

PARENT HANDBOOK

2026-2027

ABOUT BEAVER TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR MATH AND SCIENCE

Beaver Technology Center is a K-5th grade magnet school in Garland ISD.

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:10 -3:30 p.m.

- Doors open at 7:30 a.m.
- School starts at 8:10 a.m.
- Dismissal starts at 3:30 p.m.
- The playground is closed 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. to unsupervised students

Garland ISD 25-26 School Calendar

STAR MOTTO: "We are SUPPORTIVE TEAM PLAYERS who are ADAPTABLE RESPECTFUL and we SHINE BRIGHT. We are BEAVER STARS!"
School Mascot: Stars
School Colors: Blue and White
Website: https://www.garlandisdschools.net/beaver
Phone: 972-494-8301

Principal: Mr. Austin Aeschbacher
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Lindsey Parker
Counselor: Mrs. Lauren Peterson
Nurse: Mrs. Abby Drews
Secretary: Mrs. Maria Robles
Data Clerk: Mrs. Maria Flores
All Staff: https://www.garlandisdschools.net/beaver/staff

Topics in the handbook:

- ★ **Arrival**
- ★ **Dismissal**
- ★ **Breakfast and Lunch**
- ★ **Recess/Playground**
- ★ **Communication**
- ★ **Tardies and Absences**
- ★ **Technology**
- ★ **Visitors/Volunteers**
- ★ **Field Trips**

The Garland ISD Student Code of Conduct and Handbooks can also be used for more information.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES - See Appendix C for Map

Procedures are in place to ensure students are welcomed in a safe and positive school environment.

- ★ Front doors open at 7:30 a.m.
- ★ Please know that if you arrive on campus before 7:30 a.m, there is no staff available to monitor students. Please *do not leave your student unattended before 7:30 a.m*.
- ★ Students that arrive between 7:30-7:50 a.m. will wait in the Gym or Library depending on their grade level. At 7:50 a.m. they will be dismissed to their classrooms. They will be offered breakfast in the classroom.
- ★ Please do not drop off students until 7:50 a.m., if possible.
- ★ **For Car Drop Off: Enter the parking lot while traveling west on March Lane.**
    - *Pull up to the drop-off area using the lane closest to the building. Drive as far down as possible.*
    - *Pay close attention to the adult in the crosswalk to ensure safety for everyone crossing to enter the building.*
    - ***NEVER** use the alley for dropping off students for any reason. The cones that are placed for safety should not be removed.*
    - *Pull through the main lane at the front of the school only and exit west on March Lane.*
    - *If you park and walk your child up to the school, make sure that you park in a designated visitor parking space near the building or on the street.*
    - *If your child requires assistance when being dropped off, please park.*

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES- See Appendix C for Map

Procedures are in place to ensure our students are dismissed promptly and safely. **The safety of our students is our priority.** Please be flexible and patient, especially the first weeks of school, as we implement the systems. When picking up a student, **a car tag is REQUIRED**.

We will not be using any type of app for dismissal.

- You will receive three card tags per student.
- Replacement card tags will cost $1 each.

If you need to make changes to dismissal, here is the procedure:

- Please contact the school to make dismissal changes by 2:30 pm. After 2:30 pm, changes may not be communicated to staff in time. To make changes, please contact the Beaver office directly at 972-494-8301 or email **beaverattendance@garlandisd.net** to communicate the changes. If you email your changes to beaverattendance@garlandisd.net, include the student name, grade, and desired change.
- Do NOT email changes to the teacher or use the Parent Square app since they may not have time to check these during the day.

In order to dismiss car riders, accompanied walkers, car riders, independent walkers, and bus riders in a safe manner, we will implement four different systems.

