THE KINDERGARTEN CENTER AT EAST SIDE MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS

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EAST SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS

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MISSION STATEMENT

Recognizing our primary students as citizens of tomorrow, The Kindergarten Center and East Side Elementary School, in cooperation with the family and community, is committed to preparing children for the future by meeting, not only their academic needs with a focus in literacy and mathematics, but also their technological and social needs within a nurturing environment which enhances lifelong learning.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE

To attend Kindergarten, the mandated requirements listed below must be presented.

- Proof of Physical Examination The physical examination must be done within two years of enrollment. This document must be signed by the child's physician or by the county health nurse and presented to the school office.
- Up-To-Date Immunization Record
- Proof of Age An official birth certificate is preferred; however, one of the following documents may also be acceptable: a statement by the local registrar or county recorder certifying the child's date of birth, an attested baptismal certificate, a passport, United States military identification or previous school records.
- 4. Social Security Card Application forms are available at the post office.
- Medicaid Card This card should be presented if the child is covered by Medicaid.
- 6. One proof of residence in the district.

I. SCHOOL DAY

A. Daily Time Schedule

8:00 a.m.
8:05 a.m.
10:50 a.m.
11:25 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.
2:50p.m.
2:55 p.m.
2:55 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
3:02 p.m.
3:05 p.m.
3:15 p.m.

B. Within the School Day

- 1. TIME TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL. The ideal time to arrive at school is 7:45 a.m. If you do not ride a bus, try to arrive at this time. Of course, students who ride buses do not control their arrival time. Please do not be late. Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. are counted tardy.
- 2. LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. A student will be released from school only under the following conditions:
- a. Parent or authorized person comes to the office and requests the student.
- b. Parent telephones the office and requests permission for the student to leave
- c. Parent sends a written note requesting permission for the student to leave.
- TIME TO LEAVE SCHOOL. The school day ends at 3:00 p.m. for first bell students and Kindergarten students, at 3:05 p.m. for East Side students being picked up, and 3:15 p.m. for students riding the late buses. Students (1st-2nd grade) walking to the Boys/Girls Club will leave at 3:02 p.m. each day.

Please do not pick students up before these times unless absolutely necessary. Students leaving school before 3:00 p.m. are missing part of their school day. Unless it is for an appointment or illness, the student may be given an unexcused tardy. Parents are required to report to the office to pick up a student. Parents are not to go to the classroom to pick up students. Students leaving school at any time of the day must be signed out by a parent in the office.

4. VISITS TO THE SCHOOL. When you visit East Side or Kindergarten, please stop at the front desk for assistance. During class time teachers are busy with the students. Please do not expect the teacher to interrupt class work to discuss individual problems with you. You may schedule a conference if you need to talk with a teacher. To ensure the safety of all students, it is important that no one goes to the classroom or playground without prior

approval from the office. If you bring your child to school, good-byes are best said at the car, not at the office door.

II. ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP REGULATIONS

A. Contacting the School

The attendance policy for our school requires a parent or guardian to contact the principal's office on or before the first day of a student's absence. Telephone calls or personal contacts are preferred, but written notes or letters are accepted with proper verification if a family does not have a telephone and does not have access to a business or a neighbor's phone. Telephone calls to the principal's office on the first day of a student's absence should be made as soon after 8:00 a.m. as possible. Written notes or letters should be brought on the day the student returns to school. When the school is not contacted, the absence will be considered an unexcused absence.

B. Attendance Policy

The Magnolia School District supports the philosophy that for students to receive maximum benefit from the instructional program students must be in attendance at school. A student is expected to attend school at all times when school is in session. Absences from school are acceptable only when a student is ill, when a family emergency exists, or when the student is on official school business. Students with excessive absences may be denied promotion or course credit.

It is the responsibility of the parent to see that the student is in attendance at school. When a student needs to miss school, the parent should notify the principal's office on or before the first day of the student's absence.

There are two types of absences recognized by the district. They are excused and unexcused absences.

Excused Absence

An excused absence means that the student was absent with the parent's knowledge and consent for one of the following reasons:

- Illness of the student.
- b. Serious illness in the immediate family
- c. Death in the immediate family
- d. Appearance in court
- e. School/community/church activities
- f. Doctor and dental appointments
- g. Other reasons not listed above can be considered for an excused absence if the parent/guardian makes a request to the building principal as far in advance of the absence as possible. A failure to make an advanced request will result in the absence being treated as unexcused.

