

Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School

Student Handbook

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Give Your Best Effort

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Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School Mission Statement

Our mission statement is to further develop and maintain an educational environment in our schools that is committed to excellence of opportunity and equity in all facets of its operation. Our ultimate outcome is to provide a quality educational base for our students' future success.

Middle School Philosophy

Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School provides a child-centered environment that is focused on both academic and affective student needs. Middle school students have unique needs and characteristics during the developmental stage called early adolescence. During this period of physical, emotional, intellectual, and social growth, school curriculum will reflect the individuals need to develop a positive personal identity and a healthy value system. We seek a school that will truly bridge the transition from elementary school to high school.

What is Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School?

Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School contains characteristics of both an elementary and high school and yet, it is not completely like either. The goal of the middle school is to make the transition less stressful for students from self-contained classrooms at the elementary to the departmentalization of the high school. Teachers provide a variety of educational and social activities for the students. These are designed with preadolescents in mind.

Weyauwega-Fremont Student Expectations

You as a student at Weyauwega-Fremont Middle school will be expected to:

- 1. Treat each other with respect.*
- 2. Use language appropriate to school environment.*
- 3. Respect the school environment.*
- 4. Make instruction time cooperative and productive for all.*
- 5. Stop and think when making choices.*
- 6. Use common courtesies (example: please, thank you, you are welcome, hello and excuse me).*
- 7. Take pride in yourself, your work, your school and community.*
- 8. Come to school and class on time, with proper materials ready to do the best work you can do.*

Do the right things follow school rules!

Respect

The principal, teachers and other staff members will give respect if respect is given.

If parent contact has not been made within two (2) days of the absence it will be considered unexcused.

Note: Any student excused in writing by his/her parent(s)/guardians(s) before an absence is excused from school attendance. A student may be excused by the parent(s)/guardian(s) for not more than 10 days in the school year and all guidelines for prearranged absences must be followed. **(The school district reserves the right to request a note from a physician for any absence due to illness if a student is absent more than 10 days in a semester or three consecutive school days during the school year. If request is made and no note is received, it will be considered unexcused and truant).**

Tardy

Tardy - 1-9 minutes late to the start of the school day.

Unexcused Tardy - 10 or more minutes late from the beginning of the school day.

Absences

Excused- Students may be excused from school for personal illness, unforeseen family or personal emergencies, funerals and other absences approved in advance by the school principal or designee. Family vacations, medical/dental appointments, etc. will be considered on an individual basis prior to the student's absence. Students are expected to bring a signed note from medical /dental appointments.

It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide reasons for student absences, when at all possible, prior to the absence, and the school's responsibility to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused.

Unexcused

Truancy and other absences from school that exceed or do not fulfill the policies on excused absences are considered as unexcused absences. Unexcused absences can result in receiving zeros on all homework and class work and truancy. Unexcused absences include examples such as oversleeping, alarm clock not working, missing bus or ride to school. Individual unexcused absences will be examined by the principal.

Truancy

The following key definitions apply under the statutes related to truancy and school attendance enforcement:

1. "Truancy" means either of the following:
 - (a) Any absence of part or all of one or more days from school during which the school attendance officer, principal or teacher has not been notified of the legal cause of the absence by the pupil's parent or guardian.
 - (b) Intermittent attendance carried on for the purposes of defeating the intent of the compulsory school attendance law. [S. 118.16(1) (c), Stats.]

2. *“Habitual truant” means a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five or more days on which school is held during a school semester. Habitually truant students will be referred to the police for citation.*
3. *“School attendance officer” means an employee designated by the school board to deal with matters relating to school attendance and truancy.*

Prearranged Absences

*A prearranged absence form can be obtained from the office and filled out 1 week in advance. This form must be returned to the office one (1) week prior to the planned event, with signatures by the parent(s)/guardian(s), principal and classroom teachers before the student takes the prearranged absence. **All of the student’s schoolwork must be made up in advance of the absence unless other arrangements have been made.***

It’s Time to Go

*You should be out of the middle school by 3:15 pm unless participating in a school sponsored activity and are directly supervised by a teacher/coach. Student spectators at games/events may not enter the building more than **30 minutes** before the game/event is scheduled to start. Once at games, students are expected to watch the games and may only be in the cafeteria during halftime. Exceptions will be made if the weather is inclement.*

Announcements

Daily announcements will be read over the public address system and also on the T.V.’s. All announcements must be to the middle school office by 7:30 am sharp. Meetings of any type should be given to the office prior to the day the meeting is requested. Meeting guidelines are one meeting a day during ELT, one per week and only one meeting per month per each activity. Announcements and any type of flyers put on lockers or in the halls must be approved by the principal prior to distribution.

