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**GALILEO MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT HANDBOOK
2023-2024**

Galileo Daily Schedule

Extended Day Morning: 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

School Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

School Hours: Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Lunchtime for all middle school students 12:17 p.m. –1:00 p.m.

Extended Day Afternoon: 3:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Extended Day Wednesday: 2:40-6:00 p.m.

Daily Academic Schedule

All students at Galileo receive daily instruction in language arts, social studies or science, and mathematics. Technology and computer skills are infused throughout the curriculum. A specific daily schedule for each student will be provided by the administration during the first week of school. Please see the Galileo website for more detailed information about our curricula and resources.

Middle School Academic Daily Schedule

Homeroom	8:30-8:45
First Period	8:45-9:35
Second Period	9:39-10:29
Third Period	10:33-11:23
Fourth Period	11:27-12:17
Lunch	12:17-12:42
Clubs	12:42-1:00
Fifth Period	1:02-1:52
Sixth Period	1:56-2:46
Creative Productivity/PBL	2:50-3:40

Open Lines of Communication

Parents and guardians can communicate with teachers in the following ways:

1. Email the teacher - (teachers will respond within 48 hours)
2. Leave a message on the teacher's voicemail
3. Use Skyward Family Access

Required Courses and Academic Choices

All students at GMS take four (4) core academic courses each year [math, language arts, science, and social studies]. All Galileo Middle School courses are taught as advanced level courses to academically challenge students. The GMS program follows a different, more rigorous and faster paced curriculum than the standard level course. Therefore, students will be expected to invest more time in homework, projects, and research activities as well as perform at a higher level. Homework will typically not exceed one hour per night in 6th grade, 70 minutes per night in 7th grade, or 80 minutes per night in 8th grade, unless students are taking high school level courses.

Student Progression Plan Information

1. Middle School Instructional Program Florida's BEST Standards serve as the foundation of the middle school curriculum for Galileo Middle School. Student mastery of subject area content consists of assessments using teacher observation, classroom assignments, tests, and exams.

2. Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) for Progress Monitoring: Middle school students are required to participate in the state's progress monitoring accountability program Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) and STAR progress monitoring. These progress monitoring assessments will be given at three points throughout the school year to students in grades 6-8.

3. Core Academic Program Requirements Middle school students are required to receive 3 years of instruction in language arts, math, science, and social studies.

4. Grouping for Instruction Flexible grouping of middle school students that is developmentally appropriate, ethnically diverse, and instructionally sound is encouraged to increase student achievement.

5. Remediation Students who are not performing at grade level will be enrolled in intensive reading, and/or intensive math classes. Administration may substitute an intensive class for any elective course on a student's schedule.

6. Student Promotion Middle school students must earn a yearly 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and pass all annual courses to earn promotion from one grade to the next.

Reporting Student Progress: Student grade reports will be posted on Skyward. Please use this website to monitor your child's progress.

Grading Policy

Upon completion of each nine-week grading period, a Report Card will be issued.

Following is the grading system for Seminole County Public Schools 6-9. Letter Grade =

Percentage = Quality/GPA

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percent Range</u>	<u>GPA</u>
A	90-100	4
B	80-89	3
C	70-79	2
D	60-69	1
F	below 60	0
W	withdrawal	N/A
I	incomplete	N/A

The following is used to determine final grades only:

<u>GPA Range</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
3.6 - 4.0	A
2.6 - 3.5	B
1.6 - 2.5	C
0.75 - 1.5	D
Below 0.75	F

Mastery Model, Corrections, and Late Assignment Policy

Galileo Schools operate under a mastery model of grading and learning. Students can be given an opportunity to correct work either in class or at home to show understanding of material. Students may earn up to 50% credit toward an assignment or test if corrections are made.

It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments upon returning to class immediately following an absence.

Test corrections: Students must complete and submit all test corrections within 5 days of the original testing date.

Late Assignment policy: Students can submit late assignments; however, the following deductions will be made.

Formative Assignments (i.e. practice assignments, handouts, etc.): Students may obtain a maximum score of 90% if turned in within 5 days of the due date. Students may obtain a maximum score of 75% if turned in prior to the end of the nine-week marking period.

Summative Assignments (i.e. projects, narrative essays, etc.): Students may obtain a maximum score of 90% if submitted one week prior to the end of the nine-week marking period, to allow for thoughtful feedback.

