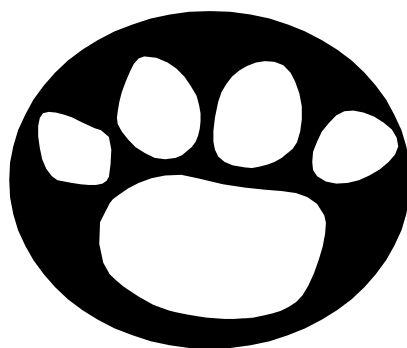


Badger Ridge Middle School Core Knowledge Charter School



Student Handbook 2015-2016

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Principal

Ms. James
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Mr. Kisting
Director of CKCS

Counselors: Grade 6: Ms. Pittman (A-L) and Ajong Elvis (M-Z)
Grade 7: Ajong Elvis
Grade 8: Ms. Pittman

This planner belongs to:

Student Name: _____ **House:** _____

Hello Students:

The staff of Badger Ridge Middle School and Core Knowledge Charter School extends a warm hello to you. Your school is a hub of learning activities, opportunities, and experiences for students. We believe you will find a dedicated and caring staff, academic excellence, and attention to individual students as hallmarks of this school. The school community that you are now part of excels in knowing about and working with young adolescents.

This handbook contains basic information that you will need to know to make your middle school year a success. Please take the time to go over this information with your parents. The second part of this booklet is a student planner that will assist you in staying organized and keeping up with your daily responsibilities. It will be used by all your teachers.

We extend to your parents/guardian a warm greeting. We welcome feedback, calls, concerns, and kudos. Our school office is staffed from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. daily. You are welcome to call 845-4100 at any time.

We hope students and parents alike find a home at our school. Welcome and have a wonderful school year!

Fondly,

Mr. Murphy, Principal

Ms. James, Associate Principal

Mr. Kisting, CKCS Director

ACADEMICS

Our most important goal is to provide sound and thorough educational opportunities for all students. Our staff, curriculum, and facilities are all directed toward that end.

The Academic Recognition List is published quarterly, and it acknowledges students who achieved a high level of academic success with a grade point average of 3.45 or above.

Progress Reports

During the school year, parents can check their child's academic progress online by going to www.verona.k12.wi.us. At the QuickLinks, drop down to "Parent Resources" then select "Power School Parent Access." If you are unsure of your user name and password, contact the office at 608-845-4100. Progress reports are one way of staying in touch with parents about the academic progress of your child. Progress reports are mailed to parents' midway through each quarter.

Report Cards

Report cards are distributed to parents during parent-teacher conference nights or mailed home at the end of each quarter. More information about student progress may be obtained through Power School Parent Access. If you have questions regarding parent access, please call (608) 845-4100.

Electives

Students taking an elective class *may not drop* that class after June 30. If an elective class must be changed, that change may be made during the first three days of the first semester of the school year. Any exception needs approval by the teacher, principal or counselor.

Homework

An important part of middle school academics is homework. Homework may occur each night. It is expected that homework assigned be completed by the due date.

Parents can help by providing a consistent time and place for their child to do homework. Talk with your child about his or her class work. Each child has a daily planner. Parents can check student planners each night for assignments. See that s/he works, uninterrupted, for a set period of time on homework, reading, or reviewing class work every evening. Check to make sure work is done and that on long-term projects some work is completed each night.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is an important factor in learning and the continuity of instruction. Our attendance policy reflects Verona School Board Policy and State Statute 118.15 which concerns mandatory school attendance.

Excused absences are granted for personal illness, illness in the family or family emergencies, personal appointments of a professional nature, death in the family or funerals, religious holidays, court appearances, special educational events, approved school activities and special circumstances that show good cause and are approved in advance by the school attendance officer. A parent may excuse up to ten days per school year. A medical professional may provide excuses for a child for up to thirty days per school year. If a student is going to be absent from school, please call the school office by 9:00 a.m. (**Middle School Office: 845-4103**) on the day of the absence. Please give the reason for the absence. You may call this number 24 hours a day.

Students are responsible for work missed during the absence. If the absence is excused, students may have the number of days missed, plus one, to make up work without penalty. In order to participate in an after school or evening activity, a student must be in attendance for at least half (four periods) of the school day. Missed work during an unexcused absence is at the discretion of the teacher.

Appointments

If a student needs to leave the building at any time during the day, the student should bring a written excuse to the office attendance window prior to 8:30 a.m. The student will receive a permit to show teachers so that s/he can leave class. Students should sign out in the office before leaving for the appointment, and sign in upon returning.

If a child has an illness or injury during the school day, s/he should report to the office first before leaving the building to sign out. Parents who come to school to pick up a sick child need to sign their child out before leaving the school.

Pre-Excused Absences

To obtain a pre-excused absence for a family trip, doctor appointment, or activity, a student should bring a note to the attendance window prior to the day(s) of absence. The student will receive a slip to show teachers to find out about upcoming work.

Up to five days, excused, are granted for pre-excused absences. The work is due on the day the student returns to school unless another date is pre-arranged with the teacher(s).

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences are given for any absences which do not meet the excused or pre-excused criteria. By state statute, ten or more absences in a given year are considered an excessive number. These may be excused, pre-excused, or unexcused absences. If a child has ten or more absences, the parents will be notified by phone or letter and an opportunity to conference with the attendance officer and/or counselors made available.

Tardies

A student is considered tardy if s/he is late to a class. If a student is more than ten minutes late to class, the student will be marked unexcused/truant for the period. Being tardy to a class is the same as missing "part" of a school day under State Statute 118.16.

Truancy

Truancy is when a student is missing from class or school without the permission or knowledge of the school office or the parents. A child may be considered truant if the student is absent beyond the number of days that can be excused by the parent and no medical excuse is provided. If a child exceeds the policy limit of 30 days of medical excuse, the student also may be considered truant. If a child is truant, every effort is made to contact parents as soon as possible. Consequences for truancy include making up time missed, referral to the Truancy Review Board, and possible referral to court.

