



Silver Valley Elementary School

Parent/Student Handbook

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“At Silver Valley Elementary School we soar to achieve academic success and behave appropriately.”

Davidson County Schools Internet home page:

www.davidson.k12.nc.us

We have read and discussed the Silver Valley Student Handbook and Internet Policy.

Student Name_____

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____

Teacher Name_____

The Silver Valley Student Handbook is located on the Parents/ Students Page of the School Website <https://sves.davidson.k12.nc.us/>. Paper copies are available in the office upon request.

Davidson County Schools

2022-2023 School Calendar

BOARD APPROVED 2/7/22, REVISED 3/21/22

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NO ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS: ☐ Holiday ☐ Optional Teacher Work Day ☐ Annual Vacation Leave ☐ Required Teacher Work Day		Note: Students must have a minimum of 185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction. The start date can be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and the end date can be no later than the Friday closest to June 11. DCS is not eligible to run a approved weather-related waiver year or start date for the 2022-2023 school year. The school calendar may be amended by the Board of Education to provide additional instructional time on student days, Saturdays, at the end of the school year, or on any of her current non-instructional day to meet NC General Statute 116C-842.1 requirements. One or more inclement weather days can be waived (excused) for students if the instructional hour requirement will be met or exceeded.		MAKE-UP DAYS These days may not be used in the order listed. 11/23 12/22 1/3 2/20 3/31 4/11 4/12 4/13 4/14 5/29																																																																																																																
OTHER NOTES: ☐ Report Cards Issued		High School Graduation: Each school will establish the date and time per DCS Board Policy 2.7(10). Overall Calendar Days = 215		TOTAL IN-CLASS STUDENT DAYS = 170 1st = 44 + 2nd = 44 = 88 3rd = 47 + 4th = 43 = 90		Davidson County Schools: www.davidson.k12.nc.us																																																																																																														

SILVER VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

At Silver Valley Elementary our mission is to provide a **rigorous, relevant, relationship centered** learning environment where ALL students can **SOAR!**

Parents and Visitors to the School

As you know, parents and visitors are always welcome at Silver Valley, but keeping in line with our philosophy to make the school a safe place for all children, we have the policy that all parents and/or visitors must have a visitor's pass before going into the main building. If you plan to go beyond the lobby in front of the main office **please stop by the office, sign in and request a "Visitor's Pass" before entering any other part of the building.** The building opens at 7:30 a.m. We hope this minor inconvenience will make you more secure about the safety of your children at Silver Valley Elementary School. All classroom observations must be pre-arranged with the principal and will be scheduled for a maximum of 30 minutes.

Character Education

We always stress character education at Silver Valley. The quality of our community, state and nation is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens. Parents must model and teach superior virtues to their children and we pledge at Silver Valley to unite with parents by emphasizing **HONESTY, CARING, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, COMPASSION, INTEGRITY, COURAGE, AND SELF-DISCIPLINE** in our daily actions and our teaching.

Residency and Enrollment Requirements

In order to attend Silver Valley School, a student must legally reside within the school district. Proof of residency will be required. All students entering for the first time will need documented immunization records and a certified birth certificate.

The School Day

The school day begins at 8:00 and ends at 2:35. Your child must be in attendance for at least one half the school day to be counted present for that day. This means that a child must arrive by 11:15 and stay the rest of the day to be officially present for that day. A child who leaves before 11:15 and does not return to school will be counted absent for that school day.

Attendance and Absences

Regular attendance is vital to the students' education. It also helps establish good work habits and builds responsibility for the future. Silver Valley Elementary School prides itself in having a very high attendance percentage. If your child is absent from school, the teacher should be informed of the reason by written excuse. **Failure to do so within 3 days will result in an unlawful absence and no credit for the days missed.**

Illness, injury or other medically related absences beyond twelve **(12) days** in a year that are not documented by a doctor will be coded as unexcused.

If an educational opportunity is planned that will require the student to miss school and the parent would like this opportunity marked lawful or excused, the Educational Opportunity form should be completed and submitted at least two days in advance of the trip to the school data manager. Per school board policy, a student is permitted no more than five (5) educational absences per school year. NOTE: An Educational Opportunity does not meet the requirements for a waiver.