Students should speak with their teacher for specific due date expectations or if they have additional questions.

Textbooks and Other School Property

Students are expected to handle books and other school property, such as Chromebooks, loaned to them with proper care and return them to the teacher at the end of the school year. Should a book or other school property be badly damaged or lost, the family is responsible for reimbursing the school. Students should put their name and teacher's name on the paper book panel at the beginning of the year.

Middle School Grade Placement Promotion

Middle school students must pass the final end of the year grade in all academic and elective courses by earning a final GPA of not less than 0.75 for any course and earn an overall 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in order to be promoted. Final grades for each subject taken will be used to calculate the grade point average.

High School Credit

Galileo Middle School Students can enroll in courses for high school credit in Algebra 1 Honors and Algebra II Honors, Geometry, and Spanish (offered in 2022-2023). The grade received in these courses will be reported on the high school transcript. Students who earn a course grade of a "C" or lower can retake high school level courses in high school for grade recovery. The credit obtained for Algebra 1 does meet the high school graduation requirement.

Algebra I Honors - The student must successfully complete the course and demonstrate mastery of the Florida State Standards. The student will be required to take an Algebra 1 EOC (End of Course Exam) at the end of the semester which will be calculated as 30% of their semester grade.

Algebra II Honors - [Prerequisite: Algebra I and Geometry] The student must successfully complete the course and demonstrate mastery of the Florida State Standards. The student will be required to take an Algebra II EOC (End of Course Exam) at the end of the semester which will be calculated as 30% of their semester grade.

Geometry - The student must successfully complete the course and demonstrate mastery of the Florida State Standards. The student will be required to take a Geometry EOC (End of Course Exam) at the end of the semester which will be calculated as 30% of their semester grade.

Spanish - The student must successfully complete the course and demonstrate mastery of the Florida State Standards.

** Students must meet the minimum hourly requirements to receive high school credit. A high school credit, as defined in Florida Statute [1003.436](#), is a minimum of 135 hours of bona fide instruction in a designated course of study that contains student performance standards.**

Academic Rigor

All Galileo students take advanced courses, and their school records will indicate the advanced designation for those courses. These courses were developed to meet the needs of students seeking a more rigorous course of study through an in-depth study of these subjects utilizing more challenging reading, writing, and research assignments. Some indicators of student success in advanced-level courses are standardized or state test scores, performance in previous courses, and teacher recommendation. Student motivation, commitment to hard work, and interest are important factors in a student's success.

* Please note gifted level courses are more rigorous and students will endure a faster pace regarding content covered*

Standardized Testing

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking- The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is administered during the beginning, middle, and end of the academic year and assesses high-level, challenging state standards by monitoring student progress of Language Arts (Reading, Language, and Listening), Math, and Writing. This assessment monitors the learning of higher order skills and state standards.

FAST Progress Monitoring: Writing, ELA, Math (Grades 6-8)

**EOC for Algebra 1, Algebra II and Geometry students in lieu of 6-8 FSA Math
The Civics course fulfills the Florida graduation requirement and requires an EOC that represents 30% of the student's final grade.

Attendance Regulations

GSGL School attendance policy has been adapted from the Seminole County attendance policy. **Families must email their student's teacher in the morning to report absences.** Students will be allowed ten absences per semester. Absences that exceed ten must be excused by providing written documentation from a licensed/certified health practitioner or approval from the Principal. Medical treatment by a licensed physician*, observance of a religious holiday, Law Enforcement order, court subpoena, death of a family member, natural disaster, traffic accident that directly involves the student, participation in school-sponsored activities, extraordinary circumstances, or situations prearranged and with Principal permission are conditions in which additional absences are excused. After an absence, immediately upon return to school but no later than two (2) school days following an absence, the student must provide the school with a written excuse for an absence to the front office immediately in order for the absence to be excused. Written excuses must contain the student's full name, the reason for the absence, the date the note is written, the date of the absence, and the parent's name and daytime telephone number. Students who miss school without parental knowledge are considered unlawfully absent. When a student has one unlawful absence, the school will contact the family and develop a plan for improved attendance. If the student continues to be unlawfully absent the student will have to leave the school and he/she will be reported to Family Court. Skipping school will be dealt with as a disciplinary offense.