BUSING

Late Busses

After school late busses are provided every Monday thru Thursday of each week. These busses depart the school at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Students may ride late busses if they are staying for a school activity with a teacher. Students riding the bus will be required to present a late bus pass issued by the teacher/advisor they were working with.

Bus Riding

Bus service for the Verona Area School District is provided by First Student, Inc. If you have questions about bus service, you can contact the bus company directly at **845-8516**. Bus riding is a privilege and behavior expectations on the bus and at the bus stop mirror those of the school. The bus driver reviews the rules and expectations on the bus with riders. If a student engages in inappropriate behavior while on the bus, s/he will receive a bus report. Receipt of a bus report can result in disciplinary action ranging from a warning to suspension of bus riding privileges.

BUILDING HOURS

The school day begins at 8:30 and ends at 3:33. Students should not be at school earlier than 8:00 a.m. unless working with a teacher. Students will be allowed to wait in the commons after 8:00 when directed by the supervisor. We ask that all students are out of the building by 3:45 unless they are with a teacher in a supervised activity.

BULLYING

The Verona Area School District strives to provide a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all students in school buildings, on school grounds, in school buses and at school-sponsored activities. Bullying has a harmful social, physical, psychological and academic impact on bullies, victims and bystanders. The District shall consistently and vigorously address bullying so that there is no disruption to the learning environment and learning process. Bullying behavior is prohibited in all schools, buildings, property and educational environments, including any property or vehicle owned, leased or used by the District. This includes public transportation regularly used by students to go to and from school. Educational environments include, but are not limited to, every activity under school supervision. "Bullying" is defined as deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions, intended to cause fear, intimidation or harm. Bullying may be repeated behavior and involves an imbalance of power. The behavior may be motivated by an actual or perceived distinguishing characteristic, such as, but not limited to: age; national origin; race; ethnicity; religion; gender; gender identity; sexual orientation; physical attributes; physical or mental ability or disability; and social, economic or family status. Bullying behavior can be:

1. Physical (e.g. assault, hitting or punching, kicking, theft, threatening behavior)
2. Verbal (e.g. threatening or intimidating language, teasing or name-calling, racist remarks)
3. Indirect (e.g. spreading cruel rumors, intimidation through gestures, social exclusion and sending insulting messages or pictures by mobile phone or using the Internet – also known as cyber bullying)

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

The school provides an opportunity for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast is served from 8:00 a.m. – 8:25 a.m., except on Late Start days. At lunch, there are two meals available.

Positive student behavior in the commons area is a school expectation. Students are expected to wait in line without budging, clean up their eating area, return trays to the window, and not take any food out of the commons area. After eating, students go out onto the playground until the end of the lunch period. Students should bring coats to the lunch room when weather dictates. Behavior expectations during lunch recess focus on playground safety (for example, tackle football is not permitted) and cooperation with other students and playground supervisory staff. If students cannot stay within behavior parameters, their lunch will be restricted.

The school has a **computerized lunch program** where all family members in the district draw from one account. This is a pre-payment program. Families will be notified of account balances by email or telephone call. When a child purchases hot lunch or fast food, \$2.20 will be deducted from the account. Cash is accepted, but not recommended. Breakfast is also available for \$1.00 cents per day. This price is subject to change.

Please put your family lunch ID number on all checks and correspondence. Make checks payable to the Verona Area School District. They may be turned in at the Food Service Office or mailed to: Child Nutrition Services, P.O. Box 930007, Verona, WI 53593. To pay electronically and access e-funds, visit www.verona.k12.wi.us and click on the district departments, child nutrition services and the e-funds link.

CO-CURRICULAR CODE

Student Activities: A Definition

The Verona Area School District defines student activities as those co-curricular opportunities available to students which are not required as a part of the regular instructional program. Student activities may meet after school, during the school day or at times when regular classes are not in session. Student activities include intramural and interscholastic activities, and other organized groups that students are selected for or choose to join.

Mission Statement:

In the Verona Area School District organized co-curricular student activities complement and supplement the academic curriculum by enhancing learning and by contributing to the development of the whole person. Student activities exist to develop the character of students by fostering physical and emotional growth, maturity, self-esteem, identity and leadership skills. Students' participation in co-curricular activities provides exploration of future career and leisure opportunities for students by fostering the discovery of skills, talents and satisfaction.

COMPUTER LAB & ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Computers are available to students in classrooms, in the labs, and as a mobile, wireless classroom. Our school has both PC and Apple computers. Students are issued a network user ID and password. Parents can sign a form indicating that they object to the use of email and internet services.

The district's "Acceptable Use Policy" governing media and District technology systems is made available to all students/parents/guardians at the time of registration on a yearly basis. You can also view the "Acceptable Use Policy" (Policy and Rules 363.2) on the District website: www.verona.k12.wi.us under "school policies". Students must follow the guidelines found in this policy regarding acceptable use of the District's technology systems. Students not abiding by the VASD systems "Acceptable Use Policies" may have their privileges removed for part or all of the school year, or other restrictions. For more information regarding computer services, contact our Educational Technology Specialist at 845-4131.

CONFERENCES

Parent conferences are an opportunity for parents, teachers, and students (when appropriate), to discuss student work, progress, and learning abilities. Conferences are held in a variety of ways including scheduled conferences and drop-in opportunities. Parents can call teachers directly, between conference times, if they have specific questions about their child's learning.

COUNSELING PROGRAM

The middle school offers counseling services for all students. Through classroom activities, small group discussions and individual meetings with students, counselors help the students better understand them and others, learn about opportunities in the world of work, and improve their ability to make good decisions and solve problems. There are two counselors: Grade Six - Ms. Pittman (A-L) and TBD (M-Z), Grade Seven – TBD, Grade Eight is Ms. Pittman.

