

Frontier Trail Middle School



Student Handbook

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS:

15300 W. 143rd Street
Olathe, KS 66062

PHONE NUMBER:

913-780-7210

FAX NUMBER:

913-780-7216

ATTENDANCE

REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENT

When a student is absent, families are asked to contact the school before 9:00 a.m. at 780-7210 to inform the school of the reason for the absence. If a call is not received by 9:00 a.m. the school will attempt contact.

- **Excused absences include:** illness, medical or dental appointment, family business, emergencies within the family, a school-sponsored activity or a request approved by the administrator in advance.
- **Unexcused absences include:** any other type of absence not covered in the excused category. Examples of unexcused absences would be sleeping late, missing the bus, staying home on a birthday or an absence without parent knowledge.

If your student has a medical appointment during the school day, we encourage you to provide a doctor's excuse when they return. This helps us maintain accurate attendance records and clearly identify the reason for an absence. According to Kansas State Statute, truancy is defined as missing 3 consecutive days, 5 days in a single semester, or 7 days in a school year. Having documentation from an appointment ensures we can differentiate between excused absences and those that may count toward truancy.

When students have been absent from class, they are expected to make up the work covered during the absence. Two days for every day of excused absence is allowed for make-up. For students having multiple absences, make-up work will be arranged between the teacher and student.

PLANNED ABSENCES

Students absent due to an out-of-town trip will need to notify the front office of this planned absence and request homework from their teachers.

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL/ADMIT SLIPS

Students arriving to school late (after 8:20am) must come to the office before being admitted to class. Students who are late to school will be issued an admit slip that should be presented to their respective teachers.

STUDENT CHECKOUT

If you plan to pick up your student during the school day please call ahead to the office 913-780-7210. Please bring your ID to show to the camera prior to entry. Next, the office will have you sign the student out.

HOMEWORK REQUEST

Each student who is absent is expected to make up any work missed; however, it is the responsibility of the student to arrange for securing the assignments and getting the work to the teacher. Students generally are given two days to make-up for each day absent, unless the deadline date for the assignment was given prior to the absence. For students having multiple absences, make-up work will be arranged between the teacher and student.

ATTENDING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We are excited to have students show school spirit and attend student events at Frontier Trail. Please remember school expectations still continue after regular hours. If a student struggles with choices during this unstructured time, they may be asked to leave and not attend events for a period of time.

- **Plan Ahead:** Please establish your student's ride home before the school day begins.
- **Prompt Pickup:** Students must leave campus immediately following the conclusion of events.
- **Respect Staff Time:** Coaches and sponsors cannot leave until all students are gone. Thank you for your promptness!

STUDENT TARDIES

TARDY TO CLASS

Each teacher will record tardies by date within their gradebook. When students accumulate tardies, teachers will follow the building procedures below:

1 st - 3 rd Tardy	Teacher Warning
4 th Tardy	Parent Contact- Detention Assigned by Teacher
5 or More Tardies	Referral to Administration

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL

Staff supervision does not begin until 7:45am. At that time students may go to the gym, library, or have breakfast in the commons. In addition, STORE study will occur in core teacher classrooms Tuesday - Friday. This will provide a quiet place to seek help, read, study, or serve detention. **First hour begins at 8:20am.**

DISMISSAL

Dismissal is at 3:20pm. Students are to leave school grounds immediately following dismissal. Car riders will wait at the activity entrance or front of the building. Bus riders exit the front of the building. Walkers will take the nearest exit depending on their destination.

