R. Dan Nolan Middle School
School of Excellence
2026-2027

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The staff of Nolan Middle School welcomes you to the 2026-2027 school year. We hope this will be a great year for students, parents, and teachers. This handbook has been prepared for Nolan Middle School students and addresses our policies and procedures at our school. **The Student Handbook is to be used in conjunction with the School District of Manatee County of Student Conduct.** This information has been carefully prepared so that it will help students become an integral part of our school.

It is the parents and students' responsibility to review all materials applied herein.
Receipt of this planner signifies acceptance of all policies.



“Keep going, your effort matters.”

“Your actions can make a big difference.”

“You matter just because you are you.”

“Show people your worth.”

“Make the most of your time here.”

“The people around you care about you and are here to help.”

“Your peers are your greatest asset.”

“Stay strong, it will be worth it in the end.”

“Be kind and change someone’s view on the world.”

“Be compassionate, you never know what someone is going through.”

“Make a positive impact on the world.”

Nolan Student Government Association (SGA)

Nolan Middle School - Mission Statement

"Our mission is to develop and sustain a school in which all learners empower themselves to achieve success."

Telephone Numbers

Main Office:	941.751.8200
Principal's Secretary	ext. 28003
Attendance:	ext. 28008
Conferences	ext. 28013
Registrar	ext. 28004
Cafeteria	ext. 28073
Media Center	ext. 28074
Clinic	ext. 28021

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School Support Specialists

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To contact a teacher or administration via e-mail

Go to FOCUS
https://focus.manateeschools.net/focus/

Nolan Middle School Website:

https://www.manateeschools.net/nolan

Check us out!
https://www.facebook.com/R-Dan-Nolan-Middle-School-426151400806870/

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

YMCA Program Y-Dash:

Phone #	751-8200 ext. 28070
Morning:	7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
Afternoon:	4:10 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
PD Wed.:	Only 2:40 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lost and Found:

We have a location in the cafeteria for lost and found items. Please remind your child to check the lost and found if they have lost an item. If they have lost glasses, electronics or other valuable items, those will be placed in the office if found. **Any lost item not claimed in a reasonable amount of time will be donated.**

Breakfast/Lunch Pricing/Time

Breakfast time: 8:50 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.
Breakfast is Free
Lunch is $3.40
Ala Carte items and extra items will not be free.
Lunch menus and School Café (Online Prepayment) can be accessed R. Dan Nolan Website https://www.manateeschools.net/nolan or at Schoolcafe.com

Parent Conferences

To schedule a parent/teacher conference you must contact the school at (941) 751-8200 ext. 28013. All conferences are held between: 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Grade Scale

90-100	A = 4 pts. Outstanding Progress
80-89	B = 3 pts. Above Average Progress
70-79	C = 2 pts. Average Progress
60-69	D = 1 pt. Lowest Acceptable Progress
0-59	F = 0 pts. No Progress
NG	No grade available

FOCUS Internet Viewer (PIV)

Parents must apply for a password to allow them to view student grades, progress reports and to print report cards and attendance information. This password will remain valid as long as the student attends Nolan. Any questions regarding getting onto FOCUS please call 751-8200 x 28004. See https://focus.manateeschools.net/focus/

Progress Reports/Report Cards

All progress reports and report cards will be distributed electronically through FOCUS each quarter. If access electronically is not possible, please contact the school.

Visitors

All visitors must sign in through the Raptor system and obtain a Visitor's Pass from the school office. **You must have a picture I.D. to obtain a visitor's pass at any time.**

LEVEL II Clearance

Is required for volunteers interacting with students UNSUPERVISED, such as chaperoning field trips, one-to-one mentoring, tutoring, and overnight competitions. All volunteers on school campuses, not supervised by a staff member, must have Level II Clearance.

Please note: The application fee for a Level II fingerprint screening is approximately $90 and is paid by the volunteer. The results are monitored by the Office of Safety & Security for a period of 5 years. In addition, volunteers who complete a Level II screening MUST also complete the district's Level I application.
https://www.manateeschools.net/volunteer

PTO/SAC Meetings

Please see Nolan's Website for proposed dates and time.

IN LOCO Parentis

State and federal law recognizes that teachers and school administrators have a need to stand in the place of parents over children entrusted to them at school. This is a concept called in loco parentis. While this power is not equal to a parent's power over a child, it permits school personnel to exercise a degree of supervision and control over students that could not be exercised over free adults. This concept is responsible for the fact that school personnel can search without a warrant based on reasonable suspicion and are not held to the higher standard of "probable cause" by which law enforcement is bound. It is also responsible for the fact that school personnel can interrogate a student without providing him or her with Miranda warnings or allowing the student to call a parent or attorney.