ACCOMPANIED WALKERS- *Students whose parents or guardians walk to school or park their cars and then come up to the building to pick up their child.*

- Doors will be open from 3:30-4:00pm. After 4:00pm, all students will be picked up in the front of the building.
- Pick-up is at the end of the hallway, at the back of the building, nearest by the entrance closest to the playground on Vegas Dr.
- If parking, do not park in the teacher parking lot or near the exit to the side parking lot which blocks the exit for buses.
- Place your car tag in the appropriate grade level box, and wait for your child to be delivered to you. Please do not stand in the yellow striped area.
- Bring your child's car tag/placard sign to show school personnel. **This is required. You must have a car tag.**

CAR RIDERS - *Students whose families drive a vehicle through the car line in the front of the building and do not leave their vehicles.*

- Enter the parking lot while traveling west on March Lane.
- Car riders will be dismissed from the building once their car tag is called.
- A car tag is required!
- Turning right from Vegas Dr. to enter the carpool is prohibited. Car pool must enter from March Ln and proceed from McCallum Dr.
- *If you do not have a car tag you will be asked to park and go into the office to sign out your student from the front office. A picture ID will be required.*
- A staff member will call for your student when they see the car tag.
- Drive all the way to the end of the curb in front of the school to allow others to pull up behind you for pickup.
- Your student will exit the cafeteria doors (grades K-3rd) or the front door (grades 4th-5th).
- A staff member or safety patrol member will help get your student to the vehicle.
- Keep your eyes on the car in front of you; looking for your child, honking, and waving can result in accidents. Staff and safety patrol will safely escort him/her to your car.
- Never use the alley for picking up students. Pull through the main lane at the front of the school and exit west on March Lane.
- There will be staff outside to help students get to the car. After 4:00 pm, parents will be required to come to the front doors to pick up their students.

INDEPENDENT WALKERS - *Students who have written permission from parents to walk home alone or with siblings.*

- Only students whose parents have completed a Beaver Independent Dismissal Permission Form will be allowed to leave the building by themselves. **(See appendix A)**

- These students will be dismissed from the outside door closest to their classroom (except third grade which dismisses from the cafeteria)
- Older students will be allowed to go through the hallway to pick up younger siblings in their classrooms.
- Students are to leave the campus immediately.
- Students must comply with the expectations for Independent Walker/Bike Rider Students.

BUS RIDERS AND DAYCARES - *Students who have been assigned a bus route by the Garland ISD transportation department. Daycares are arranged by the parent/family.*

- Bus riders and daycare riders will be dismissed from the gym.
- Students will be escorted to the gym by grade level teachers.
- Route supervisors check students on rosters before boarding the bus. They must have an ID to ride the bus.
- Students will be escorted from the gym to the bus/daycare van by school staff.
- GISD Buses use the SPOTFINDER App for GISD Bus Updates . Use this app for updates.

Frequently Asked Questions about Dismissal

- **What if I lose or misplace my student's car tag/placard?**
  - The school will provide 3 car tags for the 26-27 school year per student. If you need additional car tags, they will cost $1 each.

  What if I don't have my car tag at the time of dismissal?
  - You will be directed to the front office to show your picture ID and sign your student out.
- **What if my student's dismissal arrangements change?**
  - Please contact the school to make dismissal changes by 2:30 pm. After 2:30 pm, changes may not be communicated to staff in time. To make changes, please contact the Beaver office directly at 972-494-8301 or email **beaverattendance@garlandisd.net** to communicate the changes. If you email your changes to beaverattendance@garlandisd.net, include the student name, grade, and desired change.
  - Do NOT email changes to the teacher or use the Parent Square app since they may not have time to check these during the day.
- **Can my student meet me outside?**
  - Only students who have permission to be independent walkers will be allowed to leave the building without some type of supervision. The permission form will be sent home at the beginning of the year and available in the front office. It is also attached to this handbook as Appendix A. All other students (car riders and accompanied walkers will leave the building after parents/guardians have shown the school provided car tag/placard to school personnel.

A copy of our Beaver Do's and Don'ts of arrival and Dismissal has been attached to remind you of all procedures and expectations. See Appendix B.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Beaver is excited to announce that all students will receive free breakfast and lunch! Beaver students are certified for free or reduced-price meals because Beaver is a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school! SchoolCafé is the GISD meal management service that allows families to see school menus, apply for Free/Reduced Price Meals, and provide income verification for CEP schools.
Special considerations such as dietary restrictions verified with a doctor's note must be communicated in writing to the school nurse. This will then be sent to GISD food services.

BREAKFAST PROCEDURES:

Students are dismissed from the gym at 7:50 a.m. to the classrooms for Breakfast in the Classroom. All students are offered breakfast at no cost. Breakfast is served from 7:50 a.m.-8:20 a.m. in the classroom.

