Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Hyde Accelerated School. On behalf of the faculty and administration, we welcome you to this academic school year. We are eager to work together to make this year successful.

Our goal is to provide a warm environment conducive to learning. We are a school that is constantly staying on the cutting edge of innovative and creative teaching techniques. Children are our number one priority, and it is our purpose to build an excellent future for each student.

This handbook has been prepared to give basic information concerning daily operations of Hyde School. Clearly understood policies and procedures enable us to provide the best possible educational experiences for every student. In the even concerns arise, please feel free to call the office and make an appointment.

Ms. Jaimee Lawrence,  
Principal

School Hours:  
Parent and student cooperation is requested in observing the daily schedule.

Classes will begin at 8:40.

Students that walk or are car riders should not arrive before 8:15; there is not supervision for them.

Breakfast is served at 8:15.

Students are dismissed as follows:  
Car riders – 3:40  
Walkers – 3:35  
Bus riders – 3:40 (when buses arrive)

The school office is open each day Monday-Friday from 8:00 to 4:00. The telephone number is (817) 671-4210. Please call with any questions or concerns.

If these times are not convenient for your schedule, know that childcare is offered at Hyde through the YMCA. You would need to sign your student up so they have proper supervision before and after staff is on duty.

Arrival Options:  
Bus Riders: Students will be unloaded at 8:15 on Thompson Street in front of the building. Students will enter the front doors and join their classes in their designated places.

Car Riders: Parents may utilize the circle drive to drop off students in the AM. Students will join their classes in their designated places. If you plan to enter the building with your child, please park in the parking lot as your vehicle will block the flow of the circle drive.

Walkers: Students that walk to school should join their classes in their designated places.
Students should not be dropped off or arrive before 8:15 AM. There is not supervision before this time, so please do not allow students to arrive early.

Patrols should arrive no earlier than 8:10 AM and be on post by 8:15 AM.

DOOR 1, FACING THOMPSON STREET, WILL BE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO HYDE ELEMENTARY. PLEASE RING THE BELL, STATE YOUR REASON FOR VISITING, AND THE SCHOOL SECRETARY WILL ALLOW YOU TO ENTER. DOOR 8, LOCATED IN THE CIRCLE DRIVE BY THE PLAYGROUND, WILL BE USED FOR HANDICAP VISITORS. THANK YOU FOR USING THE ENTRANCES ACCORDINGLY. THIS WILL ENSURE OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE SAFE AT ALL TIMES.

Dismissal Options:
Bus Riders: Buses will be called at 3:40 or when they arrive. Students will load in front of the building.

Car Riders: Parents may utilize the circle drive to pick up students in the PM. Students will be dismissed at 3:40 and should use the proper exit plan taught by their teacher. If you plan to enter the building, please park in the parking lot so your vehicle will not block the flow of the circle drive.

OR

Benton Pick-Up: Parents may utilize the Benton parking lot to pick up their student.

You are welcome to park in our parking lot or the side streets to wait for your students. Please make these arrangements in advance so your students know where to meet you.

Walkers: Students that walk to school will be dismissed at 3:35 and should use the proper exit plan taught by their teacher. Students should go straight home and not stop to play on the playground. There is not supervision for students after school unless you have signed up with the YMCA.

If your students will be getting home in a different manner, you will need to send a note to school and call for the change, by 3:00 PM. Otherwise, we will utilize the established plan.

Visitors:
We would like to invite and encourage parents to visit our school. You are welcome to visit any day. For your child’s safety and others’, please stop by the school office, sign in, and get a visitor badge.

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Absences:
If your child is sick or must be absent, we ask that you please call school (671-4210) before 9:30 AM to let us know. This is for your child’s safety. Please schedule doctor and dentist appointments after school hours.
whenever possible. If your child will be picked up by someone other than yourself, a note must be provided before we can let him/her leave.

**Accidents/Illnesses:**
If your child is injured or becomes ill at school, we will make him/her comfortable and then call you immediately. If you cannot be reached, we will contact the emergency number you have listed on the registration form. The following items should be kept current for emergency reasons: 1. Parent or guardian names. 2. Complete and up-to-date address. 3. Home telephone, parent work number and/or cell number. 4. Emergency telephone number of a friend or relative. 5. Physician’s name and telephone number. 6. Medical alert information.