DIRECTORY DATA – ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that the Verona Area School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Verona Area School District may disclose appropriate designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised our District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of the directory information is to allow the Verona Area School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain publications. Examples include: name, address, e-mail address, telephone listing, photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, date of birth, participation in official recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, a pay bill, the annual yearbook, dates of attendance, years in school, degrees, awards received, honor roll, graduation programs, and the name of a school previously attended by your child. Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parents' prior written consent. Outside organizations, include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings, publish yearbooks, and take graduation photos. Forms are available at the district office or in any school office. Forms should be returned to the district office within 14 days of registration. Any previous notices on file are voided each year.

FEES

A \$40.00 general fee is required of all Middle School students (*this includes a planner and mandatory lock*). If you have a school issued lock, the student fee is \$35.00. Many elective courses (student selected) have fees which range from \$1.00 to \$25.00.

Students involved in any extra curricular activities (except school service activities like Student Council) are required to pay an activity fee of \$50.00, second activity is \$30.00 and third activity is \$20.00 with a family maximum of \$150.00. This is a once a year fee, and must be paid by the second week of the activity. Any family who has difficulty paying a fee at the time it is due may contact one of the school counselors and the fee payment will be postponed or waived.

GRADES AND ASSESSMENT

Students and parents will notice that the middle school uses a variety of student assessment forms. These may include traditional grading systems, portfolio demonstrations and student self-reflection, standardized tests, and narrative reporting.

Promotion Requirements: A student must meet the following requirements to be promoted to the next grade level:

- Maintain at least a 1.0 grade point average for the year in a full year class. To determine the GPA, the four-quarter grades should be averaged using a four-point scale.
- Have passing grades in at least three of their four core subjects (math, science, social studies, language arts).
- Attend and successfully complete the summer school program, if the student did not pass at least three of their core subjects during the school year.

HEALTH SERVICES

The school nurses' office is located in the main office. School nurse, health assistants, and secretaries provide first aid and assessments for students.

Parents will be contacted for serious injuries and illnesses, such as fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. Children who come to school are expected to participate fully in school activities including physical education.

Here are some guidelines that might help in decision making:

FEVER: A fever of 100 degrees F (37.7 degrees C) or more signals an illness that is probably going to make a student uncomfortable and unable to function well in class. Your child should stay home until he/she is feeling better.

VOMITING, DIARRHEA OR SEVERE NAUSEA: These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated the night before and the morning of school.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE: Diseases such as impetigo and strep throat require a doctor's examination and prescription for medication. Contacting the doctor and using the medication as directed for the full recommended length of time are necessary. Once the medication has been started (at least 3 doses) and the child is feeling well, he/she may return to school.

RASHES: Rashes and patches of broken, itchy skin need to be examined by a doctor if they appear to be spreading or not improving. We may require that a rash be covered while your child is in school.

INJURIES: If a student has an injury that causes continuous discomfort, the student should not attend school until a doctor checks the condition, or it improves. Injuries that interfere with class participation need medical evaluation. If participation in physical education classes is not recommended, a physician's excuse is required.

Injuries and illnesses occurring during the school day or during extra-curricular activity must be reported to the office. Medications are administered at the office and require written parent permission. All prescription medication requires written physician consent. Medications will only be sent on field trips if they are prescription or if parents request over the counter medications specifically. Contact your school nurse to discuss health concerns.

Latex Policy

Due to the increase in Latex allergies among our students, our building is "Latex Free". Latex balloons are not to be brought in or sent to school. Latex free gloves are used in all areas of the school. Parents are asked to provide information to the school office regarding their children with sensitivities or allergies to latex. Parents should provide antihistamine and epinephrine for treatment should an allergic reaction occur.

Peanut/Tree Nut Allergies

The number of students with peanut/tree nut allergies in our school district is increasing. Peanut/tree nut allergies are some of the most common food allergies and have been responsible for the greatest number of food allergy-related deaths. Our goal is to reduce the chance of peanut/tree nut exposure for our students with allergies. Food service no longer serves peanut/tree nut containing food items. Peanut free/ tree nut free treats are recommended when providing snacks for parties or classroom activities. Students with peanut and tree nut allergies should provide an antihistamine and/or epinephrine to be administered at school in case of exposure.

LEARNING RESOURCE

Learning Resource seeks to promote continuous progress for all students in the learning environment. The Learning Resource coordinator helps to develop educational plans based on the input of students, staff, and families. If you have concerns or questions about your child's academic progress, please contact our LRC at 845-4111.

LMC

The Library Media Center is the information and reference center of the school. It provides books, magazines, newspapers, a-v materials, and research materials for students and staff. It is also a quiet place to study or read. Books may be checked out for two weeks and can be renewed for an additional two weeks. Students are responsible for promptly returning all materials and are responsible for any damage or loss to materials. For information about the LMC, please contact our Librarian at 845-4953.

LOCKERS

Lockers are provided for storage of student materials and coats. With an increase in student enrollment, students may need to share lockers. It is the student's responsibility to keep the locker clean, orderly and locked. No stickers, photos, etc. may be placed on the outside of the locker. The locker is not the student's private property and may be opened and searched by school authorities at any time. Any unauthorized items found in the locker may be removed. Students who damage their lockers will be held accountable. Students are required to have school provided combination locks on lockers.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We welcome parents as an important part of your child's learning community. Parents have many vital roles to play in middle school.

The **Parent-Teacher Organization** is a representative group made of parents from each grade level. This group meets periodically to discuss issues, share opinions from a parental perspective, and organize staff and student events.

Site Council is the school-wide representative governance body. It consists of staff and parents. Parent representatives for Site Council are chosen on a volunteer basis.

