

Girard Intermediate School

Home of the Jaguars



2021-2022

Parent/Guardian and Student
Handbook

Dothan City Schools 2021-2022
Student and Teacher Holiday Schedule

September 6, 2021	Labor Day Holiday
October 18-19, 2021	Fall Break
October 20, 2021	Report Cards go Home
November 11, 2021	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 24-26 2021	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 20-31, 2021	Winter Holidays
January 3, 2022	Student Holiday
January 17, 2022	M.L. King Holiday
January 19, 2022	Report Cards go Home
February 21, 2022	President's Day
March 18-25, 2022	Student Spring Break
March 30, 2022	Report Cards go Home
April 15, 2022	Good Friday Holiday
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day Holiday
June 2, 2022	Last Day for Students
June 2, 2022	Report Cards go Home

Vision & Mission Statement

Our Vision at Girard Intermediate is to empower all students for the choices and challenges of the 21st century. Through this, we will be preparing today's learners to become tomorrow's leaders.

Our Mission at Girard is to empower all students to find their strength. Together we are Girard STRONG.

Philosophy

We believe all decisions will be made with the best interest of students first. All students will be successful learners. All students should have the knowledge to effectively communicate and respect themselves and others. All students will meet and exceed high standards.

The Dothan City Board of Education is established under authority of state law for the purpose of exercising general supervision and administration of the public schools serving school age children who reside within the city limits of the City of Dothan, and of promoting the interests of the Dothan City Schools and the children they serve. It is the policy of the Dothan City Board of Education that no student will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, disability, age or color.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:20-7:40** Teachers will be on duty to supervise **students during car and bus arrivals.** Parents are to bring their children no earlier than 7:15. Students **MUST** be dropped off at the **front entrance.** **Students will report to their homeroom after picking up breakfast from the designated area upon arrival at school.**
- 7:20-7:35** School Breakfast – students arriving after 7:35 will not be permitted to eat breakfast. Please be reminded that class will start at **7:40**; therefore, students will need adequate time to finish breakfast.
- 7:40** Tardy Bell! Students after this time must report to the office before going to class to get a tardy slip. The academic day begins.
- Lunch is scheduled by homerooms/grade levels. Please see the homeroom teacher for his/her lunchtime. During COVID-19 restrictions, no visitors will be allowed to visit during lunch periods.
- 2:30** Dismissal for all carpool students.

SCHOOLWIDE RULES

The learning process will be more effective when students know what is expected of them so these rules have been developed to ensure the safety and rights of all our students. Please read and discuss them with your child.

1. Good manners are expected daily.
2. Students will keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves.
3. Students are expected to dress in a neat and school-appropriate manner as outlined by the Dothan City Schools Dress Code.
4. Movement in the halls is always quiet and orderly.
5. Positive rewards will be given for good behavior.
6. Discipline issues will be dealt with in accordance with the DCS Code of Conduct.

DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS STUDENT UNIFORM CODE

It is the policy of the Board of Education that good grooming and personal appearance are essential, if not critical, elements in the teaching and learning process. Therefore, it is expected that students dress in such a manner that will ensure the health and safety of the school. Furthermore, the dress and personal appearance will not be disruptive or interfere with the legitimate interest and welfare of students. Students are also expected to choose their clothes in good taste, wearing only those clothes, which are appropriate for the educational environment. All students are expected to comply with the Dress Code. For compelling reasons, such as medical requirements, the principal or superintendent, may, at their discretion, review an individual situation to determine whether a modification of a provision is required for the health and safety of a particular student or other compelling reason. The School Administration will judge the appropriateness of any “fad” or questionable article of apparel. With this in mind, the following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory for all students attending Dothan City Schools. Students who fail to follow these rules will be subject to disciplinary action.