If not approved prior to the absence, the absence will be considered unlawful. A lawful absence is illness of the child, a doctor or dental appointment that requires the child to be absent for more than one half day, or a death in the immediate family. Most any other absence is unlawful. Please do not send a sick child to school, but otherwise please make every effort to have your students at school each day possible. Davidson County Health Department recommends a child be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Maximum Number of Absences

There will be a maximum of 16 daily absences allowed for students in grades K-8 if enrolled for full year.

Waiver Procedures

A student may apply to the Waiver Committee for a waiver of lawful absences (excluding suspension-type absences) due to extenuating circumstances (i.e., hospitalized or quarantined by a physician, subpoenaed by a court, death of immediate family member, or absent due to religious holiday as granted prior approval by the principal). This request may be submitted only after the student has reached 12 absences in grades K-8 or 6 absences in grades 9-12. The Waiver Committee will review requests and make all final decisions. This is Davidson County Schools policy and **compulsory attendance is a state law.**

Early Arrivals

We will have staff on duty to attend to your children beginning at 7:30 each morning. The doors will be unlocked at this time. Students arriving between 7:30 – 7:55 will report to their classroom to eat breakfast. **Students are not to be dropped off prior to 7:30 a.m.**

Late Arrivals

School begins promptly at 8:00 and ends at 2:35. If your child arrives at school late, he/she should report directly to the office in order for us to adjust attendance sheets. He/she will be given a "Tardy Pass" and then be sent to the classroom.

Car Riders

Those students who ride in cars should be let out in the morning at the main entrance at the front of the school. In the afternoon, they should be picked up at the second door of the school entrance. Staff members are on duty in the morning and afternoon to assist and to insure student safety.

The school has a marked one-way drive. Please do not enter the entrance to the school the wrong way. Stopped vehicles should not be passed. For safety reasons, parents should not park on the highway and walk to pick up students or have students walk to the cars. Students cannot be picked up from the bus area behind the gym. No cars are allowed in this area at any time.

All adults should wait in their cars when they come to pick up children, due to disruptions caused when people are in the halls during classes. If your child needs to be notified that you are picking him/her up, report to the office and then return to your car. Please do not block the driveway when picking up a child. Students should be picked up promptly at 2:35. If you find it necessary to pick up your child after 2:35, please contact the school.

Dismissal of Pupils before 2:35

School starts at 8:00 a.m. and children are dismissed at 2:35 p.m. It is very important that we adhere to this schedule, but if unusual circumstances occasionally make it necessary to pick up your child before 2:35, you must come by the office and sign him/her out. To be counted present a student must be in attendance a minimum of one-half of the school day

Calling the school to make changes in your child's transportation/destination should only be in the case of an EMERGENCY. Any call to the school regarding changes in students' transportation/destination needs to be placed **before 2:00 p.m.** **Notes from home** should be sent in with the student requesting a change in transportation. This policy insures that your child will arrive at the expected destination.

Bus Dismissal

School buses will not be released to run routes if there is an Active Tornado Warning in effect. Buses will run in a "watch" condition. North Carolina Board of Education Policy Manual Policy states: "Unless safety factors require otherwise, superintendents may not plan bus stops closer together than 0.2 miles. Each student must be at the designated stop at the time of the bus's arrival." (Davidson Co. Schools asks that students be at the designated stop 10 minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus.) North Carolina Board of Education Policy Manual Policy states: "A route may not deviate from a general path of direction for a distance of less than one-half mile and then return to the original path except for groups of 10 or more pupils, unescorted pupils in grades K-3 or special education pupils." Bus drivers are prohibited from blowing the horn to alert children that the bus has arrived. Note: the horn is a safety feature and a warning device. It is not to be used as an indicator for the child to start toward the bus. Eating, drinking and smoking are strictly prohibited on the buses.