Note 1: It is understood that on every occasion of sickness, a student will not require medical attention by a licensed healthcare professional. Short term, non-chronic illnesses may be documented/ explained via a signed parent note. In such circumstances, the student shall suffer no academic penalty, provided that all course work, examinations, etc. are made up within a reasonable period. For continued absence due to illness of 10 or more days, a doctor/health professional's note is required.

*Note 2: A "reasonable period of time" to make-up work is defined as: At a minimum, the student shall have no less than the number of days he/she was absent plus 1 day to complete and hand in make-up work for credit. Specific arrangements must be made with the student's teacher.

*Note 3: A student who is absent is required to make up all course work missed, regardless of whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

Tardy Policy

The tardy policy at GMS has been established to minimize interruptions in the educational process in each classroom. When a student arrives late to school, the parent and student must report directly to the front office secretary and sign in on the tardy roster. Families will be contacted and a plan will be established to ensure the student arrives at school and to classes throughout the day on time if tardiness is excessive. In

order for a student to be on time to class daily, it is recommended that they arrive at school by 8:20 a.m. so they are in their classroom by 8:30 a.m. and ready to learn. Car line will close at 8:25 a.m. daily in order to have students in their seats ready to learn at 8:30 a.m.

Promoting Expected Behavior and Academic Success at Galileo

Galileo School uses several incentive programs during the year to promote our guiding principles, core values, and goals. Engaging our students through our curriculum and promoting positive character traits that will help them well beyond school is an important goal for our teachers and staff.

Dragons of Distinction

This incentive program recognizes students who consistently demonstrate our Core Values. It encourages each student to work up to his/her potential and put forth his/her best effort both academically as well as behaviorally and as part of a larger community. Each teacher will choose a student in their classroom to receive awards including Kindness Rules Our Hearts, Intellectual Honesty, Curiosity, Perseverance, Respect for Others, and Dragon of Distinction for embodying all of our Cor Values. At the end of the school year the students will receive their awards during a school wide event.

CP Showcase

Students who are nominated to participate in this event have shown outstanding creativity and innovation through their work during Creative Productivity workshops and will be able to share their hard work and dedication with others in our community during this time.

Galileo Talent Show

Elementary and Middle School students who have (or have developed throughout the year) a special talent are able to share their “act” with other students and families at this fun end of the year event.

Class of Distinction

During our monthly student assemblies, classrooms are recognized and rewarded for great teamwork and overall good classroom behavior by receiving a special treat from our administrators!

Dragon of the Month

Each month teachers nominate a dragon in their class that stands out as a leader and well-rounded student/individual to receive this prestigious award. Our administration will make final decisions on one student in K-2, 3-5, and Middle School grades who will receive this award during our monthly student assemblies. Dragon of the month students exhibit Galileo's core values:

Core Values

- Kindness rules our hearts.
- Intellectual honesty and curiosity rules our minds.
- Perseverance and respect for others guides our behavior.

Noticing Cards and Kindness Recording

Noticing cards and kindness recording bring focus to kind and helpful acts. Our staff act as schoolwide kindness recorders, handing out Noticing Cards to students demonstrating our core values around campus. Be on the lookout for "noticing cards" your child may come home with that staff fill out and give to them when your children are noticed demonstrating core values! For each card handed out, staff add to the schoolwide and classroom kindness recording symbols. At schoolwide and classroom levels, our school family will celebrate these acts of kindness together!

Discipline Procedures

We expect all students and staff to demonstrate Galileo's core values and apply the Golden Rule. This helps make everyone feel safe and respected and make Galileo a GREAT place to be.

The Student Code of Conduct states:

1. I will do to others what I would like them to do to me, and I won't do to others what I wouldn't want them to do to me (the Golden Rule).
2. I will tell the truth.
3. I will take responsibility for my behavior.
4. I will learn from and repair my mistakes.
5. I will try my best to be kind to everyone.

Conscious Discipline: Conscious Discipline is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary self-regulation program that integrates social-emotional learning, school culture, and discipline. Galileo uses Conscious Discipline to build a School Family that prioritizes safety, connection, and problem solving, and also working within the framework of the SCPS Student Conduct and Discipline Code. There are two parts to discipline: The health of the relationship and the skill set of those involved. Staff apply Conscious Discipline in responding to both the immediate unexpected behaviors of students (e.g. addressing, mediating, and helping to repair conflict between classmates) and long-term approaches to developing and maintaining School Family over time (building connectedness, teaching problem-solving skills).

