

Jonas Samson Middle School
Student Policy Handbook (Grades 5-8)

Welcome to Jonas Samson Middle School!

We are excited to have you as part of our school community. This handbook explains the rules, routines, and expectations that help keep our school safe, respectful, and a great place to learn.

Please read this handbook together with your child.

1. Attendance & Punctuality

- Be on time for school and all classes every day.
- If you are sick or absent, a parent/guardian must notify the school.
- Leaving early? A parent/guardian must contact the office before you leave.
- Every minute of class matters—regular attendance is important for success.
- Students must meet minimum attendance requirements to participate in privileges such as junior dances and year-end trips.

2. Respect & Behavior

- Show respect to classmates, staff, visitors, and yourself.
- Use appropriate language (no cursing).
- Use kind words and actions. Bullying, teasing, harassment, or discrimination of any kind is unacceptable.
- Take care of school property, lockers, and equipment.
- Follow staff instructions the first time they are given.

3. Technology Use

- Cell phones must be turned off and put away during class time unless a teacher gives permission.
- Taking pictures, videos, or posting on social media during school hours is not allowed without permission.
- Use school technology (computers, iPads, Chromebooks) responsibly and for learning purposes only.

4. Dress Code

- Wear clothing that is clean, comfortable, and respectful.
- Clothing must be school-appropriate (no offensive language, inappropriate images, or overly revealing outfits).
- Hats and hoods are allowed in hallways but may need to be removed in class if requested by staff.
- Non-marking indoor shoes are required in classrooms and the gym.

5. Safety & Well-Being

- **** Scooters are prohibited at school. Provincial law states that individuals under the age of 16 are prohibited to operate E scooters or electronic scooters.
- Walk in the hallways—no running.
- Stay on the playground or behind the school during recess. No playing in the parking lot or in front of the building.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Dangerous items (weapons, fireworks, etc.) are strictly prohibited.
- Replica weapons are not allowed.
- If you see something unsafe, report it to a staff member immediately.
- Lockers must remain clean and locked at all times.
- Students must use a school-issued lock.
- The school reserves the right to enter and check lockers if there is a safety concern.

6. Food & Drink

- Eat food only in designated areas.
- Water bottles are encouraged. Other drinks are allowed only during lunch or snack times.
- Energy drinks are not permitted at Jonas Samson Middle School.
- Clean up after yourself and recycle whenever possible.
- Jonas Samson Middle School is a closed campus.
- Students have three lunchtime options:
 1. Eat at school
 2. Walk home
 3. Be picked up by a parent/guardian

Leaving campus during the noon hour to visit restaurants or convenience stores is not allowed unless accompanied by a parent/guardian.

7. Academics

- Try your best in all classes.
- Complete homework and assignments on time.
- Ask for help when needed—teachers are here to support your success.
- Academic honesty matters: cheating, plagiarism, misuse of AI, or copying others' work is not acceptable.

8. Extracurricular Activities

- Jonas offers sports, clubs, music, and many other opportunities—get involved!
- If you join a team or club, commit to practices, meetings, and events.
- Show good sportsmanship and represent our school with pride.

9. Consequences

- Possible consequences for inappropriate behavior may include:
 - Reminder or warning

- Restorative conversation or apology
- Contact home
- Loss of privileges (technology, activities, free time)
- Detention or in-school support
- Suspension for serious incidents

We focus on restoring relationships and helping students learn from mistakes, not just punishment.

10. Student Supports

We are here to help.

- Available supports include:
 - **Wellness Coordinator** – emotional, personal, and social support
 - **School Counsellor** – personal, social, and academic support
 - **Elders & Cultural Teachers** – guidance and Indigenous teachings
 - **Teachers & Administration** – support, problem-solving, and listening
- If you ever feel unsafe, tell a trusted adult immediately.

