**Alternative Bell Schedule - ABS Information**

**What is ABS?**

* ABS stands for Alternative Bell Schedule. Students report to school at an alternative time from the normal school day.
* The purpose is to maintain the learning process while holding students accountable for appropriate behavior at school. Students assigned to ABS have the opportunity to stay current with their class work under the facilitation of a certified teacher.
* ABS is a disciplinary consequence. It is an alternative to out-of-school suspension.
* Students are assigned ABS by an administrator and consequences are discussed with the parent/guardian.
* Students are marked present at school if they attend and do not receive an absence.
* If the student chooses not to attend ABS on their assigned day or are dismissed from ABS for any reason, they may not return to school until meeting with their assistant principal.
* ABS can be assigned Monday-Thursday from 1:30-5:30 PM.
* Transportation is not provided for students assigned to ABS. Students must have transportation to and from Largo High School to serve their ABS consequence.

**Student Expectations and Responsibility:**

* Be on time for your scheduled ABS day: 1:30-5:30 PM.
* Report to the front office to sign in and wait quietly until escorted to the ABS location.
* Dress code is the same as the school day. Dress school-appropriately.
* All school rules are in effect throughout ABS. Students are to abide by all Largo High School policies and procedures.
* Cell phones are not permitted during ABS. The teacher will collect phones at the start of ABS and return the phone when time has ended.
* Students must work on their course work the entire ABS time period. The teacher facilitates the learning and is there to assist students as needed with instruction.
* Students are not allowed to leave early. The teacher will report any students that do not sit for their allotted ABS time. Students that leave early will have to repeat their ABS time.

ABS is a behavioral/instructional intervention strategy. This type of disciplinary consequence is designed to support instructional consistency while holding students accountable for their actions on campus. We look forward to partnering with our parents on ways to improve your student’s development.

Thank you for all you do to support your student’s success at Largo High School.

I agree to adhere to the expectations and responsibilities while serving ABS on date(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature