused Absences: According to School Board Policy JH, the following circumstances are excused absences:

- Temporary illness or injury. A physician's verification of illness for excessive absences may be requested.
- Absence for an extended period of time due to physical, mental or emotional disability.
- Attendance at any school-sponsored activity or activities of any educational nature with advance approval by the administration.
- Observance of an established religious holiday.
- An absence, pre-approved by the principal, at the request of the parent or guardian.
- Mandatory court appearance.
- Bereavement leave.

Unexcused Absences/Truancy: All absences not described in the previous list are considered unexcused/truant. Being deliberately absent (ditching) from a class or classes without a valid excuse or being deliberately absent for one or more school days without a valid excuse is considered truancy. District Policy JHB-R will be followed for a student who is considered truant.

Make-Up Work from Absences: It is important that students make up work that is assigned during an absence. Students should check Schoology and Powerschool for assignments, notes, or important information and contact teachers when returning to school following an absence. Students will be given two school days to make up each day of absence. For example, a student absent for two days, will have four days to complete and turn in any missing assignments.

In the case of an out-of-school suspension, the student may contact teachers for school assignments. The student will be given two days to complete the work for every day missed due to suspension. Full credit will be awarded.

Tardies: Students are expected to attend all classes on time. If a student is tardy to school, he/she must check-in at the Attendance Office upon arrival. This is not applicable to a late bus arrival. Accumulated tardies will result in the following consequences:

- 1st Tardy: Warning by Classroom Teacher
- 2nd and 3rd Tardy: Teacher Consequence/Parent Notification
- 4th Tardy and Subsequent Tardies: Referral to Dean and Dean Assigned Consequence

CAFETERIA EXPECTATIONS

Thanks to *The Healthy Schools Meals For All Program*, all students are eligible to receive a breakfast and lunch meal at no cost. We encourage families to complete the Meal Application Form found at the CCSD Food & Nutrition web page to maximize family and district benefits. A school issued ID will be required to receive the free school meals and additional snacks are available for purchase.

Breakfast: For those students choosing to eat at school, breakfast service begins at 8:40 a.m. Breakfast is “Grab and Go” style. Students will then proceed to their first period class.

Lunch: Student lunches are 30 minutes in duration. Students may receive lunch from the cafeteria or bring lunch from home. Students may participate in a recess after eating lunch. On inclement weather days, students will remain in the cafeteria or gymnasium during recess time.

Cafeteria Rules: During lunch at Falcon Creek, students:

- Will not be allowed to use food delivery services to bring meals during the school day.
- Will stay seated during meals.
- Will clean the area when finished eating.
- May use technology in the cafeteria, adhering to school technology guidelines.
- May spend time in the Innovation Center.
- May not go into academic hallways during lunch, without a pass from a teacher.

COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Maintaining strong school to home communication contributes to a successful learning experience and middle school journey. There are many ways to stay connected with the Falcon Creek Middle School community.

Announcements: Daily student announcements will be made at the beginning of the school day as well as displayed on monitors throughout the building. Students also produce a weekly video announcement that is shown to the student body weekly.

CampusHub: CampusHub is a schoolwide app that keeps you up to date and connected with all the latest information from Falcon Creek Middle School. The app contains lunch menus, calendars, weather events, media, PTCO, teacher email addresses and attendance. The app can be downloaded at <https://get.campushub.io/org/HWNVK>.

Connect Ed Messages: Connect Ed Messages (phone calls, text messages, and e-mails) are mass communications sent from the school to stakeholders with timely information.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Times are set-aside in September, November, February and March for parents to meet with teachers. If other meetings are desired, please contact the counselors or individual teachers to make an appointment. We believe that effective communication between home and school is essential to student achievement.

PowerSchool: PowerSchool provides real-time attendance and academic information. Parents and students can check attendance and grade history by logging in to my.cherrycreekschools.org and selecting the PowerSchool tile. Parents and students can send emails to teachers directly through Powerschool.

Schoology: Schoology is an online resource where students can access additional information related to their coursework. It provides teachers with a means to create differentiated learning opportunities and provides students with a more dynamic and interactive option for student learning. Students access Schoology using my.cherrycreekschools.org.