If parents are interested specifically in their child's class work or progress, or if they have a concern about class work, they should speak first directly with their child's teacher. If there are school-wide issues, or a concern is not resolved with a faculty member, feel free to contact one of the principals. A list of staff members is included in the first parent newsletter.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES – MIDDLE SCHOOL POLICY

Personal electronic devices may only be used for academic purposes during the school day under the direction of school staff. Personally owned device use is limited to and conditional upon full and complete compliance with the Verona Area School District's Acceptable Use Policy.
http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/uploaded/Central_Office/Technology_Documents/363_2_Rule_Final_5_2010.pdf

BRMS/CKCS Middle School Usage Guidelines regarding Personal Electronic Devices

Students may not talk or text on their personal electronic device including cell phones during the school day unless specifically directed by staff. Use after the school day ends is subject to school staff's discretion. If a student needs to use a phone, they may request to use the phone in the main office or a classroom phone. Students may not, at any time during the day, text, digitally record or photograph others or play games on their device without permission from school staff. When students are not using their device, it should be turned off and put away in a safe place such as their locked locker. Students are encouraged to take their personally owned devices home daily. When students are using service provided by other carriers, VASD is not responsible for data access, content, or costs incurred. The VASD Guest wireless network provides filtered Internet access. Neither students nor staff is required to bring personal electronic property to school. Technology is available for student use at school. The District accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of personal property brought to school. (VASD 363.2-Rule) Personal electronic devices are to be kept in a student locker and turned off during the school day. The school day, as applied to personal electronic devices, is defined as the time a student enters the building until they leave at the end of their day. Badger Ridge and Core Knowledge Middle School students that are found to be in possession of their personal electronic device during the school day will first have the device taken away, placed in a clear plastic bag and turned over to the office, the second time the device is taken away it will be placed in a clear plastic bag and turned into the office, parents will be notified and the student will be given it back by an administrator, the third offense will require a parent to come pick it up from the school administrator and the fourth offense may result in loss of privileges for a determined length of time at the administrator's discretion.

PLAGIARISM

Academic dishonesty, cheating, or plagiarism, either with or without the use of computers, is prohibited in all education classes in the Verona Area School District.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY/CHEATING/PLAGIARISM POLICY

Dishonesty, Cheating, Plagiarism is defined as:

- Copying or stealing another student's or author's work and submitting as one's own.
- Allowing others to copy one's own work.
- Doing another person's class work.
- Copying or stealing teacher's answer keys, test keys, teacher edition texts.
- Cheating or providing another person with the answers on tests or quizzes.
- Altering any document already graded (unless suggested or approved by the teacher).
- Altering any records or grade book.
- Selling stolen answers and/or material.
- Any other method used in not being honest with the work one does.

Use of computers on any of the following ways is prohibited:

- Unauthorized copying of software
- Copying or using another student's data
- Unauthorized use of copyrighted material to develop one's own software

Students violating this policy may be subject to, but not limited to:

1. Personal conference
2. Parental notification
3. Administrative notification
4. Partial credit for assignment/project/exam involved
5. No credit for assignment/project/exam involved
6. Loss of privileges in given area(s)
7. Suspension
8. Citation (Legal ref. Section 943.70 Wisconsin Statutes)

PUPIL NONDISCRIMINATION

Notice of Pupil Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Verona Area School District that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability, or handicap as required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available, however, to address allegations of violations of the policy in the Verona Area School District.

Any questions concerning s. 118.13, Wis. Stats., or Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, should be directed to Ann Franke, the Title IX Compliance Office, at the following address:

Ann Franke, Director of Instruction
Verona Area School District/608-845-4300
700 N. Main Street; Verona, Wisconsin 53593

Inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to Erin Schettler, the Section 504 Compliance Office, at the following address:

Erin Schettler, Director of Pupil Services
Verona Area School District/608-845-4300
700 N. Main Street
Verona, Wisconsin 53593

Pupil Discrimination Complaint Procedure

S. 118.13, Wis. Stats.

If any person believes that Verona Area School District or any part of the school organization has failed to follow the law and rules of s. 118.13, Wis. Stats., or in some way discriminates against pupils on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability, he/she may bring or send a complaint to the Administration Office at the following address: 700 N. Main Street, Verona, Wisconsin 53593

Step 1: A written statement of the complaint shall be prepared by the complainant and signed. This complaint shall be presented to the district employee designated to receive complaints. That employee shall send written acknowledgment of receipt of the complaint within 45 days.

Step 2: A written determination of the complaint shall be made by the Board within 90 days of receipt of the complaint unless the parties agree to an extension of time; appeals under 20 USC s. 1415 and ch. 115, Wis. Stats., relating to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or the provision of a free appropriate public education of a child with an exceptional educational need shall be resolved through the procedures authorized by ch. 115, subch. V, Wis. Stats. Complaints under 20 USC s. 1231e-3 and 34 CFR ss. 76.780-76.782, commonly referred to as EDGAR complaints, that the state or a subgrantee is violating a federal statute or regulation as applies to a program shall be referred directly to the state superintendent.

Step 3: If a complainant wishes to appeal a negative determination by the Board, he/she has the right to appeal the decision to the State Superintendent within 30 days of the Board's decision. In addition, the complainant may appeal directly to the State Superintendent if the Board has not provided written acknowledgment within 45 days of receipt of the complaint. Appeals should be addressed to State Superintendent, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, Wisconsin 53707.

Step 4: Discrimination complaints on some of the above bases may also be filed with the federal government at the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 300 South Wacker Drive, 8th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Note: The 118.13 complaint procedure does not apply to district employees or job applicants. Also, it does not replace the federal regulations that require a school district to have Title IX and Section 504 complaint procedures.

Verona Area School District Discrimination Complaint Procedure

If any person believes that Verona Area School District or any part of the school organization has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 or in some way discriminates on the basis of sex, race, color, or national origin, age or handicap, he/she may bring forward a complaint to the Administration Office at the following address: 700 N. Main Street, Verona, Wisconsin 53593.

Informal procedure:

The person who believes he/she has a valid basis for complaint shall discuss the concern with the Local Title IX or 504 Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply to the complainant in writing within two (2) days. If this reply is not acceptable to the complainant, he/she may initiate formal procedures according to the steps listed.

Formal grievance procedure:

Step 1: A written statement of the grievance shall be prepared by the complainant and signed. This grievance shall be presented to the Local Title IX Coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of the written reply to the informal complaint. The Coordinator shall further investigate the matters of the grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) business days.

Step 2: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the Local Title IX or 504 Coordinator, he/she may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) business days after receipt of the local Coordinator's response to the grievance. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the grievance within ten (10) business days.

Step 3: If the complainant remains unsatisfied, he/she may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of his/her receipt of the Superintendent's response in Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representatives within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent by the Board Secretary to each concerned party within ten (10) business days of this meeting.

Step 4: If, at this point, the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, further appeal may be made to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND SCHOOL REGULATIONS

We believe in setting high standards for student behavior. Students are expected to follow school rules and are responsible for their behavior. Discipline starts first with self-discipline.

Behavior Expectations – The Wildcat Way

The Wildcat Way is a series of specific school-wide procedures and behaviors that we expect from students so that they can be as successful as possible in our school. It is based on the “Four Be’s” which are Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready, Be Safe.

1. Students are expected to be respectful, responsible, ready and safe in all their actions at school.
2. Students may enter the building after 8:00 am under the direction of the commons supervisor. Students should not arrive at school before 8:00 unless they are participating in Early Morning Practice for which they have a pass.
3. Students may bike, roller blade or skate board to school, but must walk or pick up their boards and blades once on school grounds.
4. Students are to move through the hallways in an orderly manner always staying to the right and using an indoor volume in their conversations.
5. Students are expected to be in all classes on time with appropriate materials.
6. Students are expected to have a pass anytime they move through the building during class time, unless escorted by a staff member.
7. Students are expected to complete and hand in all assignments on time.
8. Students are to eat and drink only in designated areas of the building. Open food and beverage containers are not permitted in the hallway.
9. Students are expected to work together to clean their breakfast and lunch areas.
10. Students are expected to work together to keep our building clean. Students should in no way mar or vandalize any school property.
11. Students are expected to settle conflicts appropriately.
12. Participation in after-school activities is an extension of the school day and students are expected to follow all school procedures while participating in extra-curricular activities.
13. Students must remain on school grounds during the school day. Leaving the school grounds is allowed only by written parental permission and approval from the office.
14. Throwing snowballs is not permitted.
15. Students are expected to follow the personal electronic device policy and it is recommended that PED be kept secured in a locked locker during the school day.
16. Students may not bring any items to school that may cause a disruption to the learning environment.

Students may receive office disciplinary referrals for not complying with behavior expectations. Students who do not follow school regulations are subject to a range of consequences including a warning, a time-out in the office, a detention, parent contact, restorative conferences, suspension (in school or out of school), or expulsion. For all serious offenses, parents are contacted so that we can work together to share the same message about expectations with the students.

Celebrations are organized by houses, teams and grade levels. Grade level and house celebrations are held throughout the course of the school year. Students will receive Paws Up coupons from staff for living the Wildcat Way. These Paws Up coupons are entered into weekly drawings for prizes.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Security of personal property is the responsibility of each student. The school cannot and will not accept responsibility for the valuables of students. Some suggestions are:

- If you ride your bike to school, lock it when it is in the school bike racks.
- Keep your gym locker locked at all times.
- Do not keep valuables, particularly money, in your locker. You must have a school lock on your locker. Do not share the combination with anyone.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

The following are guidelines for Appropriate Personal Dress:

- Garments bearing inappropriate, offensive, or vulgar slogans should not be worn. These include reference to sexual activity, alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
- Shoes must be worn in and around school at all times.
- Shirts should cover midriff/belly and chest. They should have two straps and completely cover undergarments.
- Skirts, dresses and shorts should be long enough to cover your entire backside and allow you to move comfortably without exposing your backside or undergarments.

- Pants should be worn in such a way that undergarments are not visible.
- Winter coats should be kept in lockers.
- Gang-affiliated jewelry, dress, body markings or tattoos of any kind should not be worn.
- For safety reasons, we encourage students to carry backpacks to and from school. Backpacks and book bags should be kept in lockers throughout the day.
- Students whose dress/attire causes a distraction or disruption to the learning environment may be referred to student services to work with families to resolve the issue.

SERIOUS OFFENSES

Any student who demonstrates behavior harmful to themselves or others or disruptive to the school day will be held accountable for their actions. This may include staff intervention, referral to the office for (in school or out of school) suspension, expulsion, and/or involvement of local law enforcement officials.

Physical Aggression Toward Staff: Any act of physical aggression toward a staff member, such as pushing, hitting or threatening to do so, will result in suspension and possible expulsion.

Vandalism: Destruction of school property or the willful destruction of property belonging to others will result in consequences, such as suspension, and restitution.

Fighting: Any student who engages in fighting will be brought to the office. Fighting is not tolerated. Parents will be notified. Consequences for fighting include suspension and possible involvement of local law enforcement.

Harassment: Is repeated, unwanted actions from one person/group to another. It is not acceptable. We encourage students to report harassment directly and use a harassment form.

Sexual Harassment: Sexual harassment is inappropriate. Unwanted language or touching of a sexual nature by one or more people towards another is sexual harassment, and is not tolerated in the middle school.

Threatening: Any type of bullying or threatening behavior is not tolerated. Racist language or ethnic slurs of any type are not tolerated and will be dealt with immediately.

Vulgarity: The use of improper or profane language in school or on the school grounds is prohibited. Profanity or inappropriate language directed toward staff may result in suspension.

Weapons: Students may not possess, use or store a weapon or look-alike weapons in or on Verona Area School District property, vehicles, vehicles on school grounds, or at school related activities.

Drugs and Alcohol: Students may not use, possess, furnish, or sell alcohol, non-prescribed drugs, or drug paraphernalia at any time on school grounds. Students may not appear at school or school sponsored activities under the influence of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs, chemicals, or illegal substances.

Tobacco: Students may not use or possess a tobacco product of any kind, nor furnish it to other students on school grounds, or at any school event.

SUSPENSION (IN SCHOOL OR OUT OF SCHOOL)

Suspensions are a punitive measure given as a consequence for serious behaviors by a student which violates school safety policy, but as they are school determined, students may make up work missed during this time.

In all cases of suspension, due process shall be observed. This includes a thorough investigation of the issue and an opportunity for the student to present his/her side of the issue. If the suspension is necessary, parents will be notified in advance, when possible, of the reason for the suspension and the length of suspension. Under state law, students may be suspended for up to fifteen days.

Suspension may occur in-school or out-of-school. In some cases a Restorative Justice conference may be held as an intervention practice. During an out-of-school suspension, parents are to assume all responsibility for the student. Parents may need to return to school with their child for a reinstatement conference at the end of the suspension period. If a student has three or more suspensions in one year, a pre-expulsion conference may be held and could involve the superintendent of schools.

EIGHTH GRADE EVENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

Eighth Grade Awards Breakfast – June 3, 2016:

All eighth graders who will be receiving awards will be invited to this breakfast, which begins at 7:00 a.m. in our commons. Parents will be invited to attend with their eighth grader. An invitation will be sent out in May to those students receiving awards.

Eighth Grade Farewell Dance – June 3, 2016:

This dance is just for BRMS eighth graders and will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in our commons. Students are encouraged to dress-up for this event, but not in a formal style. We will relax the dress code rule regarding spaghetti straps. Spaghetti straps will be allowed. Dress length must be below the fingertips when arms are relaxed at their side and the dress must have two straps. Parents are invited to attend this dance.

Middle School Promotion Assembly – June 7, 2016 @ 1:00 (last day of school for Eight Graders):

This program is expected to last no more than one and one-half hours and is intended to be a celebration of your child's middle school years. Because of seating limitations, we ask that only members of your child's immediate family attend the ceremony. Students are encouraged to dress-up but not in formal style. We discourage dresses that are floor length. Tops or dresses that are halter, off the shoulder, spaghetti strap or strapless, are inappropriate. Eveningwear is also inappropriate. Tops and dresses should have at least two one inch straps. *Limousines are not permitted for this event.*

Field Trip

An end of the year 8th grade trip will be planned for the end of May or early June. Details of the trip are to be determined.

EIGHTH GRADE ONLY, NO SCHOOL June 8th and 9th.

STUDENT RECORDS

The adequate and appropriate collection, maintenance and dissemination of student records are an important responsibility in the public schools. Student records shall include all records relating to an individual student other than notes or records maintained for personal use by teachers or other certified personnel which are not available to others and records necessary for school and available to persons involved in the psychological treatment of a student. The principal of each school shall be responsible for the security, access, maintenance, dissemination and destruction of student records in accordance with state and federal laws and established procedures.

Student records shall be available for inspection or release only with prior approval of the parent(s)/guardian(s) or adult student except in situations where legal requirements specify release of records without such prior approval. Guidelines for student record organization, security, maintenance, access and amendment shall be developed in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. Except as otherwise provided by law, parents/guardians of students in the District shall be provided access to their children's education records without unnecessary delay and within 45 days after an appropriate request has been made for such records. Student record notices shall be provided in accordance with state and federal law.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.125 Wisconsin Statutes

118.126

118.127

146.81-146.84

252.15

767.24(7)

938.396

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g, 45 C.F.R. Section 99)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

CROSS REF.: 333, Parent Rights and District Programs/Activities

342.61-Rule, Procedures for Assessing English Language Learners

345.2, School-Home Communications about Student Learning

346, Assessment of Student Achievement

453.1, Emergency Nursing Services

781, Data Privacy and Security

823, Access to Public Records

Special Education Policy and Procedure Handbook

APPROVED: April 17, 1989

REVISED: September 4, 2001

April 7, 2003

TELEPHONE

There is a phone in the office available for student use before and after school and during lunch. Phone calls are not to be made during class time.

VISITORS

All visitors to the middle school must register in the office. Students who wish to bring student visitors from other schools must arrange permission 5 days in advance by bringing a note from parents and receiving permission from one of the principals. Students are allowed to bring student visitors only living outside of Dane County and of middle school age.

WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements concerning the closing of school or a late school start because of inclement weather will be made on WMGM, WLVW, WTSO, WZEE, WYZE, WIBA, WHA, WNWC, Z104, and the district website www.verona.k12.wi.us. The district tries to make announcements as early as possible. Please do not call the school.

WITHDRAWAL OR TRANSFER OF STUDENT RECORDS

Prior to the withdrawal or transfer of students to another school, the student should bring a note to the office. The office will give the student a withdrawal slip for teachers to sign. When a student is transferred to another school, we will mail student records to the new school.

Pupil records are confidential. If a parent wishes to view them, they may do so in the presence of a person qualified to interpret them for the parents. Pupil records may be released only with written, signed permission.

WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT 2015-2016

As hard as we try, schools can be confusing places to parents/guardians and community members. In our ongoing effort to be more customer service oriented, the following chart has been prepared.

