

DEER PARK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROBERT FROST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents:

Schedules: Your schedule is available for viewing through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Please bring a copy of it with you on the first day of school. **Your schedule is permanent and is not subject to change.**

Student I.D. Cards/Bus Passes/MySchoolBucks Meal Card: Enclosed is your school picture ID card. All students will be given a breakaway lanyard in either maroon or gray, according to your assigned cohort. Students must wear their ID card at all times for identification purposes. Students who do not wear their ID cards will wear a sticker with their name written on it on their clothing.

If you are entitled to bus transportation, your route number and bus stop are printed on your ID card which is also your bus pass. Your ID card will also be used as your MySchoolBucks Meal card. Information on MySchoolBucks can be found on the Deer Park Schools website. All students will be asked to utilize their ID card for payment purposes as opposed to cash as often as possible for sanitary reasons.

Bus safety regulations require that you sit in your seat at all times. Buses will be loaded from the back to the front, and will exit the bus from the front to the back to avoid passing other students on the bus. In addition, masks must be worn at all times on the bus. If you were not photographed for an ID card, or are new to the district, a temporary bus pass is enclosed.

Dress Code: The dress code will be enforced beginning the **FIRST** day of school. Despite the weather still being summer-like, please dress appropriately for school (no revealing garments, no undergarments exposed, no flip-flops, no hats, bandanas or other headwear, etc.). Please review the entire dress code which can be found in the code of conduct on the district website.

Electronics: There are **NO** personal electronics (iPods, tablets, non-school issued laptops, PSP's, MP3 players, etc.) allowed in school. Unauthorized items will be confiscated and turned in to the office. **The school assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.**

A SPECIAL NOTE ON CELL PHONES

In this day and age cell phones are commonly provided to children by their parents with the best intentions for safety purposes. However, they have also become a prevalent problem in schools because their use often interrupts instruction, disrupts the orderly operation of the school, and at times creates dangerous situations for staff and students.

Cell phones are emergency communication devices that, if brought to school by students, must be turned off and kept out of sight during school hours. Students may not accept cell phone calls, make calls, take pictures or videos, send text messages, email text or pictures, or use any cell phone function (instant messaging, calculator, games, etc.) at

any time during school hours without administrative approval. Students violating these rules may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension from school.

Students who call a third party and request they come to the school without administrative approval violate our school safety policy and create unnecessary situations that disrupt the educational environment. Please understand that the school assumes no responsibility for damaged, lost, borrowed, or stolen cell phones. Cell phones used in violation of school policy may be confiscated from students and returned only to their parents or guardians with appropriate proof of ownership.

To avoid the use of a communal phone being used in the main office, should students need to call home during school hours, they will be asked to use their cell phones in the main office. Students who do not have cell phones will use a sanitized phone if needed.

Outside Food

NO fast food (McDonald's, pizza, smoothies, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell, Dunkin Donuts, etc.) is to be brought to school by parents for students. Students should come to school with lunch or purchase a nutritious school lunch from our cafeteria. No home baked foods are to be sent or brought to school per our district policy.

Student Agenda Book: You will receive a Student Agenda Book during the month of September. It is important that you carry your book with you at all times, and use it to record all homework assignments and other important school information. The more organized you stay, the easier your school life will be.

School Supply List: The school supply list for this school year is attached to this letter and can be located on the Robert Frost page of the Deer Park Schools website (www.deerparkschools.org).

Respect and Responsibility: These are the keys to success in school and beyond. Show respect for yourself, other students, teachers, staff and school property. Assume responsibility for getting to class on time, participating in class, completing homework and assignments on time, and studying regularly.

Expected Behavior: It is expected that you will behave appropriately at all times. There is never an excuse for insubordinate or disrespectful behavior. Excerpts from the District Code of Conduct will be discussed during school hours, however, we expect you to be familiar with the consequences your actions may have. You must think before you act!

Enjoy the rest of your summer! We look forward to seeing you on September 8th or September 10th.

Sincerely from your administrative team,

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