



The Ambassador



Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies
An International Baccalaureate World School

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Lisa Megown, Assistant Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

August 11, 2023

Dear Freedom Eagles!

The first week (2 days) of school is always a special time filled with excitement, new beginnings, and occasionally worries. I am thrilled to introduce and warmly welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Lisa Megown, to the Freedom 7 Elementary family. Please stop and say hello when you see her out and about on campus this year.



These first few days we reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Our classrooms buzz with sounds of laughter, the exchange of summer stories, and VERY possibly the squeaks of guinea pigs. I bet you have very clear memories of your first days of school.

I can tell you mine:

- The buzz of teachers excited to prepare their rooms for their new students.
- The collaboration prior to your arrival that drives our REACH and prepares us to be TRAILBLAZERS.
- The first “hellos” as our students bounce down the halls eager to see their teacher (present and past) along with their friends.
- The arrival of our newest EAGLES - THIS TUESDAY!
- Working alongside our parents and community to provide a year filled with growth, achievement, enthusiasm... and eventually SOME SHADE!!

Thank you for assisting your children in following the dress code from day one. Please see the graphic in this newsletter with uniform specifics. Also, see the F7 Handbook [here](#) for specific guidelines for hair and jewelry.

Please continue to follow the loop procedures that will ensure the safest and quickest arrival and dismissal possible.

- Students with last names A-O use the NORTH LOOP off S. 4th Street.
- Students with last names P-Z use the EAST LOOP off Sunrise Dr.

Safety FIRST: If you need additional car tags please email Freedom7Elementary@Brevardschools.org with your child’s name and teacher and we will send it home for you. Photocopied car tags will not be accepted, and you will be asked to park and visit the office with your identification to confirm pick-up permission.

Happy First Week Everyone! I am looking forward to an amazing year!

Kathy Lott



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Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, provides a quality public education with a rigorous and relevant transdisciplinary curriculum. Students are encouraged to become critical and open-minded thinkers, lifelong learners and compassionate world citizens who respect cultural diversity and take action to better our world.

Join Us! Freedom 7 School Advisory Council!

Join us at 4:15 each month
to participate in SAC.

September's Mtg will be
via Zoom at this time.

[Click Here](#)

September 19

October 17

December 19

January 16

February 20

April 16



The Learner Profile, Thinker

Students who are THINKERS work to solve problems independently. They can imagine many solutions to a question or challenge. Thinkers make good decisions and can predict the outcomes of their actions. They think creatively and critically. *How can parents help to develop students who are Thinkers at home?*

- Encourage your child to try to think of solutions to problems independently.
- Pose different real-life problems and questions to your child:
 - "I'm not sure how to arrange the glasses so they can all fit in the cupboard."
 - "I wonder how much the groceries in the cart will cost... how can we make an estimate?"
 - "We need enough cookies for the 20 people in your class. What kind of change should we make to our recipe?"
- Ask your children questions when they are working on a problem:
 - "Do you have any ideas about how we might begin?"
 - "How can we do this differently?"
 - "I had never thought of that. Tell me more about it."
 - "What other ways can we show that?"
 - "Why do you think that?"
 - "How did you figure that out?"

23-24 UNIFORM REMINDEES



- Black or White Socks (ankle to below the knee)
- **Solid** Black or White Shoes- Sneakers for safety- No Boots- Laces must match shoe.
- Belts in belt loops- 1st-6th on shorts and pants. **Shorts and pants may NOT be elastic or drawstring.**
- Shirts tucked in 1-6
- Black or White leggings or tights are permitted under skirts/shorts
- Navy or Black non-hoodie jackets unless it is under 60 degrees.
- Black, White, Royal, or Red hair accessories

Please see the F7 Handbook for full details about hair and accessories.

Action Ambassador Green- Mondays
Freedom Polos or Blue T-Shirts- ANYDAY
Red Spirit Eagle Shirt- Fridays



We are looking for a nurse to join our team.
Please contact Mrs. Lott for more information:
Lott.Kathryn@Brevardschools.org

August 14-18

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 0

Annual Asbestos Notification to Building Occupants and Their Legal Guardians

Our records indicate that no asbestos removal activities or any other type of asbestos response actions have taken place at Freedom 7 Elementary School during the past year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

Background Information: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires all accredited school districts to provide building occupants with a yearly correspondence describing any/all asbestos materials removed from each school during the past year. The EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 required an asbestos inspection of each school facility nationwide. This inspection was completed in 1988. The scope of the survey included sampling building materials that might contain asbestos, assessing the condition of the materials, performing laboratory analysis of each sample, and writing a comprehensive report called an *Asbestos Management Plan*. The Management Plan document and subsequent Three-year Reinspection documents are on file at the school Administration office. These documents are available to the public for review.

Please be advised that Lisa Rosati and Arianne Rivera are teaching out of field in the certification area Gifted, and Christa Robertson is teaching out of field in the certification area Elem Ed 4 for the school year 2023-2024. Mrs. Rosati, Ms. Rivera and Mrs. Robertson all meet the State requirements to teach in the public schools and are currently working toward certification in Gifted and Elem Ed 4, respectfully, that is necessary. This notification is a Department of Education requirement for the State of Florida. Be assured that the Brevard County Public School District is dedicated to serving every student with excellence as the standard. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Lott if you have questions regarding Mrs. Rosati's, Ms. Rivera's, or Mrs. Robertson's qualifications.

Mission

To serve every student with excellence as the standard.

Vision

Brevard Public Schools will serve our community and enhance students' lives by delivering the highest quality education in a culture of dedication, collaboration, & learning.