1. Any clothing, appearance or personal hygiene and grooming practices that draw an inordinate amount of attention to the individual student are considered inappropriate for school. The dress and/or grooming style of any student must not interfere with the educational process of Dothan City Schools.
2. Students are to wear clothing in the manner it was designed to work, i.e., clothing worn backward or inside-out, is not allowed. Specifically, pants worn too low (low riders), too long, or excessively large or tight are not permitted. Leggings are not considered pants and must be worn under skirts, shorts or tops that meet the four (4) inch requirement. All pants (including shorts and skirts) will be worn at the natural waist level.
3. Students are not to wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner. (Examples: clothing, which is form fitting, too tight, too short, bare at the midriff when arms are fully extended above the students’ head, bare at the sides, sun dresses, “spaghetti strap” type tops, off-the shoulder tops, razor-back tops, low-cut front or backless tops, sheer or see-thru clothing, etc.) Undergarments should be worn in an appropriate manner and should not be visible. Sleeveless shirts or tops for male and female students are prohibited. Pajama style pants are not allowed.
4. Leggings are not considered pants and must have appropriate clothing (shirts, skirts, shorts, etc.) that extends to the length of the longest fingertip. Additionally, leggings that are sheer or athletic-style leggings with sheer cutouts must meet the four-inch rule requirement.
5. Jeans, pants and skirts with holes are not permitted.
6. Length of shorts, dresses, skirts, etc., is required to be, at maximum, 4 inches above the knee when the student is standing.
7. Athletic shorts are not allowed.
8. Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments or accessories which distract from the learning environment or may pose a safety risk/hazard (ex. Excessively large, noisy jewelry, caps, flags, quilts, and/or belts). Facial and/or tongue jewelry is not allowed for males and females. No decorative dental appliances (whether permanent or temporary)

or decorative contact lenses will be allowed, unless prescribed by a physician or dentist. Males are allowed to wear earrings as long as it doesn't distract the learning environment.

9. T-shirts or any other type of clothing or personal item bearing a reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans and/or any other wording, drawing, pictures, etc., which in any way can be interpreted as being "off color", suggestive, obscene, or offensive, or relating to, death, the occult, Satanism, etc. are not permitted.

10. Clothing and/or accessories which are disruptive or distracting to the learning environment or which identifies a student as being a member of a gang or any subversive or unlawful organization will not be allowed.

11. For safety reasons, pants, shorts, skirt pockets must be visible. Shirrtails or tops that extend below the natural pocket level must be tucked into pants, shorts or skirts.

12. During the day, students are not to wear caps, hats, bandannas, sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) or other headwear (ex. Hoodie pulled up over head, ski hat, etc.) which completely covers the head.

13. Outerwear (coats, gloves, etc.) are not to be worn in the building during normal school time (unless temperature of individual medical problems dictate this to be appropriate).

14. All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is not considered unkempt, unclean or impairing vision. Hair design, style or color which causes disruption to the learning process or that can be associated with gang membership is unacceptable. Hair cannot obscure the student's face. Combs, hair picks, hair socks or curlers are not allowed to be worn.

15. Students are not to wear heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel or accessories, etc. Belts must be fastened and positioned completely within the belt loops with no belt excess hanging down. Suspender straps (including overall straps) must be worn on the shoulder as designed.

16. Students are required to wear appropriate shoes to school at all times. Boots with chains, steel toes, or other metal reinforcement or decorations are not allowed. Bedroom shoes/house slippers are not allowed. As deemed by the administration, unusual shoes that cause or may potentially cause a distraction are not allowed. Sandals may be worn, however, there must be straps around the back of the ankle.

**Discipline For Dress Code Violations Elementary 1st Offense Call parent/change clothes
2nd Offense Call parent/change clothes 3rd Offense ISS/Alternate Placement In School 1
Day 4th Offense Refer to 299 S**

Elementary Discipline for Dress Code Violations

1st Offense	Call parent/change clothes
2nd Offense	Call parent/change clothes
3rd Offense	ISS/Alternate Placement In School 1 Day
4th Offense	Refer to Code of Conduct

DECENCY AND MODESTY

No decals, slogans, or sayings on clothing and/or personal items that contain references to illegal or immoral behaviors. Decals, slogans, or sayings that advertise alcohol, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, weapons, gangs, or tobacco products are not allowed.

- A. Anything that promotes racial division or violence is not allowed
- B. No lewd or vulgar sayings on clothing and/or personal items will be allowed.
- C. Belts and pants must be worn and fastened at the waist. This includes athletic clothing. Shirt tails must be tucked in.
- D. Students will not be allowed to wear clothing and/or have any personal items on campus that are part of an organizational initiation.

Morning Arrival

During arrival, students will be expected to maintain physical spacing or social distancing as they proceed to class. Students will move in an established, reinforced, and monitored orderly procedure walking directly to their breakfast and classroom areas on the right side of the hallway.

Morning Drop Off

1. Students are to be dropped off only in the carpool area in front of the school at the main entrance of the building. DO NOT drop students off at the curb.
2. Parents must pull down to the yellow line or as far as possible (as traffic allows) to the sign that reads STOP HERE TO UNLOAD. School staff will help direct traffic.
3. Students must have book bags, lunch boxes, etc. in hand and ready to exit the passenger side of the car.
4. Parents may not get out of the vehicle for any reason.
5. When parents feel that it is necessary to get out of the vehicle, they must park in a parking space and walk the student to the sidewalk. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building.

Dismissal

When dismissal begins and students line-up to leave class, teachers will provide reminders to students to continue to stay to the right side of the hall while exiting the building. Carpool waiting location will be in the lunchroom. Physical spacing and social distancing continues, and students are loaded in a safe and orderly manner.

Afternoon Pick Up

1. Parents will be issued a name identification plate with the school's name. When the carpool line is entered the plate must be clearly displayed on the passenger side visor for easy visibility.
2. Arrive for carpool at the designated times. We ask that you arrive at the appropriate dismissal time of 2:30 PM.

3. A strategic procedure is in place where carpool students are seated in the cafeteria by grade level, their first and last name is announced twice over the loudspeaker, and multiple adults are monitoring student responses and movement to the dismissal area. Staff members assist students in the carpool lane, which is located along the sidewalk where duty personnel control traffic flow. You must be aware of these procedures so you can remind your child and be supportive and cooperative of the process.
4. If your child is not in the designated area when you arrive to pick him/her up you will be asked to circle back through the carpool line.
5. Please hold your child/children accountable for their behavior during dismissal. When students are talking and/or playing they do not hear their name/names being called therefore they do not know in which lane to report. This causes a delay in the dismissal process and also backs up traffic. In addition, ensure your child is familiar with the color of the vehicle you drive so they can assist in locating the car.
6. Students are not allowed to re-enter the building once they are dismissed.

There will be a \$5.00 charge for students not picked up by 2:45 pm.

When these procedures are not followed it creates major traffic problems, safety issues, and many disgruntled parents/commuters.

If transportation changes are being made, please send in **WRITING** your child's way of getting home to his or her homeroom teacher. The office will not accept a change by phone or email/fax unless we deem it a true emergency.

RULES FOR MORNING ARRIVAL

1. Enter the building quietly.
2. Report to your classroom after picking up breakfast from the designated area.

HALL RULES

A calm atmosphere is essential to learning. Students can help by walking quietly in the hall, and by controlling their behavior at all times. Please follow the social distancing guideline of maintaining a 3 ft. distance at all times.

1. Keep hall traffic moving and quiet in a single file line.
2. Keep hands and feet off the walls.
3. Walk in a calm manner.
4. Passes are required unless accompanied by a teacher.

PLAYGROUND/RECESS RULES

1. Snacks must be opened and eaten in designated snack areas only.
2. All trash must be placed in trash receptacles.
3. Aggressive play will not be permitted.
4. Rocks, woodchips, and other objects are not to be thrown.
5. Jumping out of swings or off of equipment will not be allowed.