Student Behavior

Silver Valley Elementary will be using a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) System this school year. This is a general approach to preventing problem behavior with a combination of effective practices that teach and encourage respectful, responsible behaviors; use data continuously to support decision-making; and create an individualized, total school climate that supports staff and student behavior and encourages family engagement. The goal of PBIS is to build the foundation for our school to establish and sustain positive, preventive, and proactive teacher and student practices to maximize academic achievement and character development for all students. Expectations for each area of the school are posted throughout the building, discussed with the students, and integrated into everyday activities. Teachers are responsible for all activities in their classrooms and will reward students who work hard and follow classroom and school rules. A common system of consequences will be used across the school. **Serious offenses will result in immediate office referrals which might include weapons, fighting, physical assault on other students, verbal or physical aggression toward a staff member, inappropriate touching, indecent exposure, or behaviors which threaten the safety of oneself or others.** Our school-wide behavior expectations are summed up by the acronym SOAR: Safe, Orderly, Accountable and Responsible. Rules are established for the following areas: bus, arrival and dismissal, classroom, hallway, bathroom, cafeteria and recess.

Bus Expectations

Students must understand that good behavior while on the school bus is of great importance and when a person misbehaves, he/she is putting the lives of other individuals in danger. Bus misconduct will be handled seriously. No inappropriate behavior can be considered trivial if it distracts the driver and jeopardizes the safety of others. Students and parents are informed that riding the school bus is a privilege that may be taken away for serious or continuous misbehavior. Flowers, balloons and glass containers are not allowed on the bus.

Bus Discipline Policy

1. **First Offense** – Conference with administration and verbal warning. (This step may be waived for more serious offenses.)
2. **Second Offense** – Bus suspension for up to 3 days
3. **Third Offense** – Bus suspension for up to 5 days
4. **Further Offenses** – Bus suspension for up to 10 days. If misbehavior continues, riding privileges may be denied for the remainder of the year.

In no case will a child be allowed to ride a different bus from which he/she is assigned. If a child tells us that he/she is supposed to ride a different bus and has no note from home and we cannot get in touch with a parent, **he/she will be placed on his regular bus** that afternoon. In the same manner, no child will be allowed to walk home, if he/she normally rides the bus, without consent from a parent.

Classroom Behavior

Each of us has rights. However, remember that your rights should never interfere with someone else's rights, especially their right to learn. Definition of discipline: Training that enables students to make appropriate choices in a climate of warmth and support, always beginning with clear, concise limits and with follow-up consequences. NOTE: students should not bring toys or electronic items to school.

The consequences for inappropriate behavior each day may include: warning from teacher; parent contact; silent lunch; alternate classroom; office referral; etc.

Fighting

Fighting in school is aggressive behavior that has serious consequences. Students are expected to settle the disagreement by seeking the assistance of an adult. Fighting can result in serious injury and therefore students are required to walk away from aggressive behavior and report it to an adult. The staff members have been instructed to immediately assist any child that needs assistance with an aggressive classmate. Students who fail to handle aggressive behavior in this manner will be subject to punishment, including suspension from school.

Bullying

Davidson County Schools Board of Education is committed to safeguarding the rights of all students within the school district to learn in an environment that is free of unlawful discrimination, harassment, and bullying. Any student who believes that he or she has been subject to harassment shall report the misconduct immediately to their teachers or another member of their school's staff.

Drugs and Weapons

State Law 14-269-2 states in part that, "It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, or carry ... any sharp pointed or edged instrument..." on the school campus or bus. We mention this because occasionally a child will innocently bring a new knife to show his/her friends and therefore get into trouble at school. Please help us on this and be sure your child does not bring such objects to school.

The Davidson County Board of Education Policy on Weapons and Dangerous Instruments Rule 6) is as follows: A student shall not knowingly possess, handle, or transmit any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon.

- (1) On the school grounds during and immediately before or after school hours,
- (2) On the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group, or
- (3) Off the school grounds at any school activity, function, or event, includes buses.

This rule does not apply to normal school supplies like pencils or compasses, but does apply to any firearm, any explosive including firecrackers, any knife and other dangerous objects of no reasonable use to the pupil at school.

Students, who possess, handle or transmit firearms will be suspended for one full year (365 days). Please remember: **No weapons, no toy-like weapons and NO objects that can be used as weapons (such as a screwdrivers, letter openers, etc.) are allowed at school at any time.**

The Davidson County Board of Education Policy on Drugs is as follows: A student shall not possess, sell, use, transmit, conspire to transmit or distribute, or be under the influence of any narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, "counterfeit drugs," alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, inhalant or intoxicant of any kind, or any controlled substance, or use, possess or distribute any drug paraphernalia.

