

Trust Card Program Summary

Laura Bush Middle School

The goal of this program is to enhance the climate of respect at Laura Bush Middle School by developing responsibility, understanding, social skills, and trust through the use of a student identification card for 8th grade students.

Objectives of the trust card program include the following: to develop a student's sense of time management, level of personal responsibility, communication with authority figures and peers, and life-application skills that contribute to building and maintaining healthy relationships with others. Therefore, maintaining the trust card will be the sole responsibility of the student.

Possessing and displaying a trust card offers a student additional privileges. All privileges are subject to the teacher's individual discretion (per individual classroom expectations) and campus-wide rules. In the event that a student violates a campus-wide rule, the student will forfeit the trust card to the faculty member, administrator, staff, or other school personnel who asks for it.

When a trust card is forfeited, the student will be without it as deemed appropriate by the faculty, staff, or administrator involved. It is the student's responsibility to schedule a conversation with the faculty, staff, or administrator involved, either before or after school, in order to earn it back. During the conversation, a series of reflective and future planning questions will be asked. If the adult finds the responses appropriate and acceptable, the student will have effectively earned the card back.

Additionally, when a trust card is forfeited, the adult involved will decide what level of behavior has taken place. The level of the behavior will then determine how long the trust card will be forfeited. Below are some examples of each tier:

Tier I – "Reminder Behavior"

- Raising a hand to speak, staying seated when asked, being on time, putting away electronics when required, etc.
- Forfeit Length – 3days

Tier II – "Mid-Level Behaviors"

- Not completing assigned work, mild disrespect, mild class disruptions, etc.
- Forfeit Length – 5 days

Tier III – "Office Referral Behaviors"

- Those behaviors that warrant removal from the classroom
- Forfeit Length – 14 days

As we begin the program this year, we will closely monitor it's progress and make appropriate changes as we see fit. If a student physically loses his/her badge, the replacement cost will be \$3.00 for the badge/print and \$2 for the plastic sleeve. The student will receive the new card (black/white copy) as soon as we can get it made and delivered. A student can buy a school appropriate lanyard of their choosing. We will also have LBMS lanyards for \$3. Any student caught trying to replicate their card will lose it for the remainder of the year. Cards that are left at home will not be able to be delivered to the student at school. This is part of the responsibility piece of the program.

We hope that this will be a positive program with our 8th graders at LBMS. We have discussed the program with our students and have met with our leadership team and staff to begin the implementation phase next week. Both teachers and students are excited about the potential that this program will bring. We appreciate your support during this process and wish you and your family a restful weekend!!!

Teaching
Responsibility
Understanding
Socials skills and
Trust

Sincerely,

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Laura Bush Middle School