No credit is allowed unless the work is made up to the satisfaction of the teacher(s) involved. A student with an absence will be given one day more than the number of days absent to make up the work missed. Excessive absences excused and/or unexcused, can lead to academic failure.

When a student has accumulated ten excused absences in a semester, the school must receive written verification for any additional absences; such absences not verified will be considered unexcused.

Unexcused Absences

An unexcused absence means that the student was absent for some reason other than the ones listed for an excused absence.

When a student has accumulated **five** unexcused absences in a semester, the parent will be contacted by phone or mail concerning the student's attendance and explaining the attendance policy.

An accumulation of **ten** unexcused absences in a semester will be considered excessive. The school district will notify the parent, and to comply with state law, will also notify the prosecuting authority. The student's parents/guardians will be subject to a civil penalty as prescribed by law.

Tardies

One trait of a good student is to be prompt and on time; therefore, we admonish every student to make every effort not to be tardy. Any student arriving after 8:05 a.m. must be signed in at the office.

Parents or guardians must always come into the office to check-in a student when he/she arrives at school after **8:05 a.m.**

III. REPORT CARD SYMBOLS Academic Subjects

Grading Scale for Kindergarten-Second Grade

MS-Meets standards and expectations

AS-Approaching standards and expectations

NS-Not meeting standards; Areas of concern

IV. Pupil Services

A. Cafeteria

The cafeteria, a nonprofit school-operated service, provides well-balanced meals with milk. The cafeteria is open for students who wish to purchase breakfast or lunch there. Free and reduced priced breakfast and lunch are available to any child who qualifies. All students in grades 1-2 will be provided opportunities to eat breakfast in their homerooms daily. Current lunch charges still apply to these students receiving a breakfast meal. Students who wish to bring lunches to school are required to eat these in the cafeteria.

All lunch and breakfast money should be sent each Monday in a separate marked envelope. The child's name, the amount enclosed, the number of meals being paid, and the teacher's name should be written on the front of the envelope. Please send the correct change if possible. When lunch accounts exceed ten charges, students will be served an alternative meal.

PRICES

Lunch	2.00
Reduced lunch	.40
Breakfast	1.60
Reduced breakfast	.30
Milk/Juice	.80/.65

2023/2024 school year-ALL student are free.

B. Student Insurance

Accident insurance is available to students at a reasonable cost that includes the school day or for a 24-hour period. Policy forms are available in the school office.

C. Accidents or Illness at School

Any student who becomes ill or injured at school will be cared for by the person responsible for the first aid treatment on that campus. The parent or guardian will be notified if possible. If necessary, the family physician may be called. Please keep the school informed of current phone numbers to be used in case of an emergency.

Children should be free of fever for twenty-four hours before returning to school from an illness. Please send a note if your child should not go outside during playground activities.

D. Medication

Sometimes it is necessary for children to take medication during the school day. However, three-times-a-day medicines can be given outside of school hours and often the four-times-a-day medicine can be also. Please check with your doctor or pharmacist.

Please come to the office and fill out a medication form when your child needs to take medicine at school.

Do not send aspirin and other non-prescription medications to school with your child.

E. Use of the Telephone

No student will be permitted to use the office telephone except for school purposes or in case of an emergency. Before using the telephone, students must have permission from the principal, teacher, or person in charge. Students will be called from class in case of an emergency only.

F. Lost and Found

Students who have lost an article should report it to the office and check the lost and found shelf. If a student finds an article on the school grounds, it should be brought to the office and put in the lost and found. The school is not responsible for any item left by a student after school hours. Students are encouraged to leave valuable articles at home and to have all personal items labeled for identification.

G. Guidance Services

Guidance services are available for every student in the school. These services include assistance with educational planning, interpretation of test scores, study habits, social and home concerns, or any question the student may feel he/she would like to discuss with the counselors.

V. STUDENT ATTITUDES AND CONDUCT

A. School Authority over Students

Students are under the jurisdiction of Magnolia Public Schools on school grounds at any time, off the school grounds at a school activity, function, or event, or on a school bus. Students riding a bus, private vehicle, or walking to school are expected to remain on campus once they arrive.

A student must, upon request, identify himself/herself to the proper school authorities in the school building, on the school grounds, or at school-sponsored events.

B. Student Responsibility for School Property

A student is expected to help make the school attractive by keeping desks, walls, and restrooms clean; by putting wastepaper and trash in trash cans, and by otherwise observing good housekeeping habits. A student should take care of and conserve all school property and supplies. Parents of minor students under the age of 18 and living with the parents may be liable for damages caused by said minor.

C. Library Media Center

The East Side Library Media Center is for the use of students and staff at East Side Elementary and Kindergarten. It is open during the regular school day. Materials in the library support the curriculum and interests of our student

population. Students have a 45-minute library class each week. This class time is for lessons that reflect the student learning expectations for library media (Skills Framework). While the library does not charge fines for overdue books, we do expect lost or damaged books to be paid for at the replacement cost before the student can check out another book.

D. Accelerated Reader

East Side uses Accelerated Reader (AR) as part of our reading instruction. Students choose books based on their reading ability read them, and take tests on the computer. The AR quizzes provide a percentage score as well as points that teachers then use for further evaluation. While teachers may recognize student success within the classroom the focus for AR is instructional. Each classroom and grade level has different expectations so please check with your child's teacher to learn the specifics of how AR is used in his/her classroom. The library media center supports AR with thousands of books and AR quizzes. Books are labeled and we have a printed list of available quizzes in a notebook here and at the public library. You may also see the quizzes available by going to www.arbookfind.com.

E. Computer Usage

Students working in the school's computer labs must use the equipment as instructed by the teachers. Any tampering, abuse, or misuse of the equipment will jeopardize the student's ability to remain in the class and will subject the student to disciplinary action. If monetary restitution is involved, the student will be responsible for reimbursement.

F. Discipline

One of education's most important lessons is self-discipline. While it does not appear as a subject, it underlies the whole educational structure. It is the training that develops self-control, character, orderliness, and efficiency. It is the key to good conduct and proper consideration for other people. The school reserves the right to punish behavior which is subversive to good order and discipline in the schools, even though such behavior is not specified in the written rules.

*Discipline policies included in this handbook are supplemental to and fall within the guidelines established in <u>Maintaining a Good School Atmosphere.</u>

Kindergarten and East Side Elementary School Rules:

- Students should comply with reasonable directions or commands of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, teacher aides, principals, and administrative personnel. Students are considered insubordinate when they refuse to obey any rule or regulation of the school or the reasonable instructions of the school district personnel.
- 2. Students should use the travel position in the hallways. Pushing, running, loud talk, or boisterous acts are not considered good conduct.
- 3. In case of fighting or hitting, both students are subject to punishment.
- 4. Students should not use profanity.
- The behavior displayed by the students on the school ground is extremely important. Students should cooperate in trying to improve the appearance of the campus itself as well as the activities that take place thereon.
- 6. Students are expected to bring proper materials (paper, pencils, books, etc.) to school daily.
- Students should not use violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, harassment, fear, passive resistance, or any other conduct intentionally to cause a disruption.
- 8. Bullying is any pattern of behavior by a student, or group of students, that is intended to harass, intimidate, ridicule, humiliate, or instill fear in another child or group of children. Bullying behavior can be a threat of, or actual, physical harm or it can be verbal abuse of the child. Bullying also includes unacceptable behavior identified in this policy which is electronically transmitted. Bullying is a series of recurring actions committed over a period of time directed toward one student, or successive, separate actions directed against multiple students. Any student who engages in bullying will be subject

to disciplinary action which will be a minimum of a parent conference and a maximum of an expulsion. Students are encouraged to report behavior they consider to be bullying; including a single action that if allowed to continue would constitute bullying to their teacher or the building principal. Parents or legal guardians may submit written reports of incidents they feel constitute bullying, or if allowed to continue would constitute bullying, to the principal. The principal shall be responsible for investigating the incident to determine if disciplinary action is warranted. The person(s) who file a complaint will not be subject to retaliation or reprisal in any form.