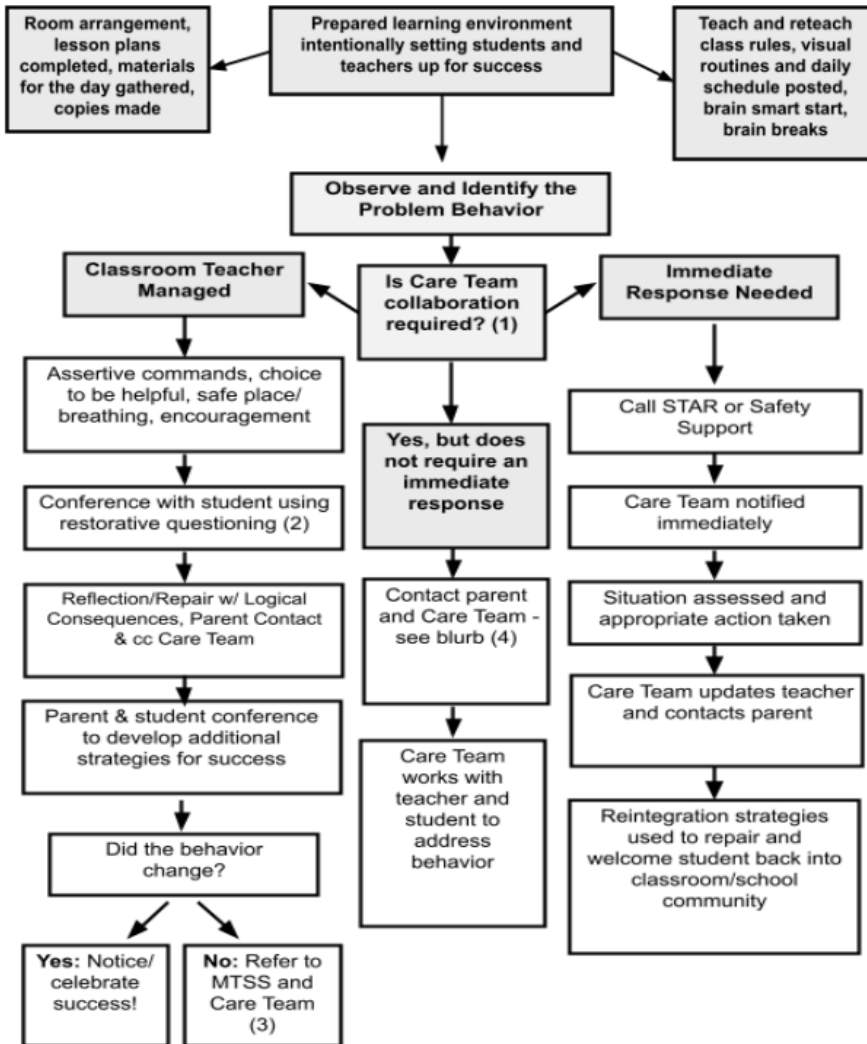
Care Team: In addition to classroom teachers building School Family and addressing minor discipline concerns, Galileo's Care Team supports teachers and students in addressing unexpected behaviors that traditional disciplinary methods would punish. Care Team is a multidisciplinary group of professionals, including administration, the dean, behavior specialist, school psychologist, mental health counselor, and guidance counselor, who work together with teachers, children, and families to prioritize **learning skills** to replace unexpected behaviors **rather than to punish**.

Punishments vs. Consequences:

Punishments - Occur with intention to control children and make them feel bad about themselves or guilty for their actions. Adult/Teacher-centric. Rely on others' judgements. Result in children with a fixed mindset, who are disconnected, and use their intelligence and energy to blame, defend, and deflect instead of taking responsibility for their actions.

Consequences - Occur with intention to teach children to examine their behavior, reflect on the impact of their choices, and make changes until they reach their highest goals. Result in a growth mindset, taking ownership of actions, and permanent behavior change. Galileo staff follow a hierarchy of consequences arranged in the discipline flowchart below.