LUNCH PROCEDURES:

- Students bringing lunches from home must bring them with them at the beginning of the day. No drop offs are allowed. If they forget their lunch, students will be provided with a lunch from the cafeteria.
- **Visitors for lunch will only be allowed on Mondays beginning September 21, 2026**. All Visitors must sign in through the front office.
    - Mondays are for parents/guardians and child only, no Beaver friends may be invited.
    - Since there is very limited seating in our small cafeteria, **limit visitors to 2 people.**
    - If weather permits, you are welcome to eat lunch at the picnic tables in front of the building.
    - At the end of the 30 minute lunch time, students are to leave the cafeteria with their teachers. Parents cannot walk their students to recess or to their classroom.
    - Do not share food with other students in the cafeteria

Parent/child lunch is a time for the parent to enjoy lunch time with their child. Please do not use this time to hold a parent conference with a teacher or address other students.

RECESS/PLAYGROUND ACCESS

Recess is a regularly scheduled period in the school day for physical activity and play that is monitored by trained staff or volunteers. **Safety is our top priority.**

- The playground is closed to public use between the school hours of 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m or during a scheduled school event.

- There should be no unsupervised students on the playground at any time between 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
- Visitors are not allowed during recess.
- Recess is not the appropriate time for parents to stop by and make contact with any students, including your own.
- Public or visitor use of the playground cannot interfere with school use or school procedures.
- Any unauthorized adult that refuses to comply with staff requests, will be referred to the Garland ISD Student Resource Officer, Garland Police Department or Garland ISD Security.

COMMUNICATION

We encourage and expect our Beaver families to stay connected and informed! There will be several forms of communication including: School-Wide and Classroom Parent Square, Star News Parent Newsletter, messages via Skyward and Thursday Folders.

School-Wide and Classroom Parent Square: This app will allow you to receive important reminders and send brief messages to your teacher and the campus. Directions on how to join each teacher's account will be shared at the beginning of the year. We want 100% of our parents to be connected to Parent Square.

Parent Newsletter: The principal will send the STAR News link via email through Skyward and School Parent Square. The STAR NEWS will contain updates and highlights for the campus. Grade levels and teachers will have newsletters and will also use the Parent Square app to communicate with families.

Skyward: The principal will send information via Skyward. Creating a Skyward account and accessing it frequently to check your student's grades and be updated on classroom assignments. Step-by-step instructions are also available at www.garlandisd.net/skywardhelp. Please make sure that email addresses for all guardians are correct in Skyward.

Thursday Folders: All students will have a Thursday folder. This folder may contain classroom, school, District and PTA information and flyers. Please check the folder weekly.

TARDIES & ATTENDANCE

TARDIES

- Students who arrive more than 10 minutes late to school will be counted as tardy to school. Significant late arrival could result in a partial day absence or an absence. Repeated tardiness could result in disciplinary action as outlined in the Garland ISD Student Code of Conduct and Handbooks.

ABSENCES

- Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his/her education to benefit from teacher-led lessons and school activities, to build each day's learning on the previous day's, and to grow as an individual.
- Lack of consistent attendance can result in a student's serious disruption of mastery of instructional information. Unnecessary absences should be avoided.

  Upon return to school, the parent should send a note to the school office to Mrs. Flores. Notes can also be emailed to her at mflores2@garlandisd.net or beaverattendance@garlandisd.net

  - *List the child's first and last name and the GISD ID #.*
  - *Dates and reason for absence.*
  - *Sign and date by the parent.*
  - *Turn in within 3 days upon return to school.*
  - *Parents may write up to 6 notes per semester before a doctor's note may be required.*
  - *If absent more than 3 consecutive days, a doctor's note may be required.*
  - *Any attendance question should be directed to Mrs. Flores.*

TECHNOLOGY USAGE

We are a 1:1 campus offering iPads and Chromebooks to each student (depending on the grade level) for school use only. Technology provides a great opportunity for personalizing instruction for our students. With this privilege and extraordinary opportunity comes responsibility for both the parent and student. Students are expected to follow all Garland ISD Technology Acceptable Use Policies. (AUP). Acceptable Use Policies

Devices are checked out to individual students and are NOT shared. **If damage occurs, families are responsible for the repair or replacement costs. (For Example: a replacement screen on a Chromebook is $108)**

CELL PHONES:

A new Texas law, House Bill 1481, will ban students from using cell phones and other personal communication devices during the school day in public and charter schools.