- (A) Any substance that is believed to be a prohibited substance confiscated by principal or other school officials shall be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agency for proper identification.

This policy applies:

- (1) On the school grounds during and immediately before and after school hours.
- (2) On the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by any group, or
- (3) Off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event, including buses.

Student Dress and Appearance

The Davidson County Board of Education respects a student's right to choose his or her style of dress or appearance. However, students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements and expectations of a school-learning environment. If a student's dress or lack of cleanliness is such that it constitutes a threat to health or safety, the principal or principal's designee may require the student and student's parent or guardian to take appropriate action to remedy the situation. In addition, if a student's dress or appearance is so unusual, inappropriate or lacking in cleanliness that it clearly disrupts other students, disrupts class or learning activities, or presents a safety issue, the student may be required to change his or her dress or appearance.

Principals will maintain guidelines to assist students in determining appropriate dress and appearance for school, copies of which will be made available to parents and students. Items listed below shall be included in all school guidelines and shall apply to all students. Reasonable accommodation will be made by the school principal or principal's designee for those students who, because of a sincerely held religious belief, cultural heritage, or medical reason, request a waiver of a particular guideline for dress or appearance. Reasonable accommodations shall be made by the principal to accommodate students involved in special duties, activities, or projects approved by the school. This would involve but not be limited to: athletics, vocational classes and projects, special events, or other activities that would allow for non-conforming dress on a school campus.

Inappropriate Dress or Appearance for Elementary Students (Grades K-5): The following attire is considered inappropriate for elementary students. Clothing or attachments that are disruptive to the teaching learning process and are revealing, indecent, vulgar or obscene; Clothing which promotes alcoholic beverages, or the use of controlled substances by words or symbols, or is of a disruptive nature; Clothing that contains profanity, nudity, depicts violence or is sexual in nature by words or symbols; Hats, sweatbands, bandannas, or sunglasses inside school buildings; Clothing that is sheer or mesh; Undergarments that are visible; Sagging pants which cause undergarments to be visible; Footwear that may present a hazard to health and safety.

Breakfast and Lunch Program

Breakfast is served in our classrooms from 7:35-7:50. Students will pay for all meals daily in the lunch line or pay ahead by the week or month. If your child forgets or loses his/her lunch money, he/she may borrow the money from the cashier. A note will be sent to you weekly from the cafeteria letting you know that money was borrowed. Please send borrowed money to school the following day. Parents and grandparents are invited to join students for lunch. So that the cafeteria staff can adequately plan, please notify your child's teacher on the day that you plan to have lunch. Food from outside (hamburger, pizza, etc.) cannot be brought into the cafeteria. We also ask that if students bring their lunch to school that they not bring soft drinks of any kind. They may purchase milk or bring fruit juice or Kool-Aid from home. Please do not send items in glass bottles/containers.

Food Policy

The Davidson County policy on food allows only food that is commercially prepared to be brought to school. This would include prepackaged foods and foods which are purchased at a licensed bakery. No ice or water based products (tea, Kool-Aid, etc.) may brought in from homes.

Class Parties

School Board policy permits two (2) class parties per year. The teachers and administration set these dates. The Winter Party will be in December and the End of the Year Party will be held during the month of June.

Only food or treats, in accordance with the "Food Policy", for special learning activities and snacks may be sent by parents to be served by the teacher with prior approval of the teacher.

Birthday Parties

Because of a mandate by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction to protect the instructional day, no birthday parties for students or teachers may be held during the instructional day. Birthday party invitations can be sent home only when they are provided for all students and given to the teacher to be passed out as they leave at dismissal time. The delivery to school of presents (e.g. balloons, flowers, etc.) for student birthdays or holidays is not allowed.

Lost Items

Each year we have many coats, jackets, sweaters, and caps, which are never claimed out of the Lost and Found. It would be very helpful if you would **sew or write your child's name in such items**. This enables us to get these items back to their proper owner. Also be sure your child's name is in his billfold or her purse in case it is lost.

School Fees

School fees are due by mid October, 2022. Parents/ guardians may pay school fees online at School Cash or make checks payable to Silver Valley Elementary School.