Stay to the Right

*Observe traffic patterns through halls and doors. Stay to the right! Physical education teachers and coaches appreciate your attempts to stay in shape all year, but the halls are **not** a place to practice your running. If you run in the halls or classrooms, you face the risk of getting hurt, hurting someone else, or being referred to the office. **WALK DO NOT RUN.***

I Have Something for Sale

There will be no selling of candy or other fund-raising products in school, unless it is school sponsored or approved by the principal with the proper fundraising form completed. Keep your sweets and treats at home and make your money on your own time.

Public Displays of Affection

School is a place to learn. Walking with arms around each other, and/or kissing and fondling is not allowed on school grounds, at school functions or on busses. If you choose not to follow instructions, your parents may be contacted and possible disciplinary action will be made.

Valuables

*Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School is **not** the place to show off your valuables, sports card collections, jewelry, technology or tons of money. The school will not be responsible for any item stolen, damaged or misplaced. Any items found will be taken to the middle school office.*

Communicative Devices

Permission to possess a wireless communication device (WCD) is dependent on observing the following rules:

Cell Phones: Students are prohibited from using or possessing an electronic paging or two-way communication device while on premises owned or rented by or under the control of a public school (2-way communication device includes cellular phone). The use or possession of such a device is permitted if the school board or its designee determines that the device is used for medical, school, educational, vocational, or other legitimate use. Students are not allowed to use or carry cell phones during school hours. Cell phone use will be limited to before/after school and during lunch. Cell phones should be kept in lockers during instructional time, unless school official determines the use appropriate in class.

1. Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCD's. The School District of Weyauwega-Fremont and its employees assume no responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to WCDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.
2. Students agree that the WCD will remain turned off except when the student is using the device. This means that the device will not ring, beep, vibrate, buzz or exhibit other displays that indicate the device is activated.
3. Students are prohibited from using WCDs to capture, record or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e. pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person during the school day, without express prior notice and authorized by the building principal.
4. "Sexting", the electronic transmission of sexual messages or pictures, usually through cell phone text messaging, is prohibited at any time on school property or at school functions, while under the supervision of school authorities, or transmitted to others at school.
5. WCDs, including but not limited to those with cameras, may not be possessed, activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. See Policy 731.1 – Locker Room Privacy Policy.
6. No expectation of confidentiality will exist in the use of WCDs on school premises/property.

7. Students are prohibited from using a WCD in any way that might reasonable create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. See Policy 411.1 – Harassment and/or Bullying of Students.
8. Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using their WCDs to receive such information.

Personal Music Players – (I-Pod, MP3, I-Touch, ETC...) are not allowed to be used during student instructional time. (Incentives using personal music players will be allowed on an individual teacher basis) The use or possession of such a device is permitted if the school board or its designee determines that the device is used for medical, school, educational, vocational, or other legitimate use.

Mechanical Devices

Squirt guns, water balloons, games, toys, laser pointers, etc. are not allowed in school or on school grounds at any time. Leave them at home or lose them permanently.

Injuries

Any injuries, owies or other accidents must be reported to your teacher or school nurse right away. You will be referred to the office/nurse for immediate First Aid attention. Parents and/or medical services will be contacted if necessary.

Medication

If it is necessary for a student to take prescribed or over the counter medication while in school, the medication in its original bottle, along with a signed note from a physician with directions for dispensing the medication, must be kept in the middle school office. Arrangements can be made through the district nurse.