Brevard Public Schools

2023 – 2024 Code of Student Conduct

Student/Parent Acknowledgement Form

Each parent/guardian of a student and each student enrolled in Brevard Public Schools must sign and return this page to the student's school to acknowledge that they have accessed the online version or obtained a copy of the Code of Student Conduct. In addition, this page serves as acknowledgement that you have reviewed the Code of Student Conduct with your child. Each school will maintain records of such signed statements.

Student Name (Print) _____ School _____

Student DOB: _____

Brevard School Board Policy 5500 Student Conduct:

Notwithstanding any other provision of Board policy, pursuant to F.S. 1006.13(5), any student found to have committed an act of assault or aggravated assault, or battery or aggravated battery, on any elected official of the School District, teacher, administrator, or other School District personnel, shall be recommended for expulsion or placement in an alternative school setting, as appropriate, for a minimum period of one (1) year. Upon being charged with such offense, the student shall be removed from the classroom immediately and placed in an alternative school setting pending disposition. This is notice from the School Board, the Superintendent, and the principal and staff of your school that **violence** and **violent behavior** by a pupil or adult student will not be permitted at any time, at school; on school property; at school bus stops; on school sponsored transportation; or during school sponsored activities.

2023-2024 Code of Student Conduct Highlights

- Law enforcement will be contacted for the following behavioral incidents on school grounds, on school transportation or off-campus sponsored events: Aggravated Battery, Alcohol, Arson, Burglary, Criminal Mischief, Disruption on Campus, Drug Sales/Distribution, Drug Use/Possession, Fighting, Grand Theft, Hazing, Homicide, Kidnapping, Other Major, Robbery, Sexual Assault, Sexual Offenses, Simple Battery, Threat/Intimidation, Trespassing, Weapons Possession, Sexual Battery.
- Florida HB 1521 requires that all students use the bathroom, restroom or changing room on all school owned or controlled property to use the bathroom or changing room according to their biological sex at birth.
- Students may possess and use medication to relieve headaches without parent or physicians note if medication is regulated by the USFDA for over-the-counter treatment of headaches.
- ⊖ New behavioral incidents: Failure to serve lunch detention, Out of assigned area-major
- New corrective strategy: Lunch detention, Drug Diversion
- Wireless Communication Device misuse:
 - First Offense: Referral, confiscation of device, parent/guardian contact
 - Second Offense: Referral, confiscation of device, parent/guardian contact, loss of cellphone privileges
 - Third Offense: Referral, confiscation of device, parent/guardian contact, may be assigned other corrective action in Code of Conduct
 - Any violation beyond a third offense may result in an out of school suspension.
- Major Wireless Communication Device Violations
 - The following could result in an out of school suspension of up to 10 days with possible placement in an alternative setting and/or expulsion.
 - Recording fights or similar events
 - Capturing, recording, or transmitting (sending or posting) images and/or video of any student or staff member without consent.
 - Capturing, recording, or transmitting audio, video, or photograph(s) to degrade, threaten, intimidate, or dehumanize.
 - Cyberbullying
- Vaping Nicotine/Tobacco
 - First Offense: Referral, assigned corrective action, parent/guardian contact.
 - Second Offense: Referral, assigned corrective action, parent/guardian contact, suspension pending parent conference (up to 3 days)
 - Third Offense: Referral, assigned corrective action, parent/guardian conference, out of school suspension (4-5 days),
 - Any violation beyond a third offense may result in an out of school suspension up to 10 days pending possible placement in an alternative setting.
- Vaping THC/Drugs
 - First Offense: Referral, assigned suspension up to 10 days pending investigation, possibly assigned to Drug Diversion Program, report to law enforcement.
 - Second Offense: Referral, assigned suspension up to 10 days pending investigation, expulsion, report to law enforcement.

- Dress Code
 - Head gear, including but not limited to caps, hats, bandanas, and/or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors on campus unless permitted by the principal for religious or medical reasons. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours, however these articles must not violate this dress code.
 - All clothing must be appropriately sized, securely fastened and cover midriff, back, sides, and all undergarments at all times. For example, suspenders should be over the shoulders, pants secured at the waist, belts buckled, no underwear as outerwear, no underwear exposed. Clothing should be opaque.
 - Garments must be of a length and fit that are acceptable to the build and stature of the student. The cut of sleeveless garments must not expose undergarments. Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to other armpit. Upper garments should meet lower garments.
 - Strapless garments are prohibited. (Tube tops and halter tops are prohibited.) Formalwear for special events may include strapless garments.
 - Pants and shorts shall conform to the build and stature of the student, shall be worn at the waist, and shall not extend below the heel of the shoe in length. Rips, holes, or tears in clothing must be below mid-thigh.
 - Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment, including recess, PE, CTE, and labs. (Crocs are not appropriate for grades K-6).
 - Students in grades 7- 12 may wear footwear commonly considered as beachwear (for example: flip flops, thongs, Crocs, etc.) unless a course of instruction requires them to wear safe and appropriate footwear to protect the student from injury (i.e. athletic shoes in physical education class).
 - Dress shall not emulate non-human characteristics.
- Extracurricular Activities: A student must be in attendance a minimum of four (4) hours in order to participate in after-school activities.

I acknowledge receipt of the notification regarding accessing or obtaining a copy of the Code of Student Conduct through the internet web address and that I have read and discussed the Code of Student Conduct with my child.

I acknowledge receipt of the notification regarding accessing or obtaining a copy of the Code of Student Conduct via the internet web address and that I have read and discussed the Code of Student Conduct with my parent/guardian. (Student)

Note: Failure to return this acknowledgment form will not release a student or the parents/guardians of the student from responsibility for knowledge of the contents of the Code of Student Conduct and will not excuse noncompliance.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____