**Medication:**
District personnel shall not dispense oral or topical medicine of any type, including over the counter types, without written authorization from a physician. All medications will be kept in the nurse’s office.

**Bus Regulations:**
Riding the school bus is a privilege. Improper conduct on the buses could result in the privilege being denied. A copy of the bus safety rules will be given to each child who rides the bus at the beginning of the school year. Please see that your child abides by these rules for his/her safety.

**Care of Textbooks and Library Books:**
Students are responsible for all textbooks and library books issued to them during the school year. All lost or damaged books must be paid for before another book is issued. If a lost book is found, money paid will be refunded. Any book not paid for by Field Day will result in the partial loss of Field Day.

**Lunch Program:**
Free and reduced lunch programs are available. Only those who wish to apply need to return the forms. Students may purchase lunch or bring their lunch from home. Extra milk may be purchased in the lunchroom. Students are encouraged to pay for lunches on a monthly or weekly basis. Students will not be allowed to charge their lunches. If a student forgets to bring his/her lunch money, the lunchroom staff will provide some type of nourishment. Pop is strongly discouraged. Please only send nutritional drinks. Elementary Meal: $2.70, Reduced price for Elementary: $0.40, Adult Lunch: $3.25, Extra Milk $0.50.

**Breakfast:**
Breakfast is served at the beginning at 8:15, SJSD no longer has the Universal Breakfast program. If a student does not qualify for the free or reduced program, they can purchase a breakfast at the full price. Once a student is done eating, they will go line up with their class in their designated places. Elementary Breakfast: $1.25, Reduced price for Elementary: $0.30, Adult Breakfast $2.00.

**School Volunteers:**
If you are interested in becoming a school volunteer, please call the school and ask for the volunteer coordinator. Your interest and involvement is always appreciated.
Withdrawal of Students:
If you are moving and are withdrawing your child, please call or come by the school a few days prior to the withdrawal date. This will give ample time to complete the necessary paperwork. Your cooperation is always greatly appreciated.

Class Parties/Birthdays/Treats:
There will be two school-wide parties scheduled during the school year. This is Valentine’s Day and Christmas. PTA provides a snack and a beverage for the school parties. If your child wishes to celebrate his/her birthday at school, an individually wrapped store-bought healthy treat (no soda pop) is appropriate. For health code reasons, no homemade treats may be served at school.

Picking Up Homework:
If a child is absent for the day, and you call in advance, homework may be picked up in the office at the end of the day.

Progress Reports:
Progress reports will be sent home midway through each quarter. This will provide information to the parents on your child’s progress. The progress reports are to be signed by the parent and returned to your child’s teacher. Feel free to contact the teacher if there are any questions or to schedule a conference.

School Colors/School Mascot:
The Hyde School mascot is the Warrior and the school colors are red, black and white. We encourage students to participate in Hyde Pride Days. Theses usually occur on Fridays. On pride days, students should wear school colors or school shirts.

Personal Property:
Students are not to bring personal items to school, i.e. toys, CDs, etc. We reserve the right to confiscate these items.

Cell Phones:
If a child brings a cell phone to school, it is to be turned off during the school day. If you need to contact your student, please call the office (671-4210) and we will get a message to them. Teachers can keep cell phones for students during the day so that they are safe. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Field Trips:
Classroom teachers schedule field trips. These trips are designed to supplement different aspects of the classroom curriculum and to introduce students to the resources of the community. Parents will receive notices of field trips well in advance of the scheduled trip date and will be asked to sign field trip permission forms. Sometimes a small amount of money (non-refundable) may be requested from each student to help defray transportation or facility use costs. Hyde students are expected to follow the directions of the teacher and other staff members of Hyde Accelerated School.
You may access the K-12 Parent and Student Handbook online at: http://www.sjsd.k12.mo.us/Page/9019

*If you would prefer a printed copy, you can request one from the Hyde School office.

Thank you.
Dear Parents,

The information contained in this student handbook pertains to your son/daughter enrolled in the St. Joseph