Davidson County Schools Self-Medication Procedure

There are a number of health conditions which require the student to carry medication at all times. These would include asthma (inhalers), diabetes (insulin and glucometer), and those with severe allergic reactions (emergency epinephrine). Because one of the objectives of their medical program is self-responsibility for their medication, these students may self-medicate as their plan mandates if certain criteria are met. Please contact the school to request a copy of the DCS Self-Medication Procedure.

Bee Sting Allergies

If your child is allergic to bee stings and/or other allergies and we do not have medicine and/or instructions, **PLEASE GET THIS TO US IMMEDIATELY**. All medication must be administered from the **original container**, labeled with the pupil's name, name and dosage of medication, and directions for use. **Please request a Davidson County Schools Student Contract for Self-Carried Medication form and a Medication Form that a licensed health care provider completes.**

Administration of Medication by School Personnel

If a student is required to take medication during school hours and the parent cannot be at school to administer it, school personnel may administer medications according to the following regulations. The pupil's parent or guardian must send a **signed medication form** with the pupil's name, name of medicine and its purpose, and instructions for administering the medication. All medication must be administered from the **original container** labeled by a

pharmacist or physician, which includes the pupil's name, physician's name, name and dosage of medication, and directions for use. **Prescription medication must have a doctor's authorization on a school medical form.**

ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN. STUDENTS ARE NEVER ALLOWED TO POSSESS MEDICATION AT SCHOOL OR ON THE SCHOOL BUS.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY: if your child is in need of medication or medical attention and you cannot be reached and medication is not available 911 will be called. The parent will be responsible for any costs incurred.

Each year as part of the N. C. School Health Program, your child may receive a Health Screening. This may include: height, weight, dental, vision and hearing. Parents are notified if a follow up screening by a physician is recommended. If a parent does not want their child to receive the screening, they should inform the principal in writing at the beginning of the school year by September 1st. All information about your student is confidential.

Lice

Occasionally, we have cases of head lice throughout the school year. Anyone, child or adult, can get head lice. It has nothing to do with cleanliness and does not reflect poorly on parenting or the home environment. However, we must follow the Davidson County School Board Policy Number 6.36 which states:

- Any student identified with head lice will be sent home at the time live bugs are found for treatment of the lice and removal of nits (eggs) from the hair.
- If a student leaves before the day is counted for attendance it will be marked as an excused absence.
- Students should return the following day to be checked. If live lice are found the student will be sent home again for treatment. **The attendance policy allows no more than 2 days for this.**
- No more than 3 occurrences due to the presence of live lice will be excused.
- The family will be referred to the school nurse and/or student services (social worker or counselor) for assistance as needed.

A parent must accompany the child back to the school office to be checked upon return to school. The child may NOT be sent back on the bus.

Classwork

All class work is expected to be finished at school.

Homework Position

Silver Valley Elementary School adheres to a philosophy that meaningful homework assigned at the appropriate time in manageable amounts should be a regular component of instruction. Current research indicates that homework can help students of any age improve academic performance. We suggest that homework can help the formulation of good study habits. In addition to academic enhancement, good study habits can help develop needed life skills such as following directions, beginning and completing tasks, managing one's time and responsibility in general.

When Assigning Homework the Following Points will be Considered -

Homework should be an extension of skills presented and taught in the classroom setting.

- Homework should serve a useful and positive purpose and not be used as a punishment.
- Parents have the right to expect that the student understands the homework assignment.
- Teachers have a right to expect that students have a suitable place to study.
- Does parent help and support toward completion of homework assignments exist?

Parent Responsibility for Homework -

Provide a place for homework with a table and chair and no distractions.

- Set aside a time for homework with no TV, distractions from younger brothers or sisters, or other outside distractions.
- Set a **mood** for homework by being there when needed with help and encouragement. Make this a positive time for parent and child.

The amount of time a child spends on homework will vary from grade to grade and day to day. If your child never has homework, or spends more than one hour on homework every day, we suggest you contact his/her teacher.