Food in Classroom

Candy, food and beverages are allowed in classrooms for special occasions if OK by the person in charge. In addition, any messes made in the cafeteria will be cleaned up by the students involved. **It is your school; keep it clean!**

Extended Learning Time (ELT)

The last 25 minutes of Monday -Thursday will allow staff to request specific students to provide more instruction, guidance and assistance in their academics within the specific subject area. Students not requested by a teacher will have options to attend privileged areas (gym, cafeteria, computer lab or silent study hall) if they haven't been LOPped (Loss of Privilege) due to poor grades, attendance and/or behavior or if LOPped will report to a nonprivileged area (silent study hall). ELT will not to be used for punitive purposes but rather but rather academic interventions. Juniors and/or seniors who have not been requested and have a gold card will be allowed to leave campus. On Friday's students will have homeroom time during the last 25 minutes. ELT days may be adjusted due to a short week, schedule change or any other reason deemed necessary from the principal.

“Guidance”

Our counselor is on hand to help with any personal or school related issues. Please make an appointment to see the counselor during a time that is convenient for you and your teachers.

School Dress

We know that checking out each other’s clothes can be a big deal for some people, but clothing must not distract or interfere with classes or student learning. Clothing which causes disruption or a concern for safety is not allowed. All shirts and tops must be full length, which does not allow bare midriff or undergarments to be exposed. Spaghetti strap tops, see-through or sheer tops are not permitted. If you wear unacceptable clothing (clothing promoting alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, profanity, offensive language or gang-related symbols and Playboy symbols) you will be required to change.

In addition, shirts with derogatory comments toward another gender such as “Girls Rule, Boys Drool”, “Boys are Great, Every Girl Should Own One” will not be allowed. Students must keep in mind they are required to be in good taste with dress at all times. Your parents will be notified if you do not cooperate.

Hats, bandannas, sports caps, scarves, sunglasses, jackets, chains, etc. are not be worn in the school building and must be taken off at the door and kept in student lockers. Backpacks and book bags must be left in your locker until the end of the school day.

We appreciate your love for art but would like to reserve the use of that talent for Art Class. Marking with pen, pencil, marker, etc. on your body, clothes or another student is not allowed.

Physical Brutality toward a School Object

*If you beat up your school, it hurts all of us. We will not tolerate that, and besides, the school cannot fight back! You will have to pay for the damages and consequences will follow. Your textbooks **MUST** be cared for...they are your responsibility! Any sign of decay, **YOU PAY – OK?***

Behavior

Hitting, punching, pushing, kicking, grabbing, scratching, throwing, spitting, and pulling hair etc. are wrong! This will not be tolerated. Any behavior of this sort will have immediate consequences.

Leaving Class

Plan ahead by bringing your planners, and then simple trips to the office, bathroom, library etc. are not a problem. If you do not have your planner, you will not be allowed to leave except in an emergency.

Make a Choice and Stick to It

In order to give a class a fair shot, once you select a class you must stick with it for the school year.

Bikes

Bikes – when riding bikes to school, you must obey traffic rules and exercise safe riding practices. Bikes must be parked in the bike rack and locked. Students should not ride on the sidewalk in front of the Elementary or High Schools as this could lead to an accident and/or injuries.

Lockers

*Be good to your locker, it is the only one you will get. You will be given a locker to be used for books, backpacks and coats. Keep your locker clean and organized. Locker jamming or setting is not allowed. Materials found will be removed and taken to the office. Locker slamming is not allowed. **KEEP YOUR LOCKER COMBINATION TO YOURSELF! DO NOT TELL YOUR COMBINATION TO ANYONE. YOU MAY NOT SHARE LOCKERS. THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR MISSING OR STOLEN PERSONAL ITEMS DUE TO SHARING OF COMBINATIONS, LOCKERS AND/OR SETTING LOCKERS.***

Remember that your locker remains the property of the school. The school reserves the right to search lockers to ensure safety of all Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School Students. You will be liable for damage caused by abuse to lockers (kicking, head banging, punching, writing etc.). Lockers will be checked periodically by school staff.

Loose Language

Swearing, cursing and the use of bad language are inappropriate and very unacceptable. This also includes saying unkind or mean things about or to others. Students using unacceptable language or demeaning or demoralizing other students, staff or guests will incur consequences.