ATTENDANCE and OTHER PROCEDURES
YOUR ATTENDANCE CAN AFFECT PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Communicable disease could cause changes

Florida Compulsory School Law (F.S. 1003.21) states all children who are either six years of age (or who will be six years old by February 1 of any school year), but who have not attained the age of 18 must attend school regularly during the entire school term. a. You are expected to be on time and in school for the entire student day, each school day. b. On the day of your absence, a parent or guardian should call the school to explain the absence. The absence will be excused if it meets the criteria outlined below. The parent or guardian must contact the school within 48 hours of the absence or appropriate documentation is required within 5 days. If this contact is not made, the absence will be recorded as unexcused. c. If you are continually sick and repeatedly absent from school, you must be under the supervision of a physician in order to be excused from attendance. Excessive absences will lead to a parent conference, referral to the District's Child Study Team, referral for social work services, referral to Truancy Court, and the involvement of the State Attorney. Parents who fail or refuse to cooperate with the school in the matter of regular school attendance for their child may be prosecuted for truancy by the State Attorney's Office.

****Excused Absences- ONLY nine (9) absences can be excused by a parent phone call or email. Any absence after the (9) excused requires a professional note such as a (doctor's note, dental note, etc.) to excuse the absence.** You will receive a message from the school stating your child has an unexcused absence. Any other events check with attendance prior to absences. See code of conduct for excused absences.**

https://www.manateeschools.net/studentcodeconduct

Tardies to School

Parents may excuse 2 tardies to school per quarter. The third and subsequent unexcused tardy will result in a consequence each time. This will reset each quarter.

Leaving Early from School

No student will be permitted to be picked up and signed out between 3:30 PM-4:10 PM and 2:00 PM-2:40 PM on early out days.

Please be aware, **ONLY** those listed on the BIO form will be allowed to pick up the student. The parent/person picking up the student you must be 18 or over and you must show a PHOTO ID before we release that student to the adult. This is a district mandate per **NCLB Safe Schools Act.**

You must send a note with your child explaining why he/she will need to be picked up early from school. The student needs to bring the note to the attendance office and give it to the attendance clerk before first period begins. The student will then be issued a pass with the time indicating when to report to the attendance office. It is important that the note contains the following information: reason for leaving early, time and date the student needs to be at the office to be picked up, a phone number so we can contact you if we have any questions, and a parent signature. Students will **NOT** be called out of class to the office until a parent/guardian is physically in the office to sign the student out unless a note was provided prior.

Any student being signed out as sick but did not go to the clinic will be coded as an unexcused early departure until a doctor's note has been provided.

Make Up Work for Absences/Discipline Absences

After an excused absence, you must arrange with your teacher for any make-up work. You have the same number of days you have been absent to make up your work. This rule does not apply to some long-term

assignments. (A long-term assignment is when a student has 10 or more days to complete the work.) These long-term assignments will be due on the specified date unless excused in writing by the teacher or principal. It is your responsibility to make these arrangements and to submit the make-up work within the deadlines set by the teacher(s). You do not have the right to make up work if your absence was unexcused.

It is the student's responsibility to obtain all missing assignments, test and classwork during their absence. The following means are available:

1. Utilize Focus and Schoology
2. Contact a fellow student to obtain class work.
3. Contact a teacher via email or phone.

For Frequently Asked Questions about attendance refer to Manatee County schools Code of Conduct.
https://www.manateeschools.net/studentcodeconduct

No Deliveries will be made for students in school to include items such as back packs, lunch, phones, computers, homework, projects, etc.

Change of Address/Phone/Email

Any student who changes residence or phone number(s) or email during the school year should report the change to the attendance office and the registrar as soon as possible. Attendance Ext. 28008, Registrar Ext. 28004

Video Security on School District Property:

In order to maintain a safe environment, the School District has installed and will utilize video surveillance systems on school district property which includes buses.

Firearms Detection Systems Screening at SDMC Schools:

The safety of our staff and students in the School District of Manatee County is our number one priority. To enhance our security efforts at our schools, we have a high-tech security scanner firearms detection system and a firearms detection canine to screen students and visitors for firearms.

