Student and Parent Handbook Signature Form—REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS

The 2026–27 *Student and Parent Handbook* is available on each school's website and at www.FrederickCountySchoolsVA.net under the Families tab. Parents/legal guardians should access the information and discuss it with their school-aged student(s). Schools and public libraries can provide Internet access if needed. If a printed copy of the handbook is needed, please contact the school and one will be provided.

After reviewing the document, this Signature Form must be signed and returned to the student's school by September 30, 2026.

Parental Responsibility and Involvement Requirements (VA Code §22.1–279.3) and FCPS Code of Student Conduct

I am the parent/legal guardian of the student named on this form and, by my signature, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Frederick County Public Schools' Student and Parent Handbook, which includes Section 22.1–279.3 of the Code of Virginia entitled "Parental Responsibility and Involvement Requirements," the Code of Student Conduct, and other notifications.

By signing this Signature Form, I do not waive or abdicate, but do expressly reserve, any rights protected by the constitutions or laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia. I further understand that I have the right to express disagreement with the school's or school division's policies or decisions.

School Attendance

I have read and understand the Frederick County Public Schools' Policy, 405P - Compulsory Attendance/Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance. Under the Code of Virginia 22.1-254, I understand that my student should attend school.

Computer Network and Internet Use

I have read and agree to abide by the Acceptable Computer System Use policy and regulation (FCPS 323P and 323R).

Portable Communication Devices

I have read and agree to abide by the Portable Communication Devices regulation (FCPS 219R) as described in the Student and Parent Handbook as evidenced by my signature below.

Frederick County Public Schools' Rapid Communication System

I consent to receive autodialed and/or pre-recorded calls/text messages from or on behalf of Frederick County Public Schools via the Frederick County Public Schools' Rapid Communication System at the telephone number(s) included in my student's record. I understand that I may opt out of receiving such communications at any time by notifying my student's school in writing and that such notification will remain in effect through the end of the current school year and must be renewed annually.

Lock-Down Drills

Each school shall hold a lock-down drill at least once during the first 20 days of each school session, one lock-down drill after the first 60 days of the school session, and two additional lock-down drills throughout the school year. Each school provides parents of enrolled students with at least 24 hours' notice before the school conducts any lock-down drill. Such notice is not required to include the exact date and time of the lock-down drill.

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students are exempt from mandatory participation in lock-down drills during the first 60 days of the school session. The Superintendent develops procedures to implement such exemption. Each pre-kindergarten and kindergarten student participates in each lock-down drill after the first 60 days of each school session

In addition, each school will conduct a HOLD and SECURE drill pursuant to the FCPS standard response protocol. (Virginia Code Section 22.1–137.2)

Annual Notifications

I have read and understand that the Frederick County Public Schools' Student and Parent Handbook contains important and legally required notices regarding the following topics (this is not an exhaustive list):

1. Emergency Procedures
2. PPRA (Protection of Public Rights Amendment)
3. School Bus Rider Safety Rules
4. Counseling
5. Eating Disorders Awareness Information
6. FERPA (Family Educational Records Protection Act)
7. Sex Offender Registry
8. Tobacco and Nicotine Vapor Products
9. "Opt-Out" options for parents/legal guardians

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Policy Manual

I have read and understand that the Frederick County Public Schools Policy Manual, containing policies and regulations, has been made available online on the FCPS BoardDocs Page. Printed copies of the Policy Manual will be available for citizens who do not have online access.

Instructions

***Elementary School Students:** Parents/legal guardians are required to complete and sign this form, and return it to the student's school. Because of their ages, elementary students are not expected to sign, but may do so if desired.

***Middle and High School Students:** Parents/legal guardians and students are required to complete, sign and return this form to the student's school.

This form will be filed in the student's scholastic record.

Student Name: (Please print) _____

Student School ID Number: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: (Please print) _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Homeroom: _____