Student Agendas: Every Falcon Creek student is provided a student agenda at the start of the year. The agenda is an organizational tool for students to record learning objectives and assignments for classes. If a student loses his/her agenda, they can purchase a replacement through the Bookkeeper for \$8.00.

Student Telephone Use: Phones are available for all students to use with permission. They are located in the Main Office, Dean's Office, and Counseling Office. Emergency phone messages from parents will be delivered to students. Parents needing to contact students should call the Main Office at 720-886-7700.

Talking Points: TalkingPoints is a multilingual technology platform that connects and empowers families and teachers by using human and AI-powered, two way translated communication and personalized content. This unique approach eliminates barriers including language, time, mindsets, and capacity to foster strong family engagement in development of students' academic success.

School Website: General information, such as the school calendar and upcoming events will be posted on our website [Falcon Creek Middle School / Homepage \(cherrycreekschools.org\)](http://FalconCreekMiddleSchool/Homepage(cherrycreekschools.org)). Staff contact information (emails and phone/voicemail numbers), bell schedules, lunch menu and other important school information are posted on the website.

COUNSELING OFFICE

A counselor's primary role is to assist you in finding solutions to school related issues (academic, personal/social emotional, and college/career). In addition to meeting with you individually, counselors may meet with groups of students, conduct classroom and other small group activities, and consult with teachers and parents. Counselors assist in making educational plans and helping you understand yourself. Students may request to speak with a counselor or mental health staff by submitting this [form](#). The request

form can be found on the *STUDENTS* tab on the Falcon Creek website. Parents may also call to talk about concerns or to set an appointment.

DRESS CODE

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The Board recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to change into appropriate clothing or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately. In this case, there shall be no further penalty.

If the student cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, on the first offense, the student shall be given a written warning and an administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians. On the second offense, the student shall remain in an office with supervision for the day and do schoolwork--which will constitute an in-school suspension--and a conference with parents/guardians shall be held. On the third offense, the student may be subject to out-of-school suspension or other disciplinary action in accordance with relevant disciplinary procedures outlined in the school discipline code.

The following items are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds, or at school activities:

- Inappropriately sheer, tight, short, or low-cut clothing that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, shoulders, buttocks, upper thigh, back and breasts.
- Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:

- Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous;
- Threaten the safety or welfare of any person;
- Promotes any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct;
- Promotes use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons;
- Are of a sexual nature;
- By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior;
- Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process.

Shoes must be worn at all times in school facilities.

Exceptions

Appropriate athletic clothing may be worn in physical education classes. Clothing normally worn when participating in school-sponsored extracurricular or sports activities (such as cheerleading uniforms and the like) may be worn to school when approved by the sponsor or coach.

Building principals, in conjunction with the school accountability committee, may develop and adopt as part of the building code of conduct a specific school dress code for appropriate apparel in accordance with the standards identified in this policy.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell Phones: Students may carry devices during the school day, on school vehicles and at school-sponsored events/activities. Possession of a cellular telephone or other ECD by a student is considered to be a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of the device so as to violate school rules, board policy or law. Using a cell phone inappropriately (i.e cyberbullying, recording a fight, showing a video of a fight, sharing a video of a fight) may result in a student suspension. Use of electronic communication devices with cameras are prohibited in locations where such operation may violate the safety or privacy rights of

another person. Upon reasonable suspicion that a school rule, district policy or law has been violated through the use of a cellular phone or ECD, a search for evidence of the suspected wrongdoing may also occur in accordance with district policy. Any refusal on the part of a student to comply with a request to surrender the cellular phone or ECD may result in disciplinary action.

Students shall comply with administrative or staff member directives relating to the use of cellular phones and other ECDs in school, on school vehicles and at school-sponsored events/activities. Falcon Creek has a building cell phone policy which designates specific zones for cell phone use. These zones are communicated and enforced:

Red Zone = Phones Not Allowed

Yellow Zone = Phones Can Be Used with Adult Approval

Green Zone = Phones Can Be Used at Student Discretion

Violations of the Falcon Creek Cell Phone Policy result in tiered consequences ranging from warning and parent call to confiscation and forfeiture of cell phone privileges. All students are required to review and sign the cell phone contract annually.