Firearms are not permitted on any School District of Manatee County (SDMC) property. All students and visitors entering District property may be required to submit to a weapon detector screening to ensure no weapons are brought onto the premises. Bags, purses, backpacks, etc. may also be screened using metal/weapon detecting wands and/or by hand. Refusal to cooperate with the screening procedure will result in the denial of entry and/or disciplinary action for the student. If a student activates the detector, a staff member will escort a search of the student to a private secondary screening location where we will conduct a search of the student and their belongings in alignment with School Board Policy 5771.

NOTE: Per F.S. 790.115, the School District of Manatee County strictly prohibits any firearms from being stored in student vehicles parked on any school grounds or at any school-sponsored event. Your principal may give you written permission to possess a gun or weapon while on campus or at a school function when the gun or weapon is part of the curriculum of the school. An example of this is when a gun or rifle may be part of JROTC drill and firing ranges. If a student brings weapon-like contraband to school, to any school function, or onto any school sponsored transportation, or if students use any nonweapon as a weapon to threaten or injure others, the student may be suspended for up to 10 days and possibly recommended for alternative placement, expulsion, and referred for criminal prosecution.

Student Identification Badge:

All students and staff are required to wear an I.D. badge on a lanyard at all times when you are on the Nolan Middle School campus. Replacement of I.D. Badges cost $5.00 and may be purchased daily in the morning at the Front Office. Your I.D. badge is required each day to be worn on a lanyard around your neck. Your ID is

for school safety and will be used to purchase your lunch every day, obtaining textbooks, checking out library books, getting on and off the bus, and other events. Fees charged for lanyards or ID's will be used as for additional funding of ID/Lanyards and other materials necessary for students and staff.

IDs cannot be altered or destroyed. If the ID is damaged or destroyed, the student must purchase a new one at the cost of $5.00. Lanyard replacement cost $2.00.

IDs are required on the bus and at the north and south doors upon entry to the school.

Students receive a warning for an ID violation. All subsequent ID violations will result in disciplinary action. This will reset every quarter.

Outside Drinks

Beverages brought on campus are limited to water. Water containers must have a lid. Water containers must be able to fit in the backpack. Water containers that can leak, spill or be squeezed are **NOT** allowed due to spillage and to eliminate any accidents in the hallways. Beverages and food purchased by parents on the way to school should be consumed prior to students exiting the vehicle. Students will be asked to dispose of any beverages that do not meet these requirements prior to entering the building. Contact an Student Support Specialist if you have any questions.

Parents may continue to pack lunches for students. Please be reminded that the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and our School District Wellness policy recommend, and limit beverages served at school to water, milk and 100% fruit and vegetable juice.

Other Prohibited Items

Please do not bring these items to school: permanent markers (Sharpies or other brands), rubberbands, perfume, cologne or any other items that are aerosol sprays. Toys, stuffed animals, blankets or any other item which is not necessary for use in the school setting.

Locations OFF School Property

Places such as the park and Wawa are unsupervised locations by Nolan Middle School. We recommend any student needing picked up and dropped off at school go through our parent loop. If a student needs to arrive at school before 8:45 or stay at school passed dismissal time, we do have a YMCA afterschool program listed in the planner which you will need to enroll your student. School hours are 9:15 AM -4:10 PM

Student Planner

The first student planner will be given to Nolan Middle School students free. Planners are used to record homework and other communication for the student and the parent. The planner also contains your child's COLT Cards. If a student loses their planner a replacement will cost $5.00 while supplies last. Since COLT Cards are in the planner, the student will need to go to the office to obtain another Colt Card, the first two lines of that quarter's COLT Card will be signed for a replacement Colt Card which may result in loss of privileges.

Hallway Passes

Students are not allowed in the hallways without a pass.

Use of Office Telephone

No student will be called out of class to the telephone except in case of an emergency. Please attempt to conduct all personal business at home before leaving for school. Parents should try to refrain from calling to leave personal messages for students except in the case of an emergency. **Students MAY NOT receive or make calls or text messages on their cell phones during the school day. Students need to use the office phone to call home. They may not use their device without adult permission.**

Comply with the cell phone policy. If you need to reach your child in an emergency during the school day, contact the front office. Because cell phones and all other forms of electronic communication are to be turned off and put away out of sight once students are at school, parents should not text message or phone their children during the school day.

CLINIC SERVICES

The goal of your school health staff is to provide the best possible care for your child in the event of illness or injury while at school and to promote good health and prevention of disease. The nurse is available to assist families and students with various health issues or to refer them to community resources. Please feel free to discuss any special needs your child may have that require care and attention while at school. If you have any health-related questions or concerns, please call the clinic during regular school hours at 751-8200 ext. 28020.

