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Policy of Non-Discrimination

De La Salle Blackfeet School admits students of any race, color, nationality, and religion to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available at school. De La Salle Blackfeet School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or religion in administration of its educational policies and school administered programs.

Mission:

Because Blackfeet youth have the right and the potential to create a future free of poverty and discrimination, De La Salle Blackfeet School is committed to providing them with an innovative, quality and Catholic faith based education designed to empower them to become successful learners and future leaders of their community.

De La Salle Blackfeet School

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De La Salle Blackfeet School Handbook



2015-2016

Building FAITH in EDUCATION

406-338-5290

Welcome to De La Salle Blackfeet School! We are glad to have you join our community of students who are striving to reach their potential. Students who do their best and respect others will become successful DLSBS students. If everyone abides by the following rules, DLSBS will be a happy and safe environment:

School Day: School begins each day at 8:15 AM, although breakfast is available at 7:45 AM. Monday through Thursday, dismissal is at 4:30 PM. On Friday, dismissal is at 3:00 PM.

Absence: If a student is going to be absent, the parent or guardian should call the school to report the absence (338-5290). Parents/Guardians are encouraged to stress the importance of attendance by keeping children home for serious reasons only and by training students to be on time. We strongly discourage taking students out for appointments or vacations during school time. **If a student is absent he/she will not be eligible to participate in after school activities that day or weekend, i.e., sports, plays, etc.** We require 95% attendance for the entire school year. Students missing more than 9 school days may lose the option to return the following year or to graduate from eighth grade. **Students missing significantly more than 9 days may be asked to leave immediately.** 3 tardies equals 1 absence. Leaving school early counts as a tardy.

Dress Code: Students are expected to report to school wearing the school sanctioned logoed shirt and navy blue, black, khaki or gray slacks (in any solid color, no patterns). (Knee-length shorts of the same colors may be worn until September 30, or when the temperature reaches 78 degrees in the Spring or May 1st.) Girls may also wear navy blue, black, khaki or gray skirts (in any solid color, no patterns). Jeans are not allowed. A school fleece/sweat shirt is available for purchase for cooler weather. Long sleeved navy, black, gray or white shirt may be worn under the uniform shirt. Only closed toe shoes with a well fitting heel are allowed. Students may not wear hats or hoods inside the building.

Inappropriate Objects: Students may not bring beepers, lasers, toys, games, music players or trading cards. Cell phones are left in the office and will be returned at the end of the school day. If confiscated, a

parent/ guardian must pick up the cell phone in the office. Texting inappropriate material can be grounds for dismissal.

Food Policy: In the interest of promoting a healthy lifestyle, breakfast, lunch and a snack are provided. If your child has special dietary needs, please call us at 338-5290 and make arrangements.

Weapons: Carrying any type of weapon or dangerous object to school is a very serious mistake, even if unintentionally done. Criminal charges may be brought against any student who chooses to make this decision or call in a bomb threat. Expulsion from DLSBS is a possible consequence.

Medications: All prescription and non-prescription medicines (including cough drops) must be accompanied by a parent/guardian signed note, and distributed by the office secretary.

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy: Students at DLSBS may be randomly tested for drug use. Students that test positive will be required to attend weekly counseling until the student tests negative. Test results will only be shared with school officials, the student and the student's parents/guardians. Criminal charges may be brought against any student who chooses to use or possess illegal substances on the school grounds. Tobacco may only be used for ceremonial use.

Fighting: Fighting will not be tolerated - immediate suspension for all until parental conference is held.

Permission Slips: Each parent/guardian is asked to sign permission slips regarding photographs, OBEEs (Out of Building Educational Experience) and athletics. The Photograph Release slip will serve as a release for all materials used by the school for grants, publications and websites. All activities outside of regular school hours will require a special permission slip. The Athletic permission slip covers any emergency in competition. **Students will not be allowed to participate without the appropriate permission slip.**

Report Cards: All students will receive report cards quarterly. The official Report Card will be given at the end of the year. Report cards must be picked up by the

parent/guardian each marking period, preferably at the family-teacher conferences. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Family / Teacher Conferences: An individual family/teacher conference will be scheduled once each marking period. A conference may also be held at the request of a parent/guardian or teacher. The student must be present. Appointments are made with the teacher.

Wednesday Envelope: Each Wednesday your child will bring home an envelope containing school news and announcements. The envelope must be signed and returned the next day.

Homework Policy: Homework is essential to each student's success. If there is a family emergency that prevents homework completion the family should call the school and leave a message to inform the teacher. Students with missing assignments will make up that work during academic enrichment or after school. Students will have 2 academic days to make up homework for each day absent.

School Mass: The school celebrates weekly Mass together. Usually Mass is on Thursday. Occasionally Mass might be rescheduled.

Family Responsibilities: I commit myself and my family to the rules and policies of De La Salle Blackfeet School, fully understanding that DLSB's curriculum requires a student to:

- be on time to school,
- not miss more than 5% of school days (9),
- be randomly drug tested
- have family (parent/guardian/relatives) involvement in the school which includes the following:
 - Reading and returning the signed Wednesday envelope every week
 - Checking homework and signing the homework sheet daily
- Picking up and discussing the student report card every quarter.

Please call **338-5290** if you have any questions