Internet Access: Internet access will go through the Cherry Creek School District filter that is designed to block sites that are inappropriate for the educational environment. Students are expected to follow and adhere to all Cherry Creek School District and school policies regarding acceptable use. The use of VPN's (Virtual Private Network) is prohibited and consequences will be enforced in line with the CCSD's Student Code of Conduct.

School Issued Laptop Computers: Every student will be issued a laptop computer for school use. Students are responsible for the continuous care of the computer. Students are expected to bring a fully charged computer to school every day. Technical problems related to school issued computers should be reported through a ["STUDENT TECH TICKET"](#) located on the *STUDENTS* tab of the Falcon Creek website.

Personal Student Laptops and Wireless Connectivity: Students may access the District's wireless network at school using their own personal electronic communication devices. Permission to access the District's wireless network in no way obligates parents to provide ECD's for their students. Access to the District wireless network is allowed for applications and

activities of an academic nature. Students are responsible and accountable for their own devices. Falcon Creek does not assume responsibility for personal laptops that become damaged, misplaced or stolen. Falcon Creek is not able to provide technical support or computer repair for personal devices.

Student Email: Each student is given a Microsoft Outlook email account. It is intended to be used for school related business only. Each teacher also has a Microsoft Outlook email account. These are not private email accounts and all content is governed by school and District policies.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

All staff and students will be trained in and will routinely practice emergency procedures. Depending on the circumstances and conditions present, the following responses will be implemented:

Hold: The Hold Protocol requires students to remain in their classrooms. Students and teachers are to remain in their classroom or area, even if there is a scheduled class change, until the all clear is announced. Hallways are cleared. Interior doors are locked. Normal school operations continue.

Secure: The Secure Protocol is a response to a threat or hazard outside of the school building. If students are outside, they are brought inside. Exterior doors are locked. Normal school operations continue.

Lockdown: The Lockdown Protocol is a response to a threat or hazard inside the school building. Interior doors are locked and classroom lights are turned off. Students move away from sight and maintain silence.

Evacuate: The Evacuate Protocol is when there is a need to move people from one location to another. A fire drill is an example of the evacuation protocol. Students follow the directions of adults to move to the designated evacuation locations. Once at the evacuation location, all students and staff are accounted for.

Shelter: The Shelter Protocol is when specific protective actions are needed based on a threat or hazard. This could include a response to a tornado, earthquake, hazardous materials, or other local threats. Based on the type of threat, appropriate safety strategies will be employed.

HEALTH SERVICES INFORMATION

Illnesses and Accidents: Our school clinic is staffed with a registered nurse and a health liaison. Unless it is an emergency, students are required to have a pass from a teacher when they come to the clinic. The nurse will

evaluate the nature of the student's health concern and decide whether or not parents need to be contacted, and/or the student needs to go home. Due to limited space in the clinic, and the need to reduce the spread of disease, parents are asked to make every attempt to pick up their child within 30 minutes or make arrangements for an approved adult to pick up the student. When students are ill at school, they should report to the health clinic to contact parents/guardians before going home.

Medications:

Over-the-Counter Medications: The clinic only carries Tylenol, Ibuprofen and allergy medications. In order for students to receive these medications, parents must give approval during the online registration process. If other over-the-counter medications are needed, the medication can be kept in the clinic and it must be accompanied by a "Permission to Give Prescription/Homeopathic Medication at School" form. This can be obtained from the school clinic. ***Students are not allowed to carry their own over the counter medications on their person or in personal backpacks, purses, etc.***

Prescription Medications: Prescription medication may only be taken at school if it is brought to the health clinic in its original container accompanied by a "Permission to Give Prescription/Homeopathic Medication at School" form. This form is available in the clinic and must be signed by both the student's physician and a parent/guardian. A parent/guardian should bring the medication directly to the nurse. In the event an adult is unable to bring the prescription to school, an arrangement may be made with the clinic.