Bullying/Harassment

Harassment will not be tolerated. Name calling, teasing, note writing, intimidating, stalking/following, hanging around, or blocking a person's path etc. are all considered harassment. Disciplinary action will take place if convicted. Per school board policy and discipline guidelines, consequences will be dealt with severely if behavior persists. Please see the school principal or school counselor if you feel you are being harassed.

Progress Reports

Lack of effort, missing, and incomplete assignments, are good reasons for a teacher to contact home and discuss with a parent/guardian the progress in class. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to go online at any time to view their child's progress but can request that a paper copy be sent home.

Lunch Rules

Lunch may be considered the most popular "subject of the day". Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School Students must obey the cafeteria rules during lunch:

- 1. No food or beverage is to leave the cafeteria.*
- 2. Place garbage in the proper containers.*

3. *Wait to be dismissed from the lunchroom.*
4. *Return your tray to the tray window.*
5. *You may not go back and forth to your lockers during lunch.*
6. *All students must report to the lunchroom unless arrangements have been made with one of your teachers.*

Your Time

After eating lunch, you may go outside to socialize or play games during fall and spring. During inclement weather and winter, if available, students will be allowed to play in the gymnasium. Students should pass quickly and quietly through the halls without stopping at lockers.

Inside Rules

1. *Cooperation with keeping the cafeteria clean is appreciated and will guarantee privileges.*
2. *While in the commons students are expected to **STAY SEATED AT ALL TIMES.***
3. *Loud or unruly noise will not be tolerated in the halls or cafeteria.*

Outside Rules

1. *Stay in designated area. **DO NOT** go on elementary equipment.*
2. *Stay clear of parking lot, classroom windows, the building and disposable containers.*
3. *Your cooperation in returning playground equipment is expected.*

Dance Rules

1. *No running, slam dancing, frog jumping, spinning, or other dangerous or inappropriate movements, which could cause injury to yourself or others.*
2. *You must remain in the dance area and inside the school building during the dance. Once you leave, you are not allowed back in.*
3. *If you violate school rules, your parents will be called to pick you up. In addition, you will not be allowed to attend the next dance.*
4. *Only Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School Students will attend dances.*
5. *Dances are an extra-curricular activity, which is a privilege, not a right.*
6. *When slow dancing proper space needs to be kept between bodies.*

Emergency Procedures

In the event of fire, tornado, and severe weather drills you will be advised and instructed by your classroom teacher what safety procedures to follow or which exit to use. You are expected to observe the following procedures in emergencies.

- 1. Remain quiet.*
- 2. Walk; do not run to designated area.*
- 3. Stay together as a group in designated area.*
- 4. Obey your teacher's instructions.*
- 5. Leave all materials in the classroom.*

Bus Rules

Because bus rides are so much fun, you still must follow these rules:

- 1. Be at your stop on time; wait off the road.*
- 2. Enter the bus one at a time; no pushing, shoving, horseplay and take a seat. Food and drink are not allowed on the bus.*
- 3. Keep your head, hands and other body parts inside the bus at all times.*
- 4. Silence is demanded at all railroad crossings.*
- 5. Keep books and other stuff out of the bus aisle.*
- 6. Respect bus property. You will pay for any damage.*
- 7. Respect your bus driver and other students.*
- 8. Remain in your seat until the driver tells you to leave.*
- 9. Depart the bus on time.*
- 10. Look both ways when crossing the road, and cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus. Wait for hand signal before crossing in front of the bus.*
- 11. Stay clear of the back and side of bus at all times.*
- 12. If you are getting off at a different stop, you **MUST** have a note from your parents and your friend's parents and the middle school secretary will give you a bus pass.*
- 13. If you miss your bus at the end of the school day, report to the middle school office for assistance.*

14. The bus driver is in charge at all times and must be given the same respect as any other district employee.

Bus Conduct Report

Students that do not follow established bus rules and regulations will be issued conduct reports. Disciplinary actions will follow district guidelines.

To handle the misconduct the Board of Education of the School District of Weyauwega-Fremont has adopted the following policy to be followed:

First (1st) Offense: Driver warns student.

Second (2nd) Offense: Conference with driver on bus after other students exit.

Third (3rd) Offense: Student assigned to front seat. The driver will fill out a misconduct report and submit to the transportation office within 24 hours of the offense. Administration will inform the parent or guardian of the offense and discuss what disciplinary measures the parents or guardians and school officials deem necessary.