6. No walking, running, or standing on slides.

CLASSROOM RULES

The teacher is in charge at all times and his/her directions must be followed daily. All students are expected to respect the teacher and others and be actively involved in learning. The staff requests parental support in helping to maintain appropriate conduct in the school. Discipline issues will be dealt with in accordance with the DCS Code of Conduct. If a student receives an office discipline referral, this will result in an “F” in conduct for the week.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be in school every day and parents are required by law to have their children in school. The only excused absences under Alabama law are the illness of the student, legal quarantine, death in the immediate family, inclement weather which would be dangerous to the life of a child if he/she attended school and absence with approval of the principal. This must be secured in advance by submitting a written request for approval to the principal. The request must state the reason for the absence and be signed by the parent. It is essential that your child is on time, prepared, and ready to learn by 7:30 AM in order to take full advantage of instruction. A student is tardy after 7:40 AM and a parent must accompany the student to the office for a tardy slip. An unexcused tardy will count against perfect attendance. 5 unexcused tardies or absences may result in referral to the Truancy Prevention Project and/or juvenile court services. In addition, students with ten or more unexcused absences are not allowed to participate in field trips (DCS’ Progression Guide).

If your child is absent from school, an excuse written and signed by a parent or a doctor’s excuse is required when the student returns. If no excuse is received within 2 days, the absence will be considered unexcused. All excuses are kept on file.

EARLY CHECK-OUT

If it is necessary for a student to leave school during the day, he/she must check out through the office. Parents are encouraged to make medical and dental appointments outside school hours. Students arriving late or picked up early will be considered unexcused if a doctor’s excuse is not submitted. This is recorded as a tardy on your child’s attendance record. A student must be in attendance for at least 3½ hours to be counted in attendance for the day. Students arriving late or being picked up early will be considered unexcused and not permitted to make up work missed without a doctor’s excuse. Students can not be checked out after 2:00 without prior approval from the principal.

OFFICE AREA

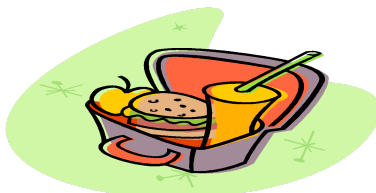
A maximum of five people in the office are allowed at one time. In observance of the new 3 feet physical spacing and social distancing guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), The Alabama Department of Public Health, and Dothan City School (DCS). Visits to the office are set on an as-needed basis. Administrators and the counselor can be reached via their offices, email, text, etc.

VISITORS

All visitors are required to report to the school office upon entering the building and a visitor's badge will be issued. Students are not to bring visitors to the school. Parents may visit classrooms by **APPOINTMENT ONLY!** Contact your child's teacher to schedule an appropriate time for visits. **ALL VISITATION WILL FOLLOW ALABAMA AND DCS GUIDELINES.**

TELEPHONE

The school telephone is a business phone and may be used by students only in case of illness or other emergency approved by the principal or teacher. **We ask that parents not call to speak to their child. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHILD IF THEIR WAY OF GETTING HOME IN THE AFTERNOON WILL CHANGE BEFORE THEY LEAVE HOME FOR THAT DAY. ALSO, TEACHERS MUST BE ADVISED IN WRITING OF THE CHANGE.**



FOOD SERVICES

Breakfast and lunch will be available daily. Applications for free and reduced meals will be sent home with your child. **A complete application is needed for each family.** All information will be kept completely confidential. It is imperative that applications are turned in immediately.

Breakfast and lunch money is collected every Monday morning and can be paid together for the week or month. Checks should be made payable to Girard Intermediate School. Please send lunch money in a sealed envelope with the student's name, teacher's name and the amount clearly marked on the envelope. Online payments may be made through www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com. Students will receive carryover credit when they are absent.

All meals MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Please keep your student's lunch account current. Student accounts must be in good standing to attend any off-campus field trips. Students who bring lunch may purchase milk. Extra milk may be purchased with cash only. Student lunches cannot be heated in the microwave. Carbonated drinks and meals from fast food establishments are not allowed. Drinks in glass containers are not allowed.

ALL lunches brought from home must be sent to school with your child. LUNCHES CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, visitors are not allowed on campus at this time.