Questions/Concerns	First Contact	Second Contact	Third Contact
Academic Progress	Teacher/Class	Counselor	Principal
Alcohol/Drug Use or Abuse	Counselor	Psychologist/Social Worker	Associate Principal/Principal
Attendance	Middle School Office	Associate Principal	Social Worker
Behavioral or Emotional Issues	Counselor	Psychologist/Social Worker	Associate Principal/Principal
Busing (Routes and Behavior Issues)	First Student, Inc. – 845-8516	Associate Principal	
Calendar for School or Co-Curricular Activities	Middle School Office	Associate Principal	Principal
Charter School	Principal of Charter School		
Class Schedule/Class Selection	Counselor	Learning Resource Coordinator	Principal
Discipline in a Particular Class	Teacher/Class	Associate Principal	Principal
ELL Program	Laila Tabrizi	Laila Miguel	
Financial Assistance	Social Worker	Counselor	
Food Service, Student Lunch Accounts	Food Service Manager	Middle School Office	
Gifted/Talented Programming	Learning Resource Coordinator		
Grades/Assessment	Teacher/Class	Counselor	Principal
Health Concerns and Medications	School Nurse	Secretary	
Projects/Field Trips	Teacher/Class	Principal	
Registration Fees, Bus Passes, Lockers	Middle School Office		
School Involvement with Outside Agencies (Community, Mental Health, Human Services)	Counselor/Social Worker/ Psychologist	Associate Principal	Principal
School policies/procedures	Principal	Associate Principal	
Special Education	Special Education Coordinator		
Summer School	Counselor	Associate Principal	

Middle School Staff – 845-4100

Principal:	Michael Murphy	845-4110
Associate Principal:	Barbara James	845-4109
Director of CKCS:	Rick Kisting	845-4133
School Social Worker:	Stacie Wagner	845-4141
School Psychologist:	Marlene Koch	845-4116
Learning Resource Coordinator:	Holly Dowling	845-4111
English Language Learners:	Laila Tabrizi	845-4100
6 th Grade Counselor (A-L):	Amie Pittman	845-4128
6 th Grade Counselor (M-Z):	Ajong Elvis	845-4127
7 th Grade Counselor:	Ajong Elvis	845-4127
8 th Grade Counselor	Amie Pittman	845-4128
Food Service Manager:	Cindra Magli	845-4139
School Nurse:	Ann Juzwik	845-4115
Special Education Coordinator	Jennifer Latek	845-4134
Director Community Education:	Laurie Burgos	845-4312
Public Information Specialist:	Kelly Klopping	845-4337
First Student, Inc.		845-8516

Badger Ridge & Core Knowledge Middle Schools Calendar 2015-2016

August 19, 20, 21	New Teacher Days
August 26, 27, 28	Teacher Work/Staff Development Day
August 27	BRMS & CKMS Back-to-School Night
August 31	NO SCHOOL
September 1	First day of school for <u>6TH GRADE</u> students ONLY
September 2	First day of school for ALL STUDENTS (grades 6-8)
SEPTEMBER 7	NO SCHOOL: Labor Day
September 17	Upham Woods – 6 th grade (2 Empower U & 62 Achieve)
September 18	Upham Woods – 6 th grade (62 Explore & CKCS)
SEPTEMBER 21	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
OCTOBER 5	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
OCTOBER 19	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
OCTOBER 29	NO SCHOOL: Parent Conferences
OCTOBER 30	NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 2	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
November 6	End of 1st Quarter
NOVEMBER 16	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
NOVEMBER 25	NO SCHOOL: Teacher Flexible Work Day
NOVEMBER 26-27	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break
NOVEMBER 30	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
DECEMBER 14	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
December 22	Last day before Winter Break
DEC 23 – JAN 1	NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
January 4	Resume School
JANUARY 11	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
JANUARY 18	NO SCHOOL
January 22	End of 2nd Quarter
JANUARY 25	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
FEBRUARY 5	NO SCHOOL FOR CKCS MIDDLE (ALL OTHER SCHOOLS IN SESSION)
FEBRUARY 8	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
FEBRUARY 22	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
FEBRUARY 26	NO SCHOOL
MARCH 7	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
MARCH 11	NO SCHOOL FOR CKCS MIDDLE (ALL OTHER SCHOOLS IN SESSION)
MARCH 21	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
March 24	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 25	NO SCHOOL
March 28-April 1	NO SCHOOL: Spring Break
April 4	Resume School
APRIL 4	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
APRIL 18	NO SCHOOL
MAY 2	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
MAY 16	K-12* LATE START (6-12 AND CKCS ELEM 10:00 A.M.)
MAY 30	NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day
June 9	End of 4th Quarter - Last day for students (early dismissal)
June 10	NO SCHOOL: Parent Conferences/Comp. Day

BADGER RIDGE & CORE KNOWLEDGE MIDDLE SCHOOLS 2015-2016

Changes may occur during an athletic season. Please see the BRMS athletic calendar on our website for accurate schedule information.

Badger Ridge Middle School (BR)
740 N. Main St., Verona, WI
(608) 845-4100

“A” team play first on Monday & Tuesday

“B” team play first on Thursday

VOLLEYBALL – 4:15 p.m.

BR Homesite: 8th grade @ BR
7th grade @ CV (710 Lone Pine Dr.)

9/17/2015	Oregon
9/21/2015	@Stoughton
9/22/2015	Mt. Horeb
9/29/2015	@Monona Grove
10/1/2015	@Savanna Oaks
10/5/2015	McFarland
10/6/2015	@Monroe
10/8/2015	Monroe
10/12/2015	@Oregon
10/15/2015	Sauk Prairie

CROSS COUNTRY – 4:15 p.m.

9/14/2015	@Oregon
9/17/2015	@Mt. Horeb
9/22/2015	@Monona Grove
9/28/2015	@Monroe
10/1/2015	Verona
10/5/2015	@Glacier Creek

WRESTLING

11/5/2015	@ Mt. Horeb	w/Middleton
11/10/2015	Sun Prairie & Monroe	
11/17/2015	Stoughton & Baraboo	
11/24/2015	@ Kromrey	w/Mt. Horeb
12/3/2015	@Sauk Prairie	w/Portage
12/10/2015	@DeForest	w/Oregon
12/14/2015	Middleton & Mt. Horeb	

BOYS BASKETBALL – 4:15 p.m.