Fourth (4th) Offense: The driver will fill out a misconduct report and submit to the transportation office within 24 hours of the offense. The administration will inform the parent of the offense and the student will be denied transportation up to three days.

Fifth (5th) Offense: The driver will fill out a misconduct report and submit to the transportation office within 24 hours of the offense. The school office will inform the parent of the offense and a mandatory meeting must take place between the parents or guardians and the District Administrator. The student will be denied transportation for a period as determined by the appropriate school officials.

Special Note: The administration reserves the right to deviate from the included information in the interest of the safety and welfare of students and staff.

Notification: Within 24 hours of the decision to suspend, the principal will notify the transportation supervisor of the date the suspension takes effect.

Requirement: A student who has lost his or her bus riding privilege is still obligated to attend school per Wisconsin Statue, Section 118.15.

Cheating

Cheating is wrong and if you are caught be prepared for consequences. Do not ask for your friend's work, do your own. There is a difference between cheating and collaborating. Collaborating between fellow students is a partnership of effort- each enriching the work being pursued. Cheating is when a student supplies answers while receiving students puts forth no input or effort. Cheating is dishonest; therefore, students guilty of supplying or receiving answers will have a call made to his/her parents and no credit will be given for the work.

Grading

Grades are based on achievement, effort and cooperation. A student who makes a maximum effort will seldom fail a class. Grades of A, B, C, D and F including pluses (+) and minuses (-) will be given based on the standard 100% scale unless otherwise noted in the teachers individual course syllabus. Quarter and semester grades will be reported to the office and the following grade point will be given.

A	4.0
A-	3.667
B+	3.333
B	3.00
B-	2.667
C+	2.333
C	2.00
C-	1.667
D+	1.333
D	1.00
D-	.667
F	0

Honor Roll

Academic Excellence Award: To receive this recognition a student must have an overall GPA of 3.800-4.00.

High Honor Role: To receive this recognition a student must have an overall GPA of 3.50-3.799.

Honor Role: To receive this recognition a student must have an overall GPA of 3.00-3.499.

Field Trips

Field trips are a privilege, **NOT** a right. Various trips will be taken through your middle school career; however, you must hold up "Your End of the Deal" by making sure your work is complete and you have been displaying appropriate behavior. Otherwise, you may not be enjoying a "Day of School".

Disciplinary Procedures

Specific disciplinary procedures are in place for those students who are having difficulty following the reasonable rules and regulations of the school. In order to be consistent, violations are applied to the scale below. The purpose of a suspension is to place the responsibility for the student's actions in the hands of the parents since the student's problem resulted from an inability to accept the mode of control expected of students. Suspension is never considered as a convenient means of punishing students or denying the student the right to an education, but only as a corrective tool.

General Violations: *Disrupting class, throwing items, inappropriate behavior, property damage, miscellaneous actions, swearing, bus disruption, insubordination, excessive tardies, disrespect to teacher, disrespect to student, improper check-in and leaving room without permission.*

Severe Violations: *Disorderly conduct, vandalism, severe disrespect, leaving school without permission, theft, harassment, fighting, use/possession of alcohol, use/possession of tobacco, use/possession of e-cigarettes, use/possession of controlled substance and provoking a fight.*

Severe violations will result in an immediate suspension and possible expulsion with disregard to the number of previous violations. Suspension may be up to five days and include possible referral to the police department. A conference with the parents and principal will be scheduled prior to the reinstating of the student. Repeated refusal or neglect to obey school rules, to include accumulation of 10 or more violations between general and severe may result in expulsion.