NOTE: Parents, please remind your child if they text a parent during school hours about being sick and the parent shows up to pick up the student without the clinic knowing the child is sick, this may result in a disciplinary consequence for the student.

Medication Policy

Taking legal medications (prescription drugs that have been prescribed for you or over-the-counter drugs) at school, on a school bus, at any school activity, or on any field trip must strictly comply with this Medication Policy. This policy requires the following:

a. You should make every effort to administer medications at home during non-school hours.

b. All medications (including over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and supplements) must be prescribed by a licensed physician and must be retained in the school clinic, except as described in 1002.20, Florida Statutes.

c. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1002.20-a student may possess and use a medication to relieve headaches while on school property or at a school-sponsored event or activity without a physician's note or prescription if the medication is regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use to treat headaches. For students to carry and administer his/her own over-the-counter medication to relieve headaches, a self-carry headache medication form must be fully complete and on file in the school clinic. This form can be found on the SDMC website.

d. Prior to being able to administer medication at school, the parent/guardian must provide a completed medication authorization form for each medication. The form must be signed by the parent/guardian and licensed healthcare provider.

e. The written statement shall be on a Medication Authorization Form which can be obtained from the school's office and must be signed by both a physician and a parent or guardian before medications can be administered at school.

f. You may not transport medications to school or be in possession or any medications while on school property, except as described in 1002.20, Florida Statutes.

g. An authorized adult must bring the medication to be administered to the school's office and deliver it along with a completed Medical Authorization Form, except as described in 1002.20, Florida Statutes.

h. Possessing medications prescribed to others is illegal and considered a Level 3 offense.

i. Students with any of the following medical conditions and carry and self-administer the medications or supplies listed below to attend to their conditions while at, or in transit to or from, school or school-sponsored activities, if the school has been provided written parental and physician authorization in advance:

Student's Medical Condition:	Student May Carry and Self-Administer:
Life-threatening Allergies or Asthma	An epinephrine auto-injector
Asthma	A metered dose inhaler
Pancreatic Insufficiency	A prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplement
Diabetes	Diabetic supplies, equipment, and specific food items identified in the written authorization along with a description of the activities the student can perform without assistance, such as blood-glucose level checks, urine ketone testing, administering insulin, and treating hypo-or hyperglycemia.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

See Student Code of Conduct for updated changes:
https://www.manateeschools.net/studentcodeconduct

The dress and grooming of district students shall be neat and clean, promoting a safe and positive educational environment. Apparel that disrupts educational activities and processes of the school may result in the removal of the student from the regular learning environment until acceptable apparel can be secured for the student. Failure to comply with the dress code may result in disciplinary consequences outlined in state statute and the district discipline matrix. Pursuant to F.S. 1006.07, wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the learning environment will have specific consequences. Requirements for student dress in all schools are listed below:

a. All shirts and blouses must cover the midriff, back, sides, and all undergarments including bra straps at all times. All shirts, tops, and dresses shall have sleeves and cover the shoulders.
b. Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses are allowed. They must be mid-thigh length or longer.
c. All trousers, pants, or shorts must completely cover undergarments and worn at the waist.
d. All clothing, jewelry, or body art, tattoos, nail art, shall not have profanity, violent images, weapons, wording or suggestion; sexually suggestive phrases or images; gang-related symbols; alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or advertisements for such products.
e. Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, roller skates, skate shoes, and bedroom slippers.
f. Form-fitting leotard/spandex type clothing (to include shorts and leggings) are allowed with proper garments that cover to mid-thigh length or longer.
g. See-through or mesh fabric clothing may only be worn over clothing meeting requirements.
h. Sleepwear shall not be worn as outer garments.
i. Sunglasses may not be worn inside unless a parent provides a doctor's note to the school. Field trips are an exception.
j. Bandanas or sweatbands are not allowed to be visible on school grounds during regular school hours.
k. Hats or other head coverings may be worn during outside P.E. activities and may not be worn during any portion of the regular school day without the expressed permission of the principal.
l. If the school has a mandatory school uniform policy, the student must adhere to those requirements. These programs will provide detailed requirements for both students and parents.

CRITERIA FOR QUARTERLY NOLAN REWARD ACTIVITIES

1. Criteria are based on assigned discipline consequences per quarter.
2. OSS (Out of School Suspension), ISS (In School Suspension), during the quarter of the collection of the Colt Card makes a student ineligible.
3. Four lines signed on the Colt Card make a student ineligible.
4. No COLT card turned in makes a student ineligible.