- Students are expected to show respect to other students at all times.
 Improper comments, inappropriate physical contact, or immoral gestures will not be tolerated. Students found guilty of any action that can be considered sexual harassment will be punished accordingly.
- A student should not encourage other students to violate any rule or school board policy.
- A student should not cause or attempt to cause physical injury to a school employee, fellow student, or any other individual.
- A student should not cause or attempt to cause damage to school property or steal or attempt to steal school property.
- 13. The school is not responsible for any personal items of students at school or on the bus. This includes coats, hats, lunch boxes, school supplies, sport balls, electronics, cellphones, toys, or money.
- 14. It is not recommended that students bring toys to school. If any item of this nature is brought, it should not be expensive or one that is easily broken. Please do not allow your child to bring any toy to school that is dangerous or could be harmful to others. No trading cards of any kind should be brought to school.

Acceptable toys for playground are: balls that are soft (ex. Soccer balls, kick balls, tennis balls, rag balls); hula-hoops, skip-its, fidgets, and jump ropes.

Unacceptable toys are: hard balls, dolls, knives, baseballs, <u>footballs</u>, cars, whistles, toy guns, hard bats, marbles, electronic games and/or devices.

Please label any item brought to school for identification.

The school is NOT responsible for any item that is lost, damaged or stolen.

- 15. The following items are NOT allowed at school:
 - a. Weapons - Possession of weapons or a threat to use a weapon at school may result in suspension, pending an investigation. In addition, the student will forfeit the weapon and it will not be returned. A weapon is defined as any knife, gun, ice pick, box cutter, num-chuks, pepper spray or other explosive that may be capable of causing bodily harm.
 - b. Fireworks Students are not to explode any type of fireworks or have them in their possession at any time.
 - c. Tobacco products and cigarette lighters Any student in possession of these items is subject to punishment and will forfeit the item(s) which will not be returned to the student.
 - d. Hand-held laser pointers No student shall possess a hand-held laser pointer on school property, on the school bus, or at school bus stops without the supervision of a teacher. Any hand-held laser pointer will be seized by school personnel or law enforcement and returned only to the parent/guardian.
 - e. Telephone/Electronic communication devices An electronic communication device found in the possession of a student will be seized by school personnel and returned only to the parent/guardian.

- 16. Students are **not** permitted to distribute any party invitations.
- 17. Birthdays will not be celebrated in classrooms.
- 18. Student solicitation of any kind is not permitted at school.
- Sexual harassment will not be tolerated and inappropriate actions will be addressed, and appropriate punishment will be administered.
- 20. Students are allowed to bring a water bottle to school each day. Only water is allowed in water bottles. Juice, Sport Drinks, Kool-Aid, milk, tea, sodas and favor pour ins are not permitted in water bottles.
- 21. Students are not allowed to wear costumes, mask, or any other costume accessories except on dress up days.

Kindergarten and East Side Elementary School rules for the playground:

- 1. Students are, at no time, allowed to go into the street bordering the school. If a ball goes into the street, it must be retrieved by an adult.
- 2. Students should stay off steps and rocky slopes. Second grade students should stay away from the first-grade windows.
- Students are not allowed to do any kind of gymnastics on the playground no forward or backward flips, handstands, tumbling or handsprings.
- 4. Students must never engage in play fighting with other students.
- 5. Students are not allowed to demonstrate or use any type of karate moves.
- 6. No footballs are permitted at school at any time.
- Students are not allowed to use rocks, pinecones, and sticks on the playground in any way, and rocks/pinecones/sticks are not to be brought into the building.

- 8. At no time should a ball be thrown directly at another person.
- 9. At the end of recess, students are responsible for homeroom balls and jump ropes.
- No gum or candy is allowed outside. All snacks should be eaten in the cafeteria at lunch.
- 11. Students should not climb on the culverts or up trees.
- 12. Students should always slide down the slides in a sitting position facing forward. Students should not climb up the slide backwards.
- 13. Students should not jump from the monkey bars or slides.
- 14. When the bell rings to signal the end of recess, students are to stop their activities and walk to their lines immediately. Students should remain quiet until arriving at their classrooms.
- 18. Students should not use any provocative dance moves on the playground.

THESE RULES ARE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE STUDENTS AND SHOULD BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.

****The school district reserves the right to punish behavior which is not conducive to good order and discipline in the schools, even though such behavior is not specified in the preceding written rules.