Consequences

After-school detentions: *A student may be asked to serve an after-school detention due to severity of an inappropriate action. Detentions will be on Tuesday and Thursdays starting at 3:05 pm and ending at 3:45 pm.*

In-school suspensions: *A student may be required to serve an in-school suspension in the school suspension room. The student is removed from the regular school day to a designated suspension room in the office. In-school suspension will not exempt the student from completing the days missed assignments. The student must obey the following rules:*

- 1. Students will be confined to a room in the office for the entire day.*
- 2. Work will be brought to the student.*
- 3. Students will lose all school privileges, which includes the use of the cafeteria and personal communication devices.*
- 4. Students will eat lunch in the office.*
- 5. Students will be allowed bathroom privileges with permission of the principal or designee.*

Out-of-School Suspensions – Suspension/Expulsion:

Pursuant to sections 118.164 and 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes

Suspensions: *State Statutes permit the suspension of students (s.120.1291) (b). Students may be suspended for the following reasons:*

- 1. Noncompliance with the school rules related to disruptive behavior, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, fire drills, attendance policy and searches defined elsewhere in this handbook.*
- 2. Assault and battery – A student causing harm to another by an act done with intent to cause bodily harm to that person harmed is guilty of a misdemeanor (s.940.19).*
- 3. Vandalism – Any student who intentionally causes damage to the school buildings and/or school property without the consent of the school district is guilty of a misdemeanor (s.943.01).*
- 4. The statutes (s.940.01) prohibit intentionally defaming another whether student or staff. This involves anything, which exposes the other to hatred, contempt, ridicule or disgrace in the line of work.*
- 5. Disorderly conduct – Students who engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct in which such conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance is guilty of disorderly conduct.*
- 6. Obscenity – A student who imports, prints, advertises, sells, has in his/her possession for sale, or publishes, exhibits or transfers commercially any lewd, obscene or indecent written matter, picture sound recording or film or who has in his possession with the intent to transfer to a person under 18 years of age any of the above materials or whoever makes lewd, obscene or indecent drawings or writings in school is guilty of a felony by state statutes (s.944.21 and 944.23).*

The procedures for the implementation of suspensions are defined in (s.120.12) (1). The school district administrator or any principal or teacher designated by him/her may suspend a pupil for not more than five (5) school days, or if a notice of expulsion, hearing has been sent under par. © 4 or (e) 4. or s.119.25 (2) (c) or more that a total of fifteen (15) consecutive school days for noncompliance with school board rules or for conduct by the pupil while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority, which endangers the property, health, or safety of others. Prior to any suspension, the pupil shall be advised of the reason for the proposed suspension. The pupil may be suspended if it is determined that he/she is guilty of noncompliance with such rule, or of the conduct charged, and that his/her suspension is reasonably justified. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of a suspended minor pupil shall be given a prompt notice of the suspension and the reason therefore. The suspended pupil or parent(s)/guardian(s) may within five (5) school days following the commencement of the suspension have a conference with the school district administrator or designee who shall be someone other than a principal, administrator or teacher in the suspended pupil's school. If the school district administrator or designee finds

that the pupil was suspended unfairly or unjustly, or that the suspension was inappropriate given the nature of the alleged offense, or that the pupil suffered undue consequences or penalties as a result of the suspension, reference to the suspension on the pupil's school record shall be expunged. Such finding shall be made within fifteen (15) days of said conference. A pupil suspended under this paragraph shall not be denied the opportunity to take any quarterly, semester or grading period examination missed during the suspension period.

Types of Suspensions

- 1. In-school suspension: Student is assigned to a designated area during the regular school day under supervision. The student may not participate in regular classes, co-curricular activities or attend evening events. Schoolwork is assigned and credit is given for work successfully completed.*
- 2. Out-of-school suspension: Student is placed under the supervision of parent(s)/guardian(s) during the suspension period. A suspended student may not loiter or appear on school property or be present at school-sponsored activities during the period of suspension. Schoolwork is assigned and credit is given for work successfully completed.*

Expulsion

The school board may expel a pupil from school whenever it finds him/her guilty of repeated refusal or neglect to obey the rules or finds that a pupil knowingly conveyed or any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives, or finds that he/she engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority which endangered the property, health or safety of others or finds that a pupil while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority engaged in conduct which endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority and is satisfied that the interest of school demands expulsion (s. 120.13(1) (c). Prior to such expulsion, the school board shall hold a hearing thereon. Not less than five (5) days written notice of the hearing shall be sent to the pupil, and if the pupil is a minor, to the parent(s)/guardian(s) specifying the particulars of the alleged refusal, neglect or conduct, stating that the hearing may result in the pupil's expulsion. The pupil and, if the pupil is a minor, the parent(s)/guardian(s) may be represented at the hearing by counsel. The school board shall keep written minutes of the hearing. Upon the ordering by the school board of the expulsion of a pupil, the school district clerk shall mail a copy of the order to the pupil and, if the pupil is a minor, the parent(s)/guardian(s). The expelled pupil or, if the pupil is a minor, the parent(s)/guardian(s) may appeal the expulsion to the state superintendent. An appeal from the decision of the state superintendent may be taken within 30 days to the circuit court of the county in which the school is located.