Galileo School for Gifted Learning Discipline Flowchart



Serious Offenses: Serious violations of Galileo’s core values and the SCPS Student Conduct and Discipline Code (e.g. fighting, making a threat, theft, harassment, bullying, or repeated minor offenses) will result in more formal disciplinary action, documented by completion of a discipline referral and resulting in formal administrative action. Bullying, intimidation, and harassment are not tolerated and are addressed in accordance with the SCPS Bullying and Harassment policy. The family of a student who believes they have been subjected to serious offenses such as bullying may inquire about the Hope Scholarship.

Dress Code

A higher standard of dress encourages respect for individual students and others, and results in a higher standard of behavior. Our dress code guidelines indicate appropriate school dress for normal school days. The school reserves the right to interpret these guidelines and/or make changes during the school year. Students are expected to follow these guidelines. Every student shall wear school uniforms. All school uniforms must be worn so that when the body is standing straight, clothing must cover the chest, back, torso, stomach, and lower extremities from armpit to armpit to mid-thigh.

The Galileo School uniform consists of a polo shirt with the Galileo School logo from Lands' End. Pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts must be khaki/**tan**-colored.

Headwear: Hats may be worn as long as they do not cause a distraction. No costume headpieces.

Footwear: Students must wear closed shoes at all times. Foam/rubber clogs like Crocs, backless shoes, sandals, wheelies, open toed shoes and flip flops may not be worn.

Spirit Fridays: Students may wear Galileo PTSA/spirit shirts to school on Fridays with jeans or jean shorts as an alternative to their khaki-colored bottoms. On all other days, students must wear their polo shirts with the Galileo School logo and khaki colored bottoms.

Out of Uniform Days: Once a month, Galileo will implement a dress down day. Students may wear non-uniform clothing that otherwise adheres to dress code policy. Costumes and pajamas are not permitted.

Additional Dress Code guidelines: At no time, are students to wear clothing or accessories that convey messages that are crude, vulgar/profane, violent/death-oriented, gang related, sexually suggestive, or promote alcohol, drugs or tobacco, offensive or deemed inappropriate and/or disruptive of the learning environment by the faculty. Students out of uniform will be given a change of clothes to borrow for the first offense. If the problem persists, parents will be called and required to bring the correct uniform to school. A fund will be established to provide assistance to students unable to afford uniforms. Reasonable accommodations based on a student's religion, disability, or medical conditions will be allowed.

Games, Toys, and Selling of Products on Campus

Personal items (such as, but not limited to, trading cards, wallets, figurines, stuffed animals) should not be brought to school unless they are being used for a class activity or a student club at lunch and have been pre-approved with the child's teacher or club sponsor. Students may not conduct personal transactions such as selling or trading

products while on campus. Fundraising for organizations not associated with Galileo must first be approved by the principal.

Telephone

Students are allowed to use the telephone for emergency reasons only. Forgotten homework, permission slips, and books DO NOT constitute an emergency.

Electronic Devices on Campus

Student cell phones and other electronic devices are permissible on campus; however, they must not be visible during school hours (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) unless they have been given permission by their teacher to use the device as part of classroom learning. Students are expected to keep all electronic devices off and stowed in their backpacks during school hours so as not to pose a disruption or distraction to the academic environment. Cell phones are NOT to be used on campus during the academic school day, unless they are being used in conjunction with an approved academic activity AND with the consent of the child's teacher. Electronic devices observed being used during the school day may be confiscated and brought to the office, where the student's family will retrieve it. Students in violation of this policy may receive an electronics ban and no longer be allowed to bring personal devices to campus. **The school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices brought on campus.**

Galileo Technology Policy - Netiquette

When using the e-mail system and the Internet, please adhere to the following rules:

- * ALWAYS use your assigned username. Do not share your username with anyone or use a username that is not assigned to you. You will be held accountable for any inappropriate sites that are logged under your username.
- * ALWAYS be mindful of the way your recipient will interpret your message.
- * ALWAYS be courteous and cautious of the use of language that might seem inappropriate.
- * ALWAYS steer away from mail that has no educational value to you or Galileo School for Gifted Learning. Please use good judgment when considering the transmission of such e-mail and remember that ALL system usage is monitored.
- * ALWAYS confirm that information you receive is the most current available
- * Galileo login/email addresses are not to be used to sign up for services not required by Galileo.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited at the beginning of each school day, as well as a moment of silence. It is recommended that parents/guardians discuss the moment of silence with their children and make suggestions as to the best use of this time. Every student has the right not to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance upon receipt

of a written request by his or her parent. The individual designated to receive such a request and, in turn, notify a student's teacher, is Mrs. Nunez, Principal.