Student Carrying of Medication: Students are NOT allowed to carry any medicine at school, with the exception of students with asthma and/or life threatening allergies. Students with asthma and/or life threatening allergies are allowed to carry rescue medication if the student, physician, parents/guardians and school nurse agree that the student is able to do so responsibly. Otherwise, asthma and/or life threatening allergy rescue medicine can be kept in the clinic with the proper medical documentation from the student's physician.

Immunization Laws: Colorado law (Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2) requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed child care facilities to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed.

Students who are not in compliance may be withheld from class. An updated copy of immunizations is stored in each student's school health file. If a medical exemption is required, it must be signed and dated by a physician.

There are **two** ways to submit a nonmedical exemption.

- Submit the Certificate of nonmedical exemption **WITH** a signature from an immunizing provider in Colorado who is a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathic medicine, advanced practice nurse, delegated physician's assistant, or pharmacist **OR**
- Submit the Certificate of nonmedical exemption received upon the completion of CDPHE's Online Immunization Education Module.

Parents of students in grades K-12 claiming a nonmedical exemption must submit one annually. **Nonmedical exemptions expire June 30th each year.**

For any additional health related questions, please contact our school clinic at 720-886-7766.

INNOVATION CENTER

The Innovation Center is organized to meet the media, technology, and information literacy needs of our students. Books, magazines, databases, electronic books, and other materials are available for assignments and recreational reading. Materials are checked out using a student identification card. The loan period for materials is two weeks. If you have an overdue book, you may not check out additional materials from the Innovation Center until the late material is returned. Students can access the Innovation Center during the day, with a signed pass from a teacher.

LOCKERS

Lockers are available by request only. Lockers are to be utilized for the storage of books, equipment, coats, and backpacks. Since lockers are optional, students are allowed to carry a backpack during the day. Please remember that lockers are the property of the school and therefore subject to search at any time.

LOST AND FOUND

If you find lost or misplaced articles, turn them into the Lost and Found in the Cafeteria or electronic devices to the Dean's office. Do not keep items belonging to someone else in your possession. Lost articles will be

given to charity, if not claimed by the end of each quarter. The school is not responsible for any personal items that have been lost.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Falcon Creek Middle School does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or age in its programs or activities. Inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies should be directed to the Falcon Creek Compliance Officer at 720-886-7700.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The only qualifications for participation in school activities are interest and enthusiasm. A complete listing of clubs will be available in September and can be found on the school website.

STUDENT ATHLETICS

The cornerstones of the Cherry Creek School District middle level athletic program are: Inclusion and participation for all, Skill development, Teamwork, and Sportsmanship. We believe in healthy competition, but winning is not our main objective – participation is. We believe winning is the natural result of students doing their very best in practices and games in a cooperative effort. Success lies not in being the best, but in doing one's best. We expect our teams to grow and develop an attitude that reflects team spirit, cooperation, and pride.

At the middle school level, there is a "no cut" policy which means that every participant who tries hard to improve, attends practice regularly, and contributes to good team spirit will play. There are no eligibility requirements at the middle school level. Prior to a student's participation, an Athletic Emergency Card, signed Code of Conduct form, and fee payment are required. Students must also practice a minimum of five days before they can compete in that sport.

Our athletic program competes against other Middle Schools in the following five sports:

- Co-Ed Track in the Fall
- Girls Basketball in the Fall
- Boys Basketball in the Winter
- Co-Ed Wrestling in the Winter
- Girls Volleyball in Spring

Spectator Code of Conduct: Representing our school and district as a spectator of any sporting event, art/musical/theatrical performance, or extracurricular activity is a privilege that students must accept with a full sense of responsibility. Here are the expectations for being a spectator at any Falcon Creek sporting event, art/musical/theatrical performance, or extracurricular activity at Falcon Creek Middle School:

- If I choose to be a spectator, I will either leave campus and come back at the beginning of the event, OR I will be at Extended Learning/Club until 4:45pm. I will NOT wander the halls of Falcon Creek property unsupervised.
- I understand that my behavior reflects positively or negatively on Falcon Creek Middle School, therefore I will refrain from using any negative language or profanity.
- I will have a ride or form of transportation/walking when the event is over, and this will be planned to prevent waiting beyond the conclusion of the activity.
- If I am disrespectful in words or actions, or I break any of the rules or policies of the Cherry Creek School District, I will be removed from the event, and a parent/guardian will be contacted. This may prevent me from attending any further sporting event, art/musical/theatrical performance, or extracurricular activities..