	Per Day	Per Week
Breakfast	\$1.85	\$ 9.25
Student Lunch	2.50	\$12.50
Visitor Lunch	4.50	
Extra Milk	.50	
Reduced Price Breakfast	.30	\$ 1.50
Reduced Price Lunch	.40	\$ 2.00

Students and adults are not to take food from the lunchroom. Food not eaten at lunchtime must be thrown away before leaving the lunchroom.

If your child has food allergies of any kind, a current doctor's excuse must be on file in the lunchroom and with the school nurse. Food allergies must be explained by the doctor.

If you have any questions, please call the **Lunchroom at 794-1461, ext.**

SCHOOL PARTIES

School parties will be restricted to two per year—Christmas, December 17th, 1:30 pm and Valentines, February 14th, 1:30 pm. All parties must be for the entire class and not for honoring a special individual. **NO BIRTHDAY PARTIES FOR STUDENTS WILL BE HELD AT SCHOOL to include the delivery of any food items, drinks, or party favors.**

HOMEWORK

When homework is assigned, students must complete it because this reinforces classroom learning. All homework assignments will be either a review of standards or project-based assignments.

Homework should not exceed 30 minutes per night in all subject areas combined in K-3rd grades. Homework should not exceed 40 minutes for 4th grade and 50 minutes for 5th and 6th grade per night in all subject areas combined. Weekend assignments may be given for make-up work or special projects. It is helpful for parents to provide a quiet time and place for home study. Parents are encouraged to help their children but not do this work for them.

EMERGENCIES

Safety procedures in the event of a fire or extreme weather conditions will be conducted regularly. ***Please do not call the school for information during inclement weather.*** Parents will be notified by SchoolCast, a telephone messaging system, if school dismisses early. We will post updates on Facebook and Instagram. We also encourage parents to listen to the local radio stations should weather conditions threaten the early closing of school. Students who ride buses or carpool will remain in the building until their transportation arrives. The school will obey all directions from the office of the superintendent in the event of an early dismissal.

IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE INFORM YOUR CHILDREN, IN ADVANCE, OF PROCEDURES FOR GETTING HOME SHOULD SCHOOL DISMISS EARLY.

SCHOOL RECORDS

A parent or guardian who desires to review his/her child's records shall contact the school for an appointment. A conference will be scheduled as soon as possible. A disclosure record will be signed at the time of the conference. The record will be examined in the presence of the principal or a designated professional.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home to the parents at the end of each nine-week grading period. Report cards show academic and conduct grades as well as attendance. Conferences are encouraged between teachers and parents who wish to assess progress or lack of progress at any time during the school year. Students will receive a progress report during the fifth week of each grading period. Parents may access student grades and attendance records through the *Parent Portal* of the Dothan City Schools website.

GRADES 3– 6

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade
A	90-100
B	80--89
C	70---79
D	60--69
F	59 or below

A Honor Roll = All A's on report card

A/B Honor Roll = A's & B's on report card

MEDICATIONS



All medication must be delivered to the office by the parent or guardian. The school nurse or a certified medication assistant will administer all medications. All students who take prescription medicine MUST have a medical form on file in the office and the prescription bottle instructions must match the medical form on file.

PLEASE NOTE: According to Board Policy adopted July 12, 2004, Non-Prescription medication including Tylenol, Pepto-Bismol, cough drops, etc. WILL NOT be administered at school.

PARENT AND TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are encouraged. Due to social distancing, we encourage phone and virtual conferences, preferably before and after school. All conferences must be scheduled in advance at a time agreed upon by parent and teacher.

E-MAIL

Our secretaries, teachers, principal, and other school personnel have e-mail addresses. E-mail addresses can be accessed through the school website (www.dothan.k12.al.us/hig). Please utilize this valuable tool for we have found this to be the easiest way to contact and communicate with the teachers. **Teachers and school personnel are not to be contacted through social media to conduct school business. Please refrain from contacting the teacher during evening hours, weekends and holidays. Teachers will respond during school hours within a reasonable time.**

WEBSITE and SOCIAL MEDIA

A school web-site is maintained providing the most current school happenings. Teacher websites are maintained which provide valuable information such as homework assignments and class activities. This is also a simple way to communicate with the teacher. *School business is not to be conducted through social media.*

Like us on Facebook @ Girard Intermediate School Dothan Follow us on Instagram @ girard_intermediate

CAMPUS

It is your responsibility to keep the school grounds building and its properties clean and in good condition. Please do not throw trash and other objects on the campus. Take pride in our school campus.