BR Homesite: 8th grade @ BR
7th grade @ CV

11/3/2015	@Monroe
11/5/2015	Oregon
11/10/2015	@Stoughton
11/16/2015	Mt. Horeb
11/19/2015	@Monona Grove
12/3/2015	@Savanna Oaks
12/7/2015	McFarland
12/10/2015	Monroe
12/15/2015	@Oregon
12/17/2015	Baraboo

GIRLS BASKETBALL – 4:15 p.m.

BR Homesite: 8th grade @ BR
7th grade @ CV

1/14/2015	@Monroe
1/21/2015	Oregon
1/26/2015	@Stoughton
1/28/2015	Mt. Horeb
2/1/2015	@Monona Grove
2/4/2015	@Savanna Oaks
2/8/2015	McFarland
2/11/2015	Monroe
2/15/2015	@Oregon
2/18/2015	Baraboo

TRACK – Spring - TBD

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<p>Book by One Author</p> <p><i>Format</i></p> <p><i>Example</i></p>	<p>Last Name, First Name. <u>Title of Book</u>. City of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication.</p> <p>Campbell, Lily. <u>Shakespeare’s Tragic Heroes</u>. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1930.</p>
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- Alphabetize by the first word in the entry. Do not number or categorize under type of source.
- Indent the second and third line of a citation.
- Single space each citation; leave one blank line between citations.
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MULTIPLICATION CHART

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9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

To Students, Parents and Guardians:

As a provider of school bus transportation for the Verona Area School District, our first priority is to provide safe transportation for all eligible students. Transportation is a privilege and can be revoked. Observing these guidelines and rules keeps all students safe on the bus and at the bus stop.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Students must be aware of and understand the rules and procedures and abide by them. Students must realize that they alone are responsible for their actions and behavior, and that school bus transportation can be denied if they do not conduct themselves in a safe and appropriate manner. Students must display proper respect for the rights and comfort of others, and must be aware that misconduct causes driver distraction which is potentially hazardous to their safety.

Parents are responsible for making sure their student understands and follows the rules set forth by the district and the bus company, as well as basic rules for safety and social interaction. Parents are expected to support disciplinary actions that are necessary to help the student change his/her behavior. Should suspension of riding privileges become necessary, the parent will have the responsibility of seeing that the student is transported to and from school.

The primary responsibility of the bus driver is to safely transport students to and from school. The driver also has the responsibility of maintaining and monitoring discipline on the bus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Students are to ride only on assigned buses; no passengers are allowed except those authorized to ride. Transportation may be approved only with a written permission slip from the parent/guardian. The student must take the parent permission slip to the school office which will issue a pink "bus permission slip" to give to the driver. Students without pink bus permission slips will be refused a ride.

At the Bus Stop: Walk and wait safely. You should be at the bus stop **FIVE MINUTES** before the bus arrives. Stay at the stop. The house, yard, garage, trees and fences near the bus stop are the property of others and must be respected. If your student has to cross the street to get to and from his/her stop have them wait for the driver's signal that it is ok to cross traffic, this is usually a hand signal, if the driver sounds his horn the student should stop and return back quickly.

Rules of Safety for Bus Riders: Drivers will not tolerate any behavior that distracts or interferes with them from driving safely. All passengers are entitled to receive safe transportation; drivers will not allow heavier that jeopardizes safe transportation.

Transportation to and from school is a privilege, which may be suspended or revoked if necessary.

Classroom Behavior is expected at all times on the bus – Use an inside voice. Electronic devices are allowed as long as they do not cause a distraction. Students must use an ear bud; one ear must remain open at all times, on, near or around the bus. This allows students to hear the driver's instructions at all times.

- No profane language or obscene gestures, be respectful to others and their property
- Do not spray perfume, deodorant, and like substances on the bus
- Keep all body parts and objects to yourself and **inside** the bus
- Keep all harmful materials (drugs, tobacco, alcohol, matches or lighters, weapons, etc) **OFF THE BUS!**
- No eating, drinking, smoking, spitting or gum chewing allowed on the bus
- No fighting, bullying, pushing, tripping or horseplay allowed on the bus
- Do not write on, litter or damage the bus.
- Depart at your designated stop only
- Remain seated facing forward at all times. Keep the aisle clear.
- Anything you bring on the bus needs to be on your lap, this includes backpacks and instruments. If it is bigger than that, you need to find other means to get the materials to/from school. No skateboards, roller blades, sleds, skis, etc. Seat to seat, back to back, feet on the floor with your backpack on your lap!
- Verona Area High School Students must show a valid Verona Area High School ID with proper symbol, before boarding bus
- **OBEY BUS DRIVER OR ATTENDANT AT ALL TIMES!** Assigned seats may be given at any time

Consequences: Consequences issued by the school and bus company may include: loss of privileges, suspensions or added tasks at school. Depending on severity of the incident the consequence could be accelerated. It would be nice that there are consequences at home in addition to those issued by the school and bus company.

Outside of the Bus: Stay outside of the danger zone that exits around all buses. This is the area that is within 10 feet of any part of the bus. **DO NOT EVER** attempt to touch the outside of the bus. Wait for the doors to come open before walking towards the bus.

Adults on Buses: Drivers will NOT allow any unauthorized adults on a bus. If an unauthorized adult gets on board and will not step off the bus when directed, the driver will call for police assistance. Parents wishing to obtain authorization to ride a bus must contact the appropriate school office with sufficient notice. The school will then notify the bus company of any authorizations. In the past parents have boarded a bus and threatened students due to interactions with their own student. If you have discipline concerns regarding any other student on the bus; please call the school and or the bus company office (845-8516) to resolve the issues.

Safe transportation of school children is the joint responsibility of bus contractors, drivers, school authorities, students and parents/guardians, cooperating to assure safe, comfortable transportation. School bus transportation is a privilege provided by the district and contractor, which will be denied to those who disregard policy and regulations, which have been established in the interest of safe transportation.