Violations of the rules and policies of Kindergarten and East Side School will be subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary action includes but is not limited to the following: Counseling, lowering a citizenship grade, revoking privileges--such as free time, assigning written work, parent contact, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, and expulsion.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION – East Side Elementary School & Kindergarten has incorporated an "In-School Suspension" program as part of our discipline program. The purpose of this program is to cause a change in behavior and attitude that will help the

student be successful when he/she returns to the regular classroom. Students are assigned to the program for conduct which is detrimental to the effective operation of an educational institution. Assignment to the program will usually follow other efforts to correct the behavior of a student. However, for some incidents, such as causing bodily harm, assignment to the program may be warranted for a first offense.

- * * * Students who are involved in fighting/hitting will be dealt with, in most circumstances, in the following ways:
 - A. First Offense—Parent contact and minimum of one day of In-School Suspension.
 - B. Second Offense—Parent contact and In-School Suspension for a minimum of one day and no more than three days.
 - C. Third Offense—Parent contact and In-School Suspension for a minimum of three days and up to five days.
 - D. Fourth Offense—Parent contact and In-School Suspension for an extended period of time, not to exceed ten days, or Out-of-School Suspension for a brief period.
- *If contact with a parent or guardian is unsuccessful, an ISS notification letter will be sent home to be signed and returned. Contact with the administration is requested by the parent or guardian within the letter.
- **OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION-** Students may be suspended from school for a violation of the district's discipline policies or other conduct that would tend to impair the discipline of the school and or cause harm to the other students.

***Vandalism and/or destruction of school property may result in the punishment of suspension (either In-school or Out-of-school), not to exceed ten days.

The school has the authority to modify the above stated punishments if unusual circumstances warrant such action.

VI. Miscellaneous

A. Riding the School Bus

Parents need to send a note with their child if bus changes or school departure changes are made. Changes will not be made for different buses that will not occur for 3 days consecutively. In case of unforeseen circumstances when changes need to be made during the school day, please telephone the school no later than 12:00 p.m.

If bus children must be picked up, please report to the main office. Please do not take a child from the bus line.

When riding the bus, students are under the supervision of the driver and must obey the driver and the bus rules and safety regulations at all times. The principal has the authority to suspend a student's privilege to ride the bus temporarily for misconduct. The school may suspend the student's privilege to ride the bus permanently for misconduct.

District policy requires students who currently attend Magnolia East Side and Kindergarten Center to have a parent, guardian, or sibling older than Grade 3 present at the bus stop to obtain the student from the bus. If neither is present, the bus driver will return the student back to campus.

- * * * The bus transportation return policy will be conducted in the following ways:
 - A. First and Second Offense—parent contact and written documentation and up to 1-3 days suspension from the bus
 - B. Third Offense—Bus suspension for transportation for 5 days.
 - C. Fourth Offense—Bus suspension for transportation for the remainder of the current school semester.

B. Recess

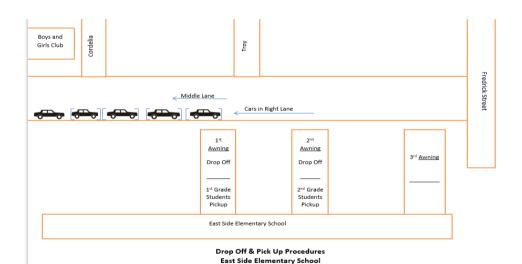
Weather permitting; students are given several recesses each day. Decisions to have outside recess during cold weather depend upon the temperature (40 degrees) and the wind-chill factor. Children are required to go outside at all recesses if weather permits. If your child is ill or injured and you wish for him/her

to remain inside, please send a note. Otherwise, he/she will be sent outside. Always dress your child for outside recess.

C. Traffic-East Side 1-2

To ensure the safety of our students, East Side and Magnolia Police Department have established several rules to help with traffic before and after school.

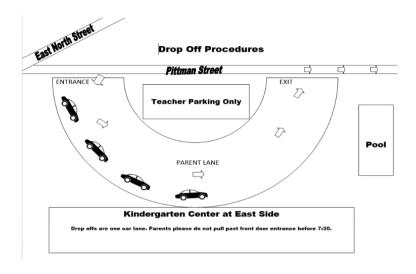
Students should only be dropped off or picked up on Hollensworth Street. Parents should not use the parking lot on Fredrick Street for this purpose. The parking lot is reserved for buses and employee parking. Hollensworth is a one-way street, going east to west from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **No parking is allowed on Troy Street**, this street has been designated as a one-way street during these same time periods.