Each quarter the COLT Card process will start over.
Reward activity announcements, sign-up, document collection, and information are mostly taken care of during lunch time. Students who are part-time or absent from lunch are responsible for finding out information about reward activities.

FLVS students: Because you will have one class away from school, we need to inform you that it will be up to you and your parent to stay apprised of all activities occurring at school or off campus (such as inservice/record days, early release days, modified schedule days due to testing/pep rallies, PBIS activities, field trips, etc.) Please make sure to peruse the Nolan website for the school calendar, FOCUS, Schoology and the Facebook page at least once a week. It will be your responsibility to check these websites and be informed by asking teachers or talking to friends about anything that might pertain to you during the school year. If you attend any events after school, you must leave the school campus during the FLVS period and return after school when the event begins such as sports, concerts and any other events/activities.

End of Year Reward Activities:

Criteria for end of the year activities:

- Out of School Suspensions for the current school year.
- No more than two (2) disciplinary consequence days resulting in In School Suspensions
- NO outstanding debts. (Library, cafeteria, etc.)
- ALL classroom novels returned to teacher.
- Attendance Criteria apply to all reward activities.
- No more than 18 unexcused absences for the year.
- Students must be in good academic standing for promotion to the next grade.

8th Grade Dance

See End of Year Reward Activities Criteria above.

*If your student is not present on the day of the dance, they are NOT permitted to attend the dance. This includes excused absences! (Student Code of Conduct).

Technology Expectations, Electronic Equipment and Usage Policy

(Refer to the Student Code of Conduct)

https://www.manateeschools.net/studentcodeconduct

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction.

Electronic Equipment

The SDMC follows all State of Florida legislation regarding electronic devices. This new legislation includes the following:
• Prohibits electronic devices from being used by elementary and middle school students during the school day.
• Prohibits high school use of electronic devices during instructional time, except as authorized, with teacher-designated storage areas and board-adopted usage zones.
• Provides exceptions for medical or educational needs.

SDMC students in elementary or middle school settings may not use cell phones or other non-district issued electronic items during the school day at middle school beginning entering the school at 8:45AM-4:10PM.

Electronic devices include, but are not limited to, the following: • music playback or streaming devices • camera • cellular phone (including the camera that may be part of the phone) • video or digital recorder • video gaming devices • computer or tablet (unless specifically authorized for academic purposes) • smart watches, smart glasses, or any other smart devices when used as a cellular device • earbuds or headphones Failure to comply with regulations set forth by the school, school district, or Florida law could result in confiscation of the device(s) and referral of "defiance" with appropriate consequence(s).

NOTE: See the School District of Manatee County Code of Student Conduct for other Policies regarding technology.

https://www.manateeschools.net/studentcodeconduct

NOLAN MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Formal Disciplinary Actions
Before any disciplinary action is taken, a student is entitled to a due process hearing. Due process is notice to the student of the disciplinary charge and the opportunity to present his/her side of the story. If the immediate suspension of a student is necessary due to a serious breach of conduct, the necessary notice and conference will follow as soon as it is practical.

COLT Cards
Documented Warning/Teacher Signature or initials, teacher will call or contact parent and provide date, parent will review card and initial.

NOTE: Colt Cards can be used to document SOME low-level behaviors and warning. All other behaviors are documented on a discipline referral.

Students **MUST** always carry the planner with COLT Cards. Colt Cards are part of the student planner. If a student loses his/her COLT Card, which is a part of the student planner, they must go to the office to receive a replacement COLT Card. The replacement COLT Card students will receive will be coded with two-line discipline signatures of LCC (Lost Colt Card) which may result in loss of privileges. No replacement Colt Cards will be issued after Progress Reports.

•*Each student will begin with a new COLT Card each quarter. After a student has used all his/her lines on the COLT card, they will automatically be issued a referral.*
•*It should be understood that at the discretion of the administration or designee these consequences may escalate depending upon the nature of the circumstances and the student's overall discipline record.*

Parent Notification of a Referral
A disciplinary action notice will be given to the student to take home and delivered to the parent. A phone call will be made to the home by a Student Support Specialist within a reasonable amount of time.

In School Suspension/Time Out
An assignment to a specific location in the school during school hours. Students will be required to continue their academic assignments.

Suspensions
A student may be suspended from school for up to (10) days at a time and a suspension letter will be issued by an Administrator. If a student is suspended, he or she cannot be on school grounds or any Manatee School District property or attend any school activities or any after school activities.