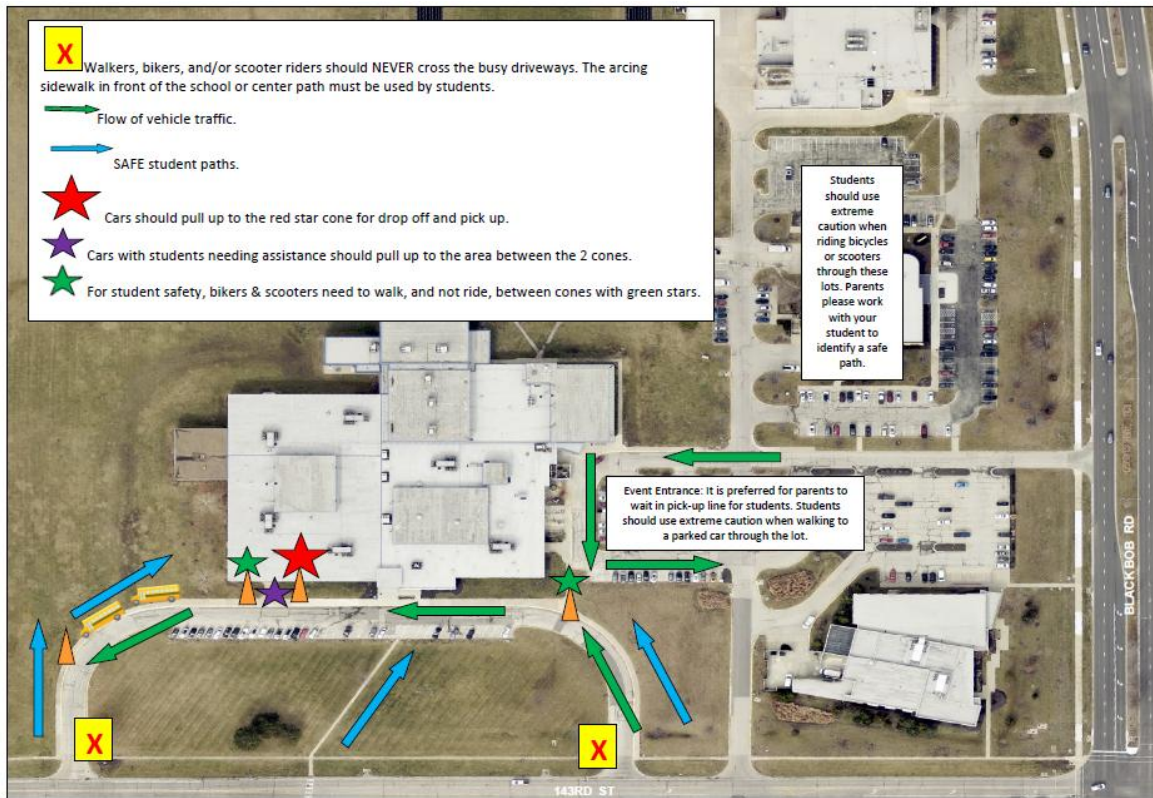
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

If you have a question regarding bus pick up or drop off, please contact DS Bus Lines (913) 361-7400. Safety is a priority in the Olathe School District. The bus ride is an extension of the school day. The student safety communication form will be utilized by bus personnel when communicating safety concerns with families.

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will use the FRONT entrance. If your student is walking or riding a bike/scooter, please take time to practice the safest path to school.

- Students must use sidewalks whenever possible.
- Students should not cross driveways (especially the front entrance/exit driveways from 143rd), sidewalks must be utilized.
- Students choosing to take the paths through the district building parking lots must exercise utmost caution. Large food delivery trucks use this area before school.
- At the event entrance, it is preferred for parents to wait in a car line. However, if a parent chooses to park, please talk with your student about being careful navigating through parked/moving cars in that area.



As we continue to prioritize student safety and maintain an orderly school environment, we want to remind families of the following expectations regarding student transportation to and from school:

- **Students riding bikes, scooters, motorized scooters, or e-bikes must walk their equipment** once they are on school property to ensure the safety of all students and staff.
- **All bikes, e-bikes, and scooters must be secured** in designated outdoor storage areas (e.g., bike racks) and **taken home at the end of each school day.**
- The school is **not responsible** for the storage, security, or maintenance of any student transportation equipment.
- For their safety, **students are expected to wear appropriate protective gear**, such as helmets, when riding bikes, scooters, or e-bikes.
- **Middle schools do not issue permits** for students to drive vehicles to school, regardless of age.