- Cell phones must be turned off upon arrival and placed in backpacks and will remain off for the entire day.
- Students who do not follow this guideline, will receive a warning from the teacher. If it happens again the teacher will take up the cell phone until the end of the day. On the 3rd event, it will be given to the principal for the parent to pick up.
- The return of the device and confiscation fees shall be applied in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Confiscated telecommunication devices that are not retrieved by the student's parents will be disposed of after the notice required by law. (See board policy FNCE)

- Because of privacy concerns of families, the use of personal cellular devices or any personal device to capture images is strictly prohibited in all areas of the building while at school or school-related events.
- If you need to contact your child for an emergency during the school day, please contact the front office at 972-494-8301.

VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

VISITORS:

- All visitors to the building must report to the school office and have their picture IDs scanned using the Raptor system. Everyone who checks in at the front office will be given a name tag.
- Any person in the building without a name tag will be escorted back to the office. This is for the safety of everyone in the building.
- Visitors should not interrupt the process or procedures of the instructional day.
- Please be mindful of your attire when visiting the campus.

VOLUNTEERS: As a volunteer in our schools, you are a role model for our students. State law (Texas Education Code 22.053), GISD Board Policy GKG and administrative regulations set certain standards for all staff and volunteers to follow so that the safety and well-being of our students is ensured while they are attending school. See GISD Volunteer Guidelines

- Volunteers over the age of 18 must have a volunteer application on file in the school office and background check from the district. For more information on how to apply to become a volunteer, visit the district website for the Volunteer Application Process.
- All visitors/volunteers must report to the school office to have their picture ID scanned using the Raptor system.
- Any person in the building without a name tag will be escorted back to the office. This is for the safety of everyone in the building.
- Students, whose parents are volunteering (i.e. field trips, PTA events, special events, etc.), must follow all of Beaver's arrival, dismissal and other campus procedures.
- If a volunteer needs to discuss student progress or other concerns with a teacher, they MUST schedule an appointment with the teacher. Simply dropping by when volunteering is NOT allowed.
- Volunteers should not interrupt the process or procedures of the instructional day.
- Volunteers are expected to be a support for all Beaver students.

FIELD TRIPS

Beaver encourages the use of organized off-campus trips to connect learning objectives to real world experiences. All planned school-sponsored trips (field trips) away from the campus are considered extensions of learning. Field trips allow students to collaborate with their peers, explore new

environments, make connections, and problem solve. The field trip may also include follow-up activities that allow students to summarize, apply, and evaluate what they learned from the trip.

Many times, these field trips require additional adult support. We encourage parents to participate in these field trips as chaperones/volunteers. However, these field trips are not designed as an event for a parent and student to spend one on one time. We have separate scheduled Family and Community events throughout the year designed for the whole family.

- Students, staff and volunteers are subject to the same rules and expectations they would be if they were on campus.
- Field trips may be attended only by students who are currently enrolled at Beaver and are in the grade level that is participating.
- Parents must give permission for the student to attend the Field Trip.

Volunteers/Chaperones for Field Trips: The primary reason for the chaperones is to supervise a group of students. Chaperones are responsible for students and are expected to stay with their assigned group and monitor their behavior for the entire field trip from departure time until they return to school.

- Follow the GISD Guidelines for Volunteers
- Complete the Volunteer Application Process
- Collaborate with the grade level teachers on how to best support the students.
- A field trip is not intended to be a one on one event for you and your child.
- Volunteers are signing up to support all the Beaver students in the learning experience and will be expected to supervise a small group.
- Follow the GarlandISD Best Practices for Chaperones

BEAVER TECHNOLOGY Appendix A

INDEPENDENT WALKER/BIKE RIDER PERMISSION SLIP **2026-2027**

I _____(PARENT NAME)

give permission for _____ (STUDENT FIRST and LAST NAME AND GRADE) to leave school grounds unescorted or with a sibling at dismissal of school.

PLEASE INITIAL:

_____I understand that I will need to inform the school if I do not want my child to be dismissed unescorted or with a sibling at any time.

_____ I understand and agree that Beaver MST's employees are not responsible, nor do they assume liability for any injuries, losses, or damages related to and/or resulting from my decision to have my child leave school grounds unescorted.