Skipping Class
If a student skips a particular class/classes at any time during regular school hours, disciplinary action will be taken, and parents will be contacted. Teachers are not required to give or accept missed or late work.

Bullying and Harassment
Bullying and Harassment Conduct that constitutes bullying or harassment, as defined below, is prohibited.
Bullying: (intimidating behaviors that are repeated, intentional, and involve a power imbalance) Systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees. Bullying includes instances of cyberbullying, as defined in Section 1006.147(3) (b), F.S. Bullying may include, but is not limited to, repetitive instances of teasing, social exclusion, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, theft, harassment, public or private humiliation, or destruction of property. If physical harm or psychological distress is not the result of systematic or chronic behavior, evaluate for Harassment.

Harassment: Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct that places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school including any course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in such a person and serves no legitimate purpose. Instances of Harassment that are chronic or repeated in nature should be evaluated for Bullying or Bullying-related. Both bullying and harassment are prohibited at school, during school related activities (whether on or off campus), on the school bus, at school bus stops, and through the use of computers or other electronic devices, which is known as cyberbullying. Cyberbullying and harassment are also prohibited through off campus social media, phone calls, or text messaging if such behavior disrupts the orderly environment of any district school or activity or interferes with the educational opportunities of others.

If you engage in bullying or harassment, the consequences and appropriate disciplinary action may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension, reassignment to an alternative program, or expulsion. More severe or persistent infractions will result in more intensive interventions and administrative action. Additionally, the appropriate school administrator or designee will report to the victim's parents and the alleged offender's parents any alleged incident of bullying or harassment once an investigation of an incident has been initiated. Bullying should be reported to the appropriate school administrator or through the School District of Manatee County's anonymous reporting system.

Cheating and/or Plagiarism

Cheating and/or Plagiarism will result in a zero (0) on assignment or a lunch detention for the first offense.

Student Removal from Class

If a student is removed by either an Administrator, SRO or Student Support Specialist, the teacher will submit a referral, the referral will be processed with appropriate consequences assigned. A call will be placed to a parent within a reasonable amount of time.

Please review The School Board of Manatee County Student Code of Conduct
https://www.manateeschools.net/studentcodeconduct

Making False Accusations

A student who intentionally makes false accusations that jeopardize the professional reputation, employment or professional certification of a teacher or other member of the school staff will be suspended for up to 10 days and may be recommended for reassignment to an alternative school or for expulsion.

Disciplinary Reassignment

You can be assigned to another school or program when the Superintendent or their designee finds that such an assignment is in your best interest or in the best interest of the school district based on behavior, attendance, or other factors as per district policy.

Discipline for Student with Disabilities

If a student is IDEA or Section 504 eligible, they are expected to comply with the District Code of Student Conduct and school rules just like any other student. If they violate the District Code of Student Conduct or school rules, they are subject to discipline just like any other student. There are, however, some special rules in dealing with suspension, assignments to alternative programs and expulsions.

Inappropriate Messages

Anything related to drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, bars, pubs, gangs, weapons and violence will NOT be tolerated in school at any time whether depicted in symbols, writing, drawings, photos, graffiti or artwork.

Inappropriate messages may not be visible on a student's clothing, skin, jewelry, book bag, binders, books, papers, or accessories. Administration retains the right to determine the appropriateness of any such items as per district policy.

Sexting

If you post, send or forward to anyone else a nude or sexually revealing photo of a person through the internet or text message, or if you show such photos to other people, you will be suspended from school, and you may be recommended for expulsion. You may also be subject to arrest for violation of child pornography laws if the student in the photo is a minor.

Zero Tolerance

The possession or use of weapons of any kind, substance abuse, school violence, vandalism, or crime on campus as defined by the state department of education is **prohibited**. Nolan Middle School will not permit any kind of statement against other people that would be considered offensive; (Race, Religion, Gender, etc.) as per the Manatee County Student Code of Conduct.

Threats and Threats Against Schools

If you are involved in making a destructive device, fake destructive device, or planning the use of such a device, either at school, or at a school activity, or while you are at school or at a school activity, you will be suspended for up to 10 days, recommended for expulsion, and reported to law enforcement for prosecution. The same actions will be taken if you make a threat by any means against the school, school property, school personnel, or students, regardless of any disruption on campus or any school-related function. This includes direct, veiled, or implied threats communicated verbally, in writing, or through social media platforms. If you make any such threat, you will be referred to your school's threat assessment team. This team is charged with helping to ensure the safety of all persons in your school and will take steps that may include interviews with friends, teachers, staff, parents, or employers regarding any concerns they may have. The threat assessment team is also responsible for making referrals for mental health services and to law enforcement for continued investigation, if you pose a concern or threat to the school or any member of the school community.