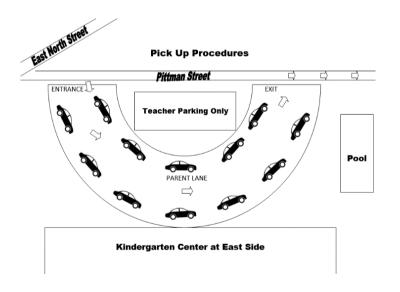


We ask that all vehicles only use the lane closest to the school which is shown as the right lane. Please stay in this line at all times. Do not go around cars or use the center lane to drop or pick students up. Drop Off begins at 7:30 am. Pick Up begins at 3:05 pm.

Traffic-Kindergarten

Students should only be dropped off or picked up in the car lane in front of the building. Parents should not use the parking lot for this purpose. The parking lot is reserved for employee parking. Pittman Street is a one-way street, going east to west from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.





D. Room Parties

Parties are scheduled for special holidays so that every class in the school has a party on the same day. It has been the custom of Kindergarten and East Side to have two parties each year (Christmas and Valentine's Day).

All party items must be brought by the students. Parents will not be able to deliver items for parties under any circumstance.

E. Personal Appearance

The personal appearance of students should not create health or safety hazards or disrupt the educational process by causing undue attention. Shoes should be worn on the campus for safety reasons. Clothes which attract undue attention because of their style, unusual pattern, or slogans, improper fit, etc. are not appropriate. Sagging will not be tolerated. All clothing must be worn in the way it is designed. School officials reserve the right to amend or revoke this rule at any time and to judge each case on an individual basis. Clothing with suggestive or inappropriate slogans and/or advertisements of alcohol or tobacco products will be prohibited.

Colored hair sprays and/or hair paints are not to be used unless for a dress up day. Costumes and costumes accessories are not to be worn unless for a dress up day.

Heelys (shoes with rollers in the soles) should not be worn to school. These are a danger due to students skating in the hallways, restrooms, and walkways, causing injuries to other students as well as themselves.

Students who do not comply with the regulations may be sent home to correct their appearance. Such absences will be considered unexcused.

F. Parent Involvement

As part of our commitment to parental involvement, we offer volunteer opportunities to parents. Copies of the District Parental Involvement Plan and the Volunteer Plan are available for viewing in the school library.

G. School Visitation and Conferences

Every effort will be made for elementary teachers to meet with the parents or guardians of each student at least once a semester through a parent conference or a telephone conference.

When parents come to the school for a visit or for any other reason, they should always go to the office first. PLEASE DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOM or PLAYGROUND.

A parent-teacher conference can be arranged by calling the school office. The telephone numbers are 234-3511 (Kindergarten) and 234-5611(East Side). The teacher will have records, and in some cases, profile charts available which will help explain your child's progress to you.

Your visit may give your child a feeling of security in knowing that there is cooperation and understanding between parents and teacher.

H. Verbal or Physical Assault by a Student

No student shall threaten, physically abuse, or attempt to physically abuse, or behave in such a way as to be perceived to threaten bodily harm to any other person (student, school employee or school visitor). Any gestures, vulgar, abusive or insulting language, taunting, threatening, harassing, or intimidating remarks by a student toward another person that threatens their well-being is strictly forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, fighting, racial, ethnic, religious, or sexual slurs.

I. Insult or Abuse of Public-School Employee

It is unlawful, during regular school hours, and in a place where a public school employee is required to be in the course of his/her duties, for any person to address a public-school employee using language which, in its common understanding, is calculated to:

- a) cause a breach of the peace.
- b) materially and substantially interfere with the operation of the school.
- c) arouse the person to whom it is addressed to anger, to the extent to cause imminent retaliation.

Students guilty of such an offense may be subject to legal proceedings in addition to student disciplinary measures. The district shall report to the Department of Education any prosecutions within the school district.

J. Period of Silence

As required by Act 576 of 2013, each campus in the Magnolia School District will observe a one (1) minute period of silence at the beginning of each school day. During the period of silence, students may reflect, pray, or engage in a silent activity. Students will not be allowed to interfere or distract other students during the period of silence.

The teacher or school employee in charge of the school classroom shall ensure that all students remain silent and do not interfere with or distract other students during the period of silence.