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North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts Dragon Dads Handbook

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NFMAA Mission Statement

Academics and Arts for lifelong learning in a safe and caring environment.

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the NFMAA Dragon Dads program. Our teachers, staff, and students truly appreciate your time and involvement.

This handbook has been created to help assist you while making the most of your experience while supporting our students and our school.

About Dragon Dads

Dragon Dads are fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father-figures who volunteer their time to assist with monitoring students and security at NFMAA.

Our Goal

The goal of our program is to positively influence NFMAA with the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in the lives of our students.

What We Do

Dragon Dads will perform many tasks during their visit including; monitoring morning entry, parent drop-off, and busramp entrance. Dragon Dads may also monitor hallways during passing periods, and assist in the cafeteria during lunches.

How do I become a Dragon Dad?

North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts requires that every volunteer complete a volunteer application and pass a criminal history background check before interacting with children. Volunteer applications are available in our front office or by emailing Tracy Christiansen at TracyLC@Leeschoolsnet

Being a Good Role Model and Getting Involved

- Smile
- Encourage students
- Offer to help with class projects
- High-fives and fist-bumps
- Monitor hallways and entrances
- Talk to students, ask what they have learned today
- Monitor building inside/outside
- Walk through all playground areas
- Play a game of catch
- Monitor cafeteria breakfast/lunch
- Open the car door at Parent Pick-up/Drop-off

Confidentiality

Dragon Dads are expected to keep confidential any information about our school (students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators) while performing duties as a volunteer.

There may be times where information must be shared with a teacher or school administrators. You are required by law to immediately report the following:

- If a student confides that he/she is a victim of sexual, emotional, chemical, or physical abuse.
- If a student confides that he/she is involved in illegal activity.
- If a student confides that he/she is considering homicide or suicide.

Please remember that this information is extremely sensitive and should be kept confidential.

Dragon Dads *Dos* and *Don'ts*

Do:

- Sign in and out through the front office
- Be Identifiable - Please wear your red NFMAA Dragon Dad t-shirt while "on duty"
- Be Visible - Walk around the building, greet visitors
- Be there - Arrive on time for your scheduled duties
- Use only the designated adult restrooms (see map)
- Walk the perimeter of the building - Report any concerns to our office
- Report any discipline issues or concerns to a staff member to address
- Have a great day!

Don't:

- Give away, or allow anyone else to wear you Dragon Dads t-shirt
- Take pictures, videos, or recordings of any students
- Disrupt classes or instructions
- Share your political or religious views
- Chase, wrestle, or any physical contact with a student - report all concerns to a staff member

NFMAA Policies

- NFMAA is a closed campus. All visitors and volunteers must enter through the front office during school and after-care hours.
- All students will enter and dismiss through designated and supervised locations. Students arriving after the morning bell (7:55 am) will need to enter through the front office. Early dismissal students must sign out in the front office. Identification is required from individuals picking up students.
- Every volunteers must complete a volunteer application and background check. There are no exceptions.
- All visitors and volunteers must wear identification provided (i.e. Dragon Dads shirts, ID cards, visitor stickers, or district badges)
- Dragon Dad volunteers will work as a team member with faculty and staff.
- Volunteers are not permitted to discipline students. Please report all concerns to a faculty or staff member.
- Remember you are working as a role model to our students. Please dress and act appropriately.

Emergency Contact Information

Call our front office for ALL emergencies.

Please do not call 911 from school phones.

Front office staff will call for emergency services.

NFMAA Front Office (239) 997-2131

To reach the front office from any phone inside the school, dial **200** or **201** from any phone.

Radio Channel 1