A written threat to bring a gun to school, kill someone, or to seriously injure someone is against the law in Florida and could result in an arrest.

Please review The School Board of Manatee County Student Code of Conduct
https://www.manateeschools.net/studentcodeconduct

CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The School Board believes all students as well as the bus driver should be able to ride safely on school buses. In addition to any bus-specific consequences, students may be disciplined for any action on the bus in the same manner as if the conduct had taken place on a school campus. Students are also subject to disciplinary action while at the bus stop, if behavior has a harmful effect on the health, safety or welfare of any member of the school community, and witnessed by the bus driver, bus attendant or other employee of the school district. Students should assume that they are being recorded any time they are riding the school bus.

Parent Responsibility

Parents are responsible for student behavior at the bus stop prior to the arrival of the bus in the morning and after the departure of the bus at the end of the day. If students violate school rules while at the bus stop, the school can still be disciplined for behavior if it has a harmful effect of the health, safety, or welfare of any member of the school community. Students are to be at the bus stop ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time and should stand off the roadway.

Items Not Allowed on a Bus

1. Any item prohibited elsewhere in the District Code of Student Conduct
2. Glass containers of any kind

3. Balls
4. Bats
5. Cologne/perfume
6. Cutting instruments of any kind
7. Any large or bulky item that interferes with proper seating of students (examples: balloons, large musical instruments or athletic equipment)
8. Any animal
9. Batons, drumsticks, tennis rackets (unless in proper carrying case)
10. Aerosol sprays may be possessed but use on buses or enclosed areas is expressly prohibited

Rules While on the Bus

The bus driver is in charge, and students must obey the driver at all times. Students must tell the bus driver their correct names when asked. The bus driver and school will keep a seating chart. Students must be on time; the bus cannot wait for students who are tardy. Students may only ride their assigned bus and can be disciplined if they do not follow all district and school rules in addition to the following rules:

1. Students must sit in their assigned seats
2. Students must stay seated at all times and wear their seatbelts while the bus is in motion
3. Students must not place any part of their body outside the bus windows
4. Students must not distract the driver with loud conversation or noises
5. Students must observe appropriate classroom conduct
6. Students must not eat or drink on the bus
7. Students must maintain absolute silence at railroad crossing
8. Students must not throw any items on the bus or out of the bus windows
9. Students must not mark, cut or damage any part of the bus
10. Students may not display signs from the bus
11. Students may not use obscene language or gestures while on the bus
12. Cell phones are to be turned off while on the bus.

If You Do Not Follow the Bus Rules

A. Students who commit infractions will be addressed by the school bus driver. If the behavior is a repeated problem on the bus, the driver will give the school a written discipline referral detailing the incident. School administrators can take any action contained in this Code against you for misbehaving at the bus stop or on the bus stop (if the incident is witnessed by the bus driver) or on a bus.

B. Discipline on school buses will be dealt with according to the following protocols; however, severe infractions (for example, fighting, setting a fire on the bus) may result in suspension or recommendation for expulsion based on the recommendation of the principal or designee.

C. Suspension from the school bus may be imposed only by the principal or designee by following the procedures for suspension from school. Bus suspensions may not be extended beyond the number of days originally prescribed by the principal or designee.

D. Students can be removed from the school bus by the Superintendent or designee for up to one calendar year for misconduct or a violation of the bus rules on a school bus or at a bus stop, based upon the recommendations of the principal and after the principal has suspended the student from riding the bus for 10 days for an incident. Before the Superintendent or designee removes the student from the bus, the student, parents or guardian will be informed in writing of the principal's recommendation and the basis for that recommendation. The Superintendent or designee will inform the parent or guardian in writing of any removals from the bus.

E. Students who transfer to a new school will be held responsible for any previous incident of bus misconduct from the previous school.