Parent Involvement

It is our belief that parents are the primary educators of their child. Thus, we encourage open and frequent communication with parents during these years of their child's rapid development.

Informal meeting for parents by grade are offered frequently to give parents the opportunity to meet with staff and discuss current issues involving their child.

Attendance Policy

The responsibility for regular school attendance of a student rests upon the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). In accordance with state law, all children between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age must attend school full time until the end of the term, quarter or semester in which they become eighteen (18) years of age, unless they have a legal excuse or fall under one of the exceptions outline in state statutes.

*All students, parents and staff in the Weyauwega-Fremont School district are required to observe the compulsory school attendance law (s.118.15). **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) TO TELEPHONE SCHOOL BEFORE 9:00 AM ON THE DAY OF THE ABSENCE TO INFORM SCHOOL OFFICIALS OF THE ABSENCE AND THE REASON FOR IT.** If the school has not received a phone call regarding the student's absence prior to 9:00 am school personnel will make a phone contact and an automated call will be sent to determine the cause. Middle School Office – 867-8865*

If parent contact has not been made within two (2) days of, the absence it may be considered unexcused.

Note: A student may be excused by his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) for not more than ten (10) days in the school year and all guidelines following prearranged absences must be followed. The school district reserves the right to request a note from a physician for any absence due to illness if a student is absent more than ten (10) days.

Excused Absences

Students may be excused from school for personal illness, unforeseen family or personal emergencies, funerals and other absences approved in advance by school principal or designee. Family vacations, medical/dental appointments etc. will be considered on an individual basis prior to the student's absence. Students are expected to bring a signed note from medical/dental appointments.

It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide reasons for the student absences, when at all possible, prior to the absence. It will be the school's responsibility to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused.

Unexcused Absences

Truancy and other absences from school that exceed or do not fulfill the attendance policies may be considered unexcused. Unexcused absences can result in receiving zeros on all homework and class work.

Prearranged Absences

A prearranged absence form can be obtained from the office and filled out in advance. This form must be returned to the office one (1) week prior to the planned event with signatures by the parent(s)/guardian(s), principal and classroom teachers before the student takes the prearranged absence. All of the student's schoolwork must be made-up in advance of the absence unless other arrangements have been made.

Assignments for Absent Students

When students are absent from school you may call the middle school office 867-8865 before 9:00 am to request assignments they have missed. Homework may be picked up in the middle school office after 2:30 pm.

Home/School Communication

Parents can view regular updates on the middle school website and in the daily announcements posted on the website, Facebook posts and/or can expect newsletters and flyers providing information about middle school happenings to be sent home periodically. Parents are always encouraged to call the office with questions. We also try to get messages to students about appointments or changes in plans.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is located in the middle school cafeteria. Please encourage your child to check in the lost and found or at the office before reporting an item stolen. Numerous items are unclaimed at the end of the each quarter. The unclaimed items will be discarded or given to Goodwill.

Spectators

Students must attend school the day of an event in order to be a spectator. It is expected that all students who attend either home or away events will be on their best behavior. This means that all coaches, officials, visiting team members, and others will be treated with courtesy and respect. Heckling of participants, use of noisemakers, booing, or throwing items on the playing areas are strictly prohibited. As a courtesy to participants, please stay off the playing areas at all times, and remain seated during the activity, moving only during intermission or breaks.

Visitor Policy

NO STUDENT VISITORS are allowed. However, as a parent, you are always welcome. Please report to the middle school office upon arrival, sign-in and receive a visitor identification badge.

Parent and Student Acknowledgement

Student Name (Please Print): _____

I have read the Weyauwega-Fremont Middle School Student Handbook and I am knowledgeable of student and parent expectations.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____