11. Bus Safety

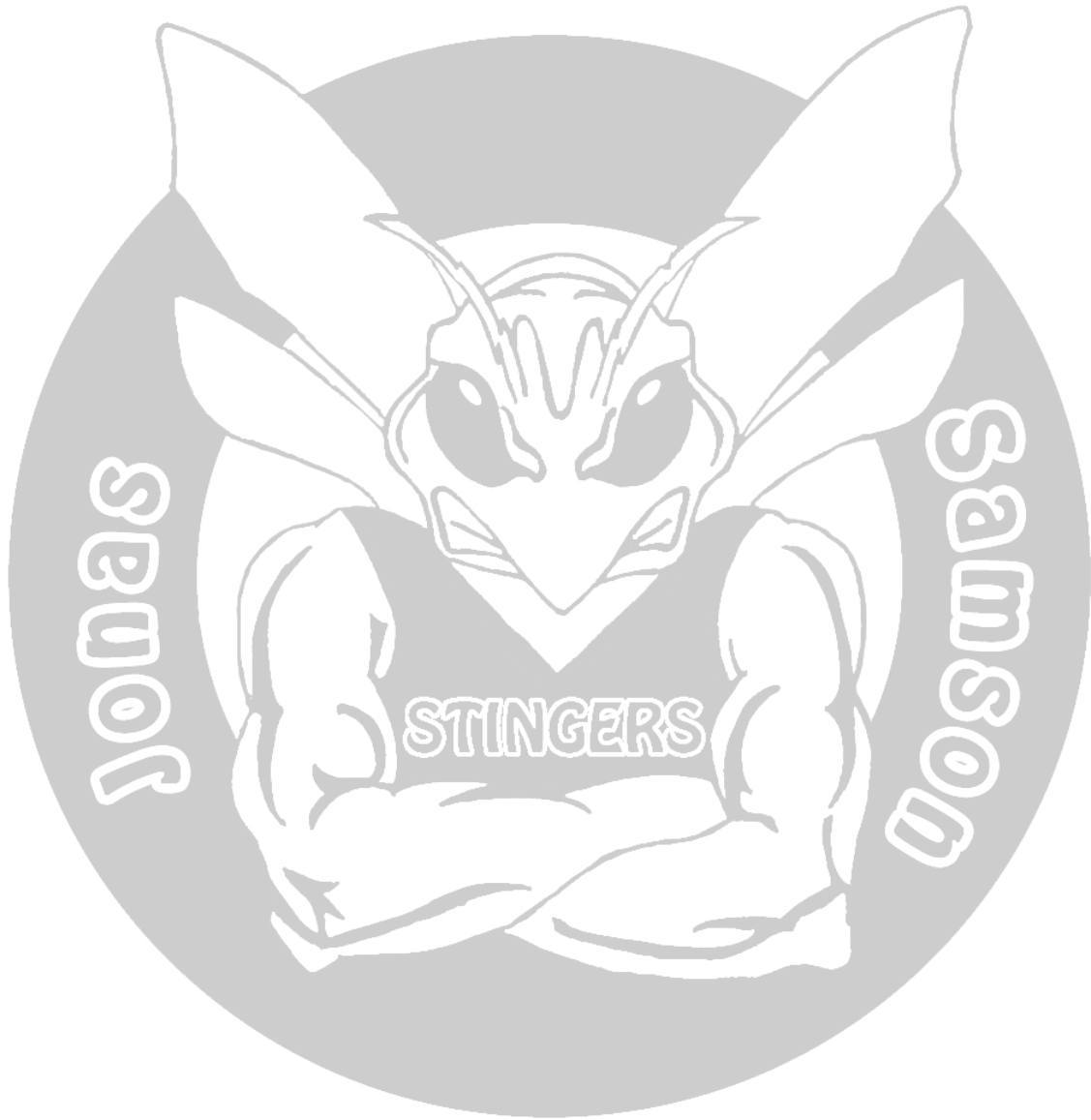
- Arrive at your bus stop on time and wait safely away from the road.
- Always listen to your bus driver—they are responsible for your safety.
- Stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Keep your hands, feet, and belongings to yourself.
- Talk quietly—loud noises can distract the driver.
- Keep aisles clear.
- Prohibited Items on the Bus Include:
 - Hockey sticks, bats, ski equipment, skateboards, sleds
 - Firearms or replica firearms
 - Sharp objects
 - Animals
 - Large instruments
 - Large bags

12. Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

- We ask that parents/guardians review this handbook together with their child.
- Ensure that both of you understand the expectations and responsibilities outlined in this document.

Jonas Samson Middle School – Where Everyone Belongs.

Together, we make Jonas Samson Middle School a safe, respectful, and welcoming place to learn and grow.



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