BUS DISCIPLINE PROTOCOL

Secondary Bus Discipline Protocol

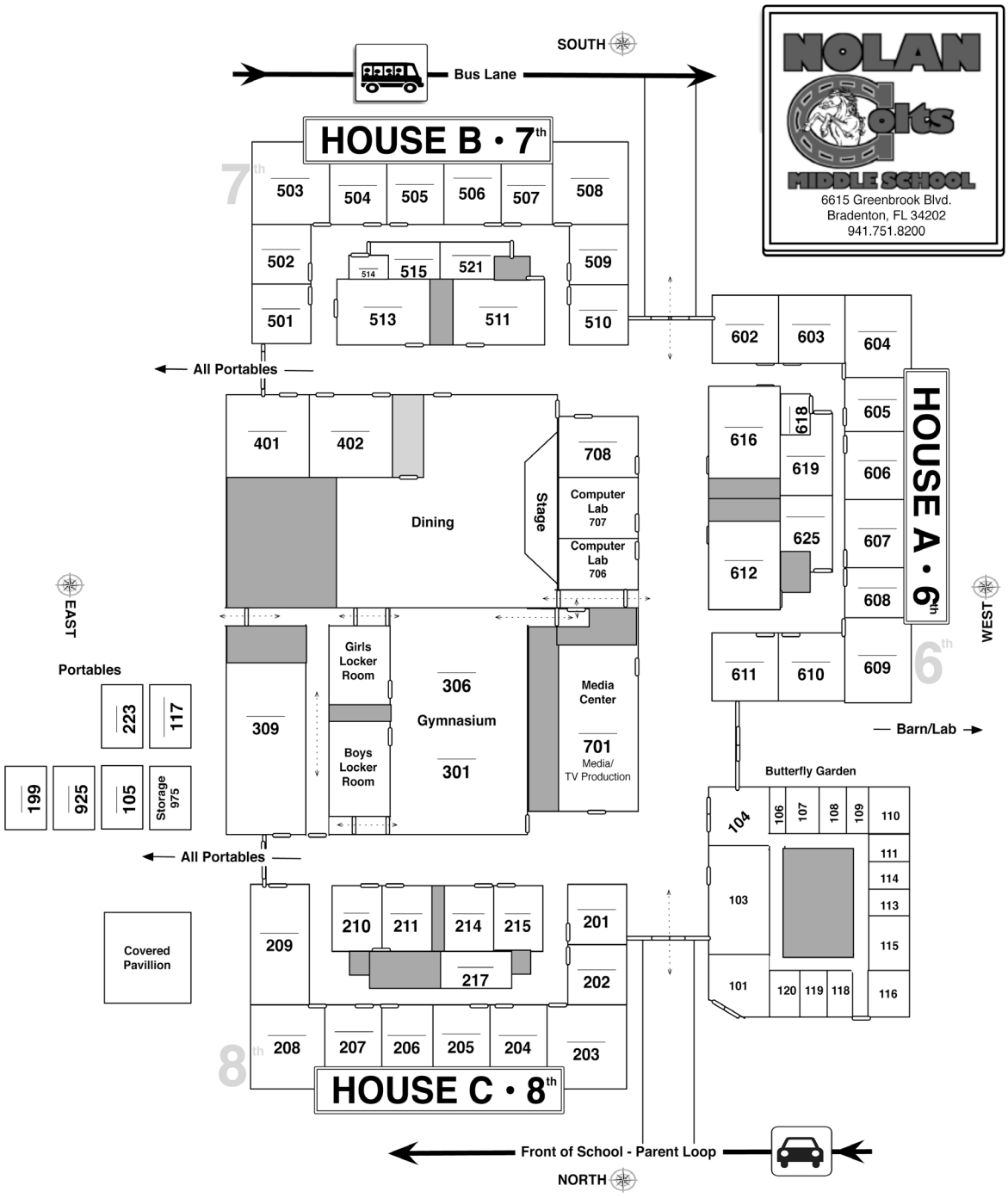
1st Offense: Operator - student conference and parent contacted by Courtesy Notice prepared by Operator. Student re-assigned to the front of the bus for one week and closely monitored.

2nd Offense: Referral submitted, with recommended bus suspension up to 1 day. Upon return to bus, student re-assigned to front of the bus for two weeks and closely monitored.

3rd Offense: Referral submitted, with recommended bus suspension up to 3 days. Upon return to bus, student re-assigned to front of the bus for two weeks and closely monitored.

4th Offense: Referral submitted, with recommended bus suspension up to 5 days. Conference with parent, student, school administrator and Transportation Staff. Upon return to bus, student re-assigned to front of the bus for two weeks and closely monitored.
5th Offense: Referral submitted, with recommended bus suspension up to 10 days. Letter from school to parent stating next referral may result in removal from the bus for the remainder of the year.

Administration will NOT give permission for students to ride other buses. Permission may be given by Bus Operations ONLY. Please call **941-782-1287 (1BUS)**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