Supervision of Students

School supervision of students begins at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Please arrange for your child(ren) to arrive and leave within the times indicated or enroll them in before or after care.

Student Scheduling

Parents and students will be provided with their classroom teacher assignments and course schedules for middle school students during the first week of school. Any requests to transfer classrooms or courses will be handled by Mrs. Ripley, Office Manager. If a parent feels that the student schedule must be changed, please reach out to Mrs. Ripley via email Kristin.Ripley@galileogiftedschool.org conveying the request and reason. It will not always be possible to honor schedule change requests.

Clinic and Medication

There is a trained staff member to assist your child during the school day. It is imperative that a complete emergency contact card be on file in the clinic for every student. This card will be sent home with students during the first week of the school year. For questions and concerns, please contact the school office.

Any form of medication taken at school by law must be dispensed through the clinic. (Even over the counter medications such as Chapstick, lozenges, cough drops, etc.). A designated Parent Authorization of Medication form must be completed by parent or legal guardian and signed by your child's physician prior to the administration of any medications to a student. These authorizations for medication must be renewed each school year.

Middle School students can self administer over the counter medications if parents fill out the "SCPS Authorization for Over - The - Counter Student Administered Medication" form on our website. All medications must be in their original container and may only contain one dose.

All prescription medications to be administered in school must be in the original container labeled with the following information:

- Student's name
- Name of drug
- Directions concerning dosage
- Time of day to be taken
- Physician's name
- Pharmacy name, address, and telephone number
- Date and number of prescriptions

All prescribed over-the-counter medication to be administered shall be in the original container labeled with information listed above.

If prior arrangements have been made with the Principal, a parent or guardian may go into the school to administer prescribed or non-prescribed (over-the-counter) medication to his or her child, upon completion of a Parent Administration of Medication Record

Student Allergies

If a child has any allergies to food items, parents must notify the front office, school nurse, and the child's teachers.

Transportation and Car Line

For the safety and security of our students, parents cannot use cellphones in car line Students should be attentive during careline, so electronic devices and headphones are not allowed.

Drop Off: Car line will open at 7:50 a.m. and close at 8:25 a.m. Students **may not** be dropped off prior to 7:50 a.m., unless they are registered for Dragon Watch and checked in accordingly by their parent. Once a staff member arrives, the first row of cars will pull forward to the numbered cones. At that time, please feel free to quickly hug your child and let them go! We ask that parents REMAIN in their vehicles at all times during car line. Once all vehicles have unloaded their children, they will be directed to carefully pull forward and out through the exit.

Pick Up: Car Line for middle school students will open at 3:40 P.M. On the first day of school, our parents will be given a card (multiple copies since some are carpooling) with their child's first and last name and the Galileo logo. The card will reflect the number zone that the child is in. Parents who need replacement cards will be charged \$1 for each additional copy. When using the car line, please have this card clearly displayed on your dashboard where the car line volunteers can see it. If you have multiple families in the same vehicle, please clearly display **each** card. Student names will be announced to facilitate a quick transition of students to their waiting parents in the car line. Please pull all the forward as close to the car in front of you as possible. Students will be matched to car line tags and assisted into cars by safety patrols. Once every car in line is ready, that line will be dismissed to drive out and exit. Parents may park in the parking lot and walk up to the cafeteria door with their car tag(s) to pick up their students as an alternative to the car line. A staff member at the door will call their name(s) while parents wait outside. Walk up families will be called in zone order, just as kids are called

through the carline. Walking up does not mean your student will be called earlier than others. For both walk ups and carline, parents without cards will be directed to pick-up their children in the front office. Students who are not picked up by 4:00 p.m. daily (3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays) will be sent to Dragon Watch Extended Day and a daily fee will be assessed for use of the extended day program.

Important Notes:

- Children will exit and enter vehicles on the school side of the car.
- Please wait to be flagged for dismissal from the car line.