Timeframes for homework include the following:

Kindergarten – 15 minutes

First grade – 20-25 minutes

Second grade – 25-30 minutes
Fourth Grade – 35-45 minutes

Third Grade – 30-35 minutes
Fifth Grade – 45 minutes to an hour

When a child is absent, schoolwork should be made up. The teacher will send work home with a neighbor, brother, or sister if requested. Parents may call the school in the morning and pick up schoolwork at the end of the day in the office. We appreciate your concern for keeping your child caught up with what is being taught in the classroom.

Internet Use

The Davidson County School System (DCS) is providing students with access to the Internet. The Internet will enable students to explore thousands of databases, libraries and bulletin boards while exchanging information with Internet users throughout the world. Valuable information can be gleaned from the Internet but families are warned that some material may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While the purposes of the school are to use Internet resources for constructive, educational goals, students may find ways to access other materials. DCS believes that the benefits of the Internet far exceed the disadvantages.

Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Therefore, DCS supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to grant permission for access. The student and parent or guardian must sign a permission form for Internet use before access is permitted. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network, just as they are on school campus. Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use of the Internet may result in disciplinary or legal action. All use of the Internet involving students will be under careful supervision by the school staff, and at no time will students be allowed to access the Internet on their own.

SECTION 504

If you have any concerns about your child's current 504 Educational Plan please contact our School Guidance Counselor at (336)472-0707. Students must meet eligibility requirements to qualify for a 504 plan.

Davidson County Schools Grievance Procedures

Students or parents who desire to file a grievance or report an issue of illegal discrimination or harassment should report the concern, in writing, to the school principal. If the student or parent finds it inappropriate to file with the principal, he/she may submit the written concern to the Superintendent of Davidson County Schools, P.O. Box 2057, Lexington, NC 27293-2057. This is to meet compliance with Title IX, Section 86(B) and Section 106.8; Section 504, 104.7 and 104.8.

Davidson County Tobacco-Free School Policy

No student, staff member or school visitor is permitted to use any tobacco product at any time, including non-school hours:

- A. in any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the Davidson County Schools;
- B. on any school grounds and property – including athletic fields and parking lots – owned leased, rented or chartered by the Davidson County Board of Education or
- C. at any school-sponsored or school-related event on-campus or off-campus. In addition, school district employees, school volunteers, contractors or other persons performing services on behalf of the school district also are prohibited from using tobacco products at any time while on duty and in the presence of students, either on or off school grounds. Further, no student is permitted to possess a tobacco product while in any school building, while on school grounds or property or at any school-sponsored or school-related event or at any other time that students are under the authority of school personnel. Tobacco products may be included in instructional or research activities in public school buildings if the activity is conducted or supervised by the faculty member overseeing the instruction or research and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product.

Title IX

The Davidson County Board of Education believes all students and employees should be free of unlawful discrimination, bullying and harassment, including sexual harassment, as part of safe, orderly, and inviting learning/working environments. The Board is committed to nondiscrimination in all educational and employment activities and expressly prohibits unlawful discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, religion, veteran status, age or disability. The Board prohibits retaliation against a student

or employee exercising rights made available through state or federal law, and also prohibits retaliation for reporting such violations. Policy violation is serious; appropriate action will be taken, up to and including suspension (for students) and termination (for employees).

Title IX coordinator: Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Section 504/ADA coordinator:

Davidson County Schools ~ P.O. Box 2057, Lexington, NC 27293 ~ Telephone: 336-249-8181

House Bill 1032 ...Permissible use of Seclusion and Restraint (Effective July 1, 2006)

It is the policy of the State of North Carolina to:

- Promote safety and prevent harm to all students, staff and visitors in the public schools.
- Treat all public school students with dignity and respect in the delivery of discipline, use of physical restraints or seclusion, and use of reasonable force as permitted by law.
- Provide school staff with clear guideline about what constitutes use of reasonable force permissible in schools.
- Improve student achievement, attendance, promotion, and graduation rates by employing positive behavioral interventions to address student behavior in a positive and safe manner.
- Promote retention of valuable teachers and other school personnel by providing appropriate training in prescribed procedures, which address student behavior in a positive and safe manner.

Worthless Checks

Worthless Checks received by Davidson County Schools will be turned over to the District Attorney's Office. The criminal process will be issued if needed, in order to collect restitution for the amount of the check. Penalty fees will be applied.