_____As such, I am accepting full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damages, which may occur in connection with the release of my child from school grounds unescorted.

_____I hereby indemnity, release, and hold the Beaver MST's employees harmless from any liability, loss, damage, claims, or actions, including reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise out of and in connection with my decision to authorize my child to leave school grounds unescorted.

_____This notice shall be valid for the entire school year, unless I advise the teacher or administration in writing otherwise. If the child has more than one parent/legal guardian with legal custody of the child, both shall sign this release form, and the reference to "I" or "my" throughout shall refer to each parent/legal guardian sign the form.

_____ I understand the expectations for Independent Walker/Bike Rider Student Expectations

- *Students are released to walk home from the side of the building.*
- *Students will leave the campus immediately.*
- *The playground is closed until 4:15 p.m. to students not supervised by their legal guardian.*
- *Students will use the sidewalks and cross the street only at indicated areas.*
- *Students will keep hands, feet and all objects to themselves as they walk home.*
- *Incidents reported regarding safety, physical confrontation or By the end of the 2025–2026 school year, at least 60% of students in grades K–5 will meet or exceed their i-Ready Stretch Growth targets in reading and math, through leading weekly grade-level data meetings, coaching teachers in differentiated small group instruction, and supporting intervention planning for students performing below grade levelying will be addressed according to the GISD Student Code of Conduct.*

In addition, students with frequent reports of incidents will be addressed as follows:

1. Warning and reminder of expectations
2. Different assigned time and different assigned location for release
3. Parent-Pick up required

A separate form must be completed for each child. Return the form to the homeroom teacher.

PRINT PARENT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE PARENT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

BEAVER TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR MATH AND SCIENCE
HOJA DE PERMISO PARA CAMINADORES/CICLISTAS INDEPENDIENTE 2025-2026

Yo _____(NOMBRE DEL PADRE)

dar permiso a _____(NOMBRE Y GRADO DEL ESTUDIANTE) para salir de la escuela sin escolta o con un hermano a la hora de la salida de la escuela.

INICIALES:

_____Entiendo que tendré que informar a la escuela si no quiero que mi hijo salga solo o con un hermano en cualquier momento.

_____ Entiendo y acepto que los empleados de Beaver MST no son responsables ni asumen ninguna responsabilidad por lesiones, pérdidas o daños relacionados y/o resultantes de mi decisión de que mi hijo abandone la escuela sin escolta.

_____Como tal, acepto toda la responsabilidad por cualquier lesión, pérdida o daño que pueda ocurrir en relación con la salida de mi hijo de la escuela sin escolta.

_____Por la presente indemnizo, libero y eximo a los empleados de Beaver MST de cualquier responsabilidad, pérdida, daño, reclamo o acción, incluido el reembolso de los honorarios razonables de los abogados, que puedan surgir de y en relación con mi decisión de autorizar a mi hijo a irse. terrenos de la escuela sin escolta.

_____Este aviso será válido durante todo el año escolar, a menos que le informe al maestro oa la administración por escrito lo contrario. Si el niño tiene más de un padre/tutor legal con la custodia legal del niño, ambos deberán firmar este formulario de liberación, y la referencia a "yo" o "mi" en todo el texto se referirá a que cada padre/tutor legal firme el formulario.

_____ Entiendo las expectativas para los estudiantes independientes que caminan o andan en bicicleta:

- *Los estudiantes pueden caminar a casa desde el costado del edificio.*
- *Los estudiantes abandonarán el campus inmediatamente.*
- *El patio de recreo está cerrado hasta las 4:15 a cualquier estudiante que no esté supervisado por su tutor legal.*
- *Los estudiantes usarán las aceras y cruzarán la calle solo en las áreas indicadas.*
- *Los estudiantes mantendrán las manos, los pies y todos los objetos para sí mismos mientras caminan a casa.*

Los incidentes informados con respecto a la seguridad, la confrontación física o la intimidación se abordarán de acuerdo con el Código de Conducta Estudiantil de GISD. Además, los estudiantes con informes frecuentes de incidentes serán tratados de la siguiente manera:

1. Advertencia y recordatorio de expectativas
2. Diferente hora asignada y diferente ubicación asignada para la liberación
3. Se requiere que los padres lo recojan