Leaving School Early

If students must be checked out for an appointment, they must be checked out through the front office no later than 3:00 p.m. each day (2:00 p.m. on Wednesday). They must be signed out by a parent or guardian that is listed on the school emergency card. A driver's license must be presented for proof of identity. No exceptions will be made to this rule to protect the safety and security of Galileo students. **Additionally, students cannot be checked out from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. (or 2:00 to 2:40 p.m. on Wednesdays) due to dismissal procedures.**

Dragon Watch Extended Day Program

Galileo School provides a before and after school program for all students beginning at 7 a.m. daily and ending at 6:00 p.m. daily. The full-time weekly tuition rate for before and after school care is \$75. There is also a daily drop in rate of \$20 for those interested in occasional use. For more extensive program and registration information please see the Galileo Website at www.galileogiftedschool.org

Parent and Visitor Name Tags

Immediately upon arrival to the Galileo campus, ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE AND WEAR A VISITOR'S NAME TAG SO THAT IT IS VISIBLE TO STAFF. The school secretary will inform the parent which procedure she or he should follow depending on their need. If you would like to observe your child's classroom, arrangements should be made through your child's teacher. A 24-hour advance notice is required.

A parent eating lunch with his or her child should first sign in at the front office. The student will be brought to the front office and an outdoor space will be provided for the parent to eat with the student. After lunch, it is requested that parents leave and not return to the classrooms unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher. These procedures are required to ensure the safety of the campus and to maintain an appropriate learning environment for all students. Persons not signing in or not wearing a name tag will be asked to go to the front office to follow the above procedure. Please

help us keep our children safe by modeling these procedures each and every time you come on campus.

Parking

Due to space limitations and the desire to run an orderly system of transport, the parking lot can only be used for school visitors, Dividend parking, student sign out prior to 3 p.m., student sign in after 8:30 a.m., and walk-up pick up during carline. All other pick up and drop off must be conducted in car line located off of Skyway Drive.

Lunchroom Procedures

- During Homeroom each day, students must report to their teacher if they have brought or are buying school lunch.
- Students that do not order a lunch in the morning will be able to make purchases from a selection offered by the Cafeteria Manager.
- Lunch may be purchased for \$3.75 and will be supplied by Seminole County Food Services. There will be limited a la carte items available.
- The Galileo lunch menu will be posted monthly on the Galileo website.
- Lunch can be paid online through myschoolaccount.com. This new system will allow parents to easily track food service fees.
- Students must throw away any leftovers or stow them in their lunch box. No food may be taken outside of the lunch area.
- Students will use soft (6 inch) voices when they talk, remain seated, and keep hands, feet and objects to themselves
- Payment of your lunch bill must be received to obtain final report cards for 2023/2024.

School Insurance

The Seminole County School Board and/or the Galileo School for Gifted Learning does not insure students. However, school insurance is available at the beginning of the year or when new students enter during the year. In- school coverage that provides protection to and from school is available as well as 24-hour coverage. This insurance is suggested as an enhancement to other insurance that parents may possess for their children.

PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association)

The Parent Teacher Association functions as a means of communication between home and school, a sponsor of educational programs related to school, and an organizer of fund raising for purchases of supplementary materials for our school. The PTSA is always looking for volunteers for its working committees. All parents are encouraged to get involved. PTSA membership will create opportunities to make many new friends and learn more about the Galileo School. Contact our PTSA at galileoskywaypta@gmail.com for more info.

Mandatory - Dividends School Volunteer Program

All Galileo parents must commit to 20 hours of volunteer service per child per academic year, or 30 hours per family who have multiple children as a requirement of student attendance. The volunteer commitment must be fulfilled by June 1, 2024 for the 2023-2024 school year. Families that do not comply with this policy are subject to sanctions up to and including disenrollment for the following academic year. Galileo School for Gifted Learning is part of the district-wide effort that encourages and promotes community involvement in SCPS schools. Parents who volunteer must fill out a Dividend application online at www.scps.k12.fl.us. Click “Dividends School Volunteer”, then “Be a Volunteer.” All parents MUST be registered Dividends in order to volunteer on the Galileo campus. The application must be completed annually. The Galileo School is grateful for the willingness of our parents to volunteer. We need volunteers in all areas, in particular for lunch, media center operations, front office support, as well as field trips and special event days starting the first day of school. However, in an effort to give our teachers the opportunity to get to know their students and establish routines, procedures, and authority in their classrooms, we cannot permit parent volunteers in the classrooms at the beginning of the year. We thank you for your interest in volunteering!