STUDENT ID CARDS

Students are issued a Student ID Card for use when checking out a Library book, using the lunch credit system, and admittance to school events. Replacement ID's may be purchased from the bookkeeper for \$5.00.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

At Falcon Creek Middle School, our students will experience a positive learning environment that emphasizes high expectations, provides conditions for success, meets individual student needs, and prepares students for the future. Our students will learn in a safe, caring setting and they will develop a sense of pride in school and self. Within this framework, students are expected to accept responsibility for their actions and demonstrate respect for property and the rights of others.

Code of Conduct: Students are expected to know and follow the conduct code of the Cherry Creek School District, which is supported by state law. Violation of these policies will lead to disciplinary action and consequences established by the Cherry Creek School District, state law, and building policy. Rules and regulations apply to students in attendance at school, as well as any school-sponsored activity, including all school district properties. All of the information contained here is a summary of district policy. A complete listing of all school district policies can be accessed via the Cherry Creek School District website.

Discipline and Consequences: If a student's behavior violates the established code of conduct, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action. These disciplinary actions may include the loss of privileges, detention (lunch, afterschool), out-of-school suspension, and expulsion. In situations where a student faces one of these disciplinary actions, they have a right to due process.

Suspension: Out-of-school suspension requires that students are not permitted to be on any Cherry Creek School District campus or transportation for the duration of the suspension. Suspended students may not participate in before or after school activities on days suspended. Certain Colorado statutes govern the grounds for suspension and will be discussed with the parents. A re-entry conference will be required to include the student, parent, Dean, and Special Education case manager if applicable. The purpose of this conference is to avoid a repeat of behavior and further loss of instructional time. Students are expected to make-up school work and will receive full credit for that work.

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Bicycles: Students who ride their bikes to school are encouraged to wear a helmet and ride in a safe and courteous manner, observing all traffic laws. Once at school, bikes are to be locked in the bike rack area (located to the East of the South Doors). The school does not provide locks and is not responsible for any damage incurred to bicycles on school property. Motorized vehicles of any kind are not permitted.

Ride 360 Bus Portal and Transportation Cards: Ride 360 is the transportation information platform for parents. All students are issued Cherry Creek School District Transportation scan cards. These cards are scanned every time a student enters or exits a school

bus. This includes daily school to home transportation as well as any school sponsored bus trip (i.e. field trips, athletic games, activity sponsored events, etc). Parents can access the Ride 360 program to verify bus numbers, bus times, pick-up and drop-off locations as well as real time bus rider data.

Bus Transportation: Safety for all students is our primary concern. The privilege of using the transportation services of the Cherry Creek School District is extended to you if you live beyond the established walk-in area. All school rules apply at the bus stop and on the bus. The driver is in full charge of the bus and passengers. Students who create a problem at the bus stop or fail to obey instructions of the bus driver will receive consequences for their behavior and may be denied the privilege of riding the bus. We recognize the transportation hardships imposed by suspending bus privileges, but NO student will be allowed to jeopardize the safety of others. Students must ride their assigned bus and present a valid Ride 360 identification card to enter and exit buses. If you are uncertain about whether or not you are eligible for bus transportation or have questions about bus schedules, rules or disciplinary procedures, please contact the **District Transportation Department at 720-886-7400.**

Activity Buses: Late buses will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Buses will depart Falcon Creek Middle School at 4:45pm. Late buses are for students who are eligible to ride the bus and remained after school to participate in a school sanctioned/supervised activity and/or athletic practice. Students may not leave school grounds and then return to ride the late bus. There are no after school activities/athletics or late buses on Fridays.

Driving and Pedestrian Safety: Drivers can drop off and pick up students in the upper or lower parking lots. Pedestrians must cross streets only where crosswalks and/or crossing guards are present (Orchard and Genoa; Orchard directly in front of the Main Entrance; Orchard at the entrance to the lower parking lot).