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SCHEDULE

 FRONTIER TRAIL Bell Schedule	
HOUR 1: 8:20 - 9:07 am	
JAG TIME: 9:11 - 9:43 am	
HOUR 2: 9:47 - 10:34 am	
HOUR 3: 10:38 - 11:25 am	
HOUR 4:	6th Grade 11:29 am - 12:45 pm
	7th & 8th Grade 11:29 am - 12:19 pm
	First Lunch: 11:29-11:54 am Second Lunch: 11:54-12:19 pm
HOUR 5:	6th Grade 12:49 - 1:38 pm
	7th & 8th Grade 12:23 - 1:38 pm
	Third Lunch: 12:21-12:46 pm Fourth Lunch: 12:47-1:12 pm Fifth Lunch: 1:13-1:38 pm
HOUR 6: 1:42 - 2:29 pm	
HOUR 7: 2:33 - 3:20 pm	
Jaguars	

*** Schedules may vary due to early release, assemblies, events, etc.

*** Lunches are determined by the student's 4th or 5th hour assigned teacher

ITEMS OF DISTRACTION

When students bring items that belong to them that cause any type of disturbance in the classroom, the teacher may take the item and turn it into the office with the student's name attached to the item. Items may be picked up by the student at the end of the day. However, disciplinary action may be taken for multiple incidents and/or type of item.

FIDGETS (copied from Student Code of Conduct)

When used properly, fidgets can be helpful tools to improve focus. To ensure a productive learning environment, any fidget brought to school must be small enough to fit in one hand and quiet enough to keep from distracting others. Large or bulky items—including large squishy items—are classified as toys and should

be left at home.

CELL PHONES & LOCKERS

In compliance with Kansas law, HB 2299, students are encouraged to leave their **personal electronic communication devices** at home, but those who bring personal devices including cell phones, smart watches, wireless headphones or earbuds, smart glasses, tablets not issued by the school, and similar devices, must keep them turned off and securely stored in their locker or the school-designated storage location in the office throughout the school day. If a student chooses to use the school provided storage locker in the office, they must drop their device off before school. Devices should not be carried on a student's person or be readily accessible during the school day.

Students at Frontier Trail will be assigned a hallway locker to serve as an option to store personal electronic communication devices from 8:20am to 3:20pm. Student hallway locker information can be found on the Student Info tab on ParentVUE/StudentVUE. **Students are encouraged to utilize backpacks as they travel from class to class with minimal stops at lockers. This has been the successful, routine practice at FT for years. Access to hallways with lockers will begin at 8:15 each day. School begins at 8:20.** The use of hallway lockers is not required.

Progressive consequences will be assigned for students who are in possession of personal electronic devices on school grounds between 8:20am to 3:20pm.

STUDENT ATTIRE

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Our goal is to provide a safe and respectful learning environment. Students are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for school and school-sponsored events. Clothing for school should reflect that the student is here to focus on learning.

General Expectations

- **Shoes** must be worn at all times. (no slippers)
- **Coats, hats, hoods, and sunglasses** should not be worn during the school day.
- **Costume attire or theatrical makeup** is not permitted unless for a designated school spirit day.
- Clothing must cover **undergarments, the majority of the midriff, back, and chest area.**
- Shorts and skirts must be long enough to provide adequate coverage.
- Pants must be worn at the waistline.
- Questions about head coverings should be directed to administration.

Not Allowed

Clothing or accessories that include or promote:

- Profanity, vulgar, obscene, provocative, or suggestive words/images/content/style
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons
- Racism, hate speech, or offensive messages
- Items unsafe for school (e.g., tripping hazards, accessories that could be used as weapons like spiked chokers)
- Any clothing judged inappropriate or distracting by school staff or administration

Enforcement

Students not in compliance will be asked to correct their clothing. If they do not have alternatives, appropriate, clean items will be provided through the nurse's office, or parents may be contacted.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

Students wear a gray tee shirt and navy shorts with their name on it during PE class. Students can bring their own or may purchase a PE uniform from the school. Failure to wear the PE uniform will result in a deduction

from daily points. PE clothes are to be taken home every Friday and returned on Monday after laundering. Students will also be required to bring a swimsuit for the pool. More information will be shared directly to families by the physical education teachers.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Providing students with a safe and orderly learning environment is a top priority of this district and community. The Board of Education has adopted a Code of Student Conduct that the district expects all schools to implement and that all students will follow. This Code of Student Conduct defines a clear standard of behavior essential to an effective school. The Student Code of Conduct can be found on the [District Website](#).