TRANSFERS

School secretary should be notified at least one day in advance of the withdrawal of a student. This will allow school records to be updated and will prevent the interruption of classes. **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF ATTENDANCE!**

SCHOOL BUS OFFENSES

Students are expected to ride the bus and follow all rules. Any student violating safety rules or disobeying the driver will be written up on a bus referral. All discipline issues will be dealt with in accordance with the DCS Code of Conduct for School Bus Offenses. Consequences will be strictly enforced. Bus privileges are left up to the Principal or her designee's discretion. A camera is installed on the bus to video any disturbances to and from school. Bus referrals will result in a loss of conduct points.

FIELD TRIP POLICY

Field trips are an important part of the learning experience at Girard. Each grade level will provide field trips that enhance their curriculum. Students are expected to follow the school rules. Field trips are privileges to be earned. Students are ineligible to attend field trips if they:

- earn a C, D or F average in conduct during the 4 week period prior to the field trip
- receive a Discipline referral (may result in the loss of field trip privileges depending on the degree of the offense).
- do not meet deadlines for submission of money and forms. **Refunds will not be given for any reason.**
- have 10 or more unexcused tardies or absences
- have an outstanding balance with the school (Lunchroom charges, lost library books, extended day fees)

Students are required to ride the bus and will not be allowed to ride with parents in private vehicles. Field Trips are reserved for designated chaperones and students enrolled at Girard Intermediate only. Siblings will not be permitted to attend.

PROBLEM SOLVING TEAM (PST)

A designated general education committee is designed to meet the needs of general education students at-risk of failure due to academics, behavior, or drop-out. For more information, contact the school administration or the school counselor.

Physical Education Program

As part of the general curriculum at Girard Intermediate School, a quality physical education program is offered to students. A minimum daily instructional period of 30 minutes of physical education is required by the State of Alabama Department of Education.

It is important that every child feels successful each day and that they leave class eager to have physical education again. Our classes will be safe, enjoyable, active, and developmentally appropriate.

One of our class goals is to actively engage children in sufficient amounts of moderate to vigorous physical activity to improve their physical health and well-being. Another goal is to encourage children to apply the skills and knowledge they acquire during class and to seek opportunities to be active outside of school as part of a healthy lifestyle. Additionally, units are planned to develop motor, personal and social skills.

Physical activity must be done regularly to achieve health benefits. Therefore, your child's participation is very important. If he/she is sick or unable to participate for 1 or 2 days, please send a note to the physical education teacher. A note from your doctor is required in order for your child to be excused for a longer length of time.

We will once again be giving the Physical Fitness Test to our students. It will be given once in the fall and again in the spring. We will provide you with information regarding this test before it is given.

In order to provide the best possible experience for your child we must work as a team! For comfort and safety purposes, please have your child wear tennis shoes and have them dress appropriately. Girls will need to wear shorts under their dresses or skirts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our PE teachers, Coach Kelley and/or Coach Spears.

Gifted Monitoring

Gifted students are those who perform at or who have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment. These students require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school program. Students possessing these abilities can be found in all populations, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor. Teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, or any other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities may refer a student.

For each student referred, information is gathered in the areas of Aptitude, Characteristics, and Performance. The information is entered on a matrix where points are assigned according to established criteria. The total number of points earned

determines if the student qualifies for gifted services. To make a referral, contact Girard Intermediate's Gifted Teacher.

Media Exclusion Request Girard Intermediate School

Dothan City Schools recognizes the importance of keeping the community informed about activities and programs in our school system. One means of achieving this goal is through social media outlets such as Facebook and Instagram, as well as media coverage in our schools for special occasions. At various times Newspaper, Radio or Television reporters may be in our school. The coverage may include pictures or video of your child to be used by the media. If you do not want your child included in such photographs, please sign and return this form to your child's school. Every effort will be made to ensure your child is not included in any media photographs. If, however, your child is participating in an on-stage event such as a school play, it may not be possible to exclude him/her from media coverage.

Student's name _____

My child may be photographed during media coverage at school and/or social media posts on school pages.

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian _____

I would prefer that my child not be photographed during media coverage at school. I do not want my child to be a part of pictures or videos posted on school social media sites.

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Dothan City Schools

A Statement in Regards to State Owned Textbooks

Girard Intermediate School

The Board of Education of the City of Dothan is eager for the pupils in the system to secure the greatest possible benefit from the textbooks furnished at the State expense.

To that end a pupil will be permitted to use State owned textbooks, if the parent or guardian has signed an agreement to be responsible for the books which are checked out to the pupil.

Excerpt from State Textbook Law

“...The parent, guardian, or other person having custody of a child to whom textbooks are issued shall be held liable for any loss, abuse, or damage in excess of that which would result from the normal use of such textbooks. In computing the loss or damage of a textbook which has been in use for a year or more, the basis of computation shall be a variable of fifty to seventy-five percent of the original cost of the book to the State. If such parent, guardian or person having custody of such child to whom the textbook was issued fails to pay such assessed damages within 30 days after notification, such student shall not be entitled to further use of such textbooks until remittance of the amount of loss or damage shall be made.”

Note: The original cost of the book to the State shall be charged for loss or damage beyond use of a book which has been in use for less than a school year.

If you are willing to take this responsibility to avail your child the use of the State textbooks, please sign the statement below and return this entire sheet to the student's teacher.

I desire that _____ (student's name) be permitted to use State owned textbooks and I agree to pay for any book, or books, which are lost, or ruined while in his or her possession.

_____ (parent or guardian signature)

Media Center Book Checkout Agreement

Your child will be bringing a book home from the school media center.

He/she will need your help to:

- 1. Read the book.**
- 2. Find a safe place to keep the book where it will not get lost or damaged.**
- 3. Return the book to school as soon as he/she finishes reading it so a new book can be checked out.**
- 4. If the book is lost or damaged, you will have to pay the cost of replacing the book. Students will not be able to check out another book until the missing or damaged book is paid for.**

I agree to help my child take care and read his/her library book.

Student's Name

Student Number

Teacher's Name

Parent's Signature

EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Dothan City Board of Education that no student will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity on the basis of sex, race, religion, belief, national origin, ethnic group or disability.

Please sign the form below and return to your child's homeroom teacher.

**GIRARD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK**

I have read and understand the handbook for Girard Intermediate School.

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____



DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS

School-Parent Compact

Girard Intermediate School, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) (participating children), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

School Responsibilities

Girard Intermediate School will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards.
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff.
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities.
6. Ensure regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

1. Ensure consistent school attendance by the student;
2. Encourage students to have good study and work habits, self-discipline, and respect for schools and school personnel;
3. Review official interim and report cards from the school at the end of each grading period and to schedule conferences with teachers if such reports indicate their child is having difficulty;
4. Honor requests for conferences from school officials whenever possible;
5. Respond promptly to all requests from the school for information;
6. Stay informed of child(ren)'s progress through scheduled parent-teacher conferences, report cards, and communications from the school.

Student Responsibilities

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards.

1. Maintain good attendance;
2. Deliver all report cards and other communications from the school to the parents(s) or guardian(s).
3. Develop good study habits and self-discipline, as well as accept additional help from available educational personnel and parents if experiencing school related problems;
4. Adhere to all Dothan City Schools policies and Code of Conduct.
5. Make the best effort in taking all tests, including teacher-made, achievement, and standardized assessments.

Blakelynn Barker

Signature of the School Principal

Signature of the Parent

Signature of the Student