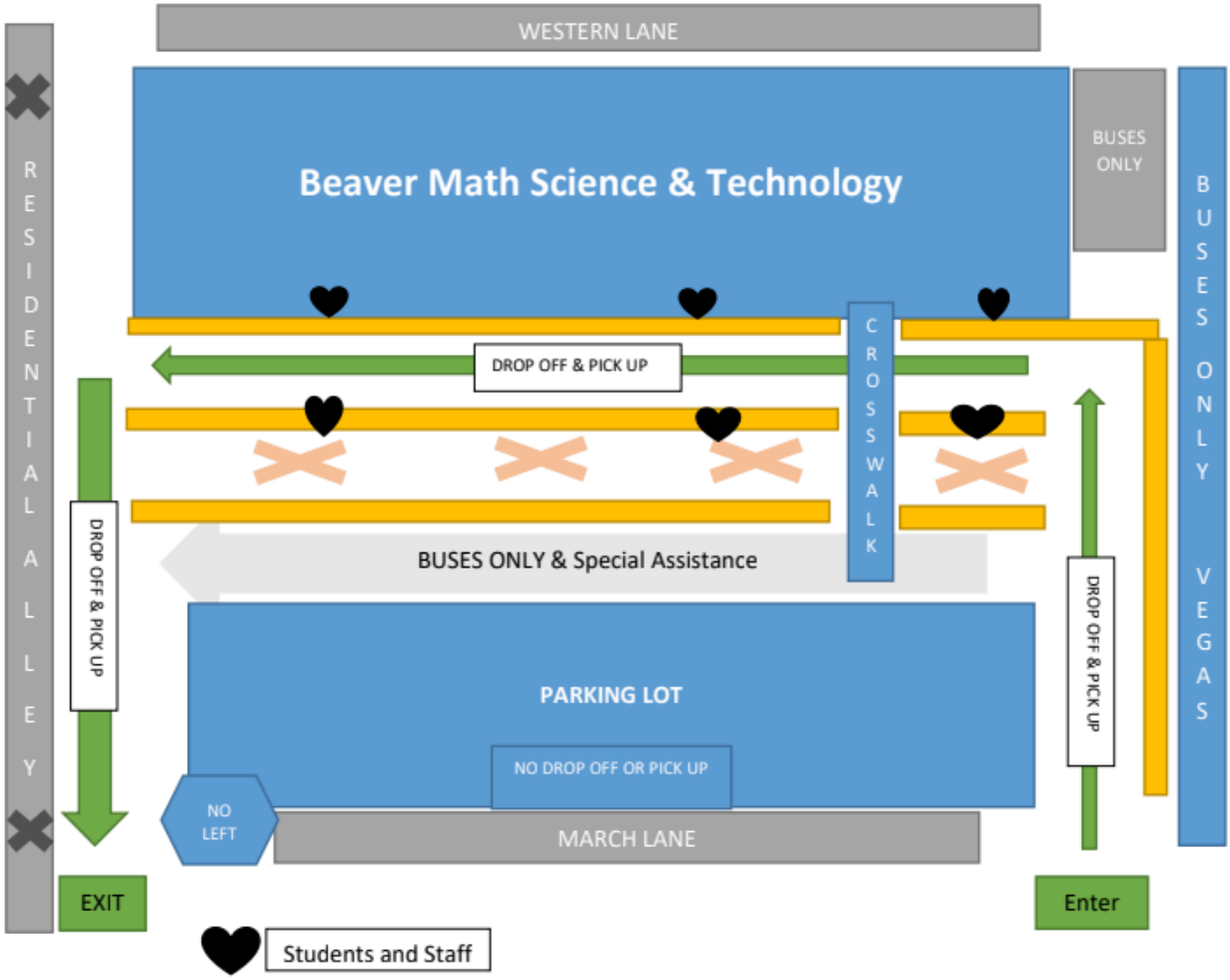
Se debe completar un formulario por separado para cada niño. Devuelva el formulario al maestro del salón de clases.

NOMBRE DE GUARDIAN: _____

FIRMA DE GUARDIAN: _____ FECHA: _____

Appendix B

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures :
[Beaver Accompanied Walkers]
[Beaver Car Riders]
[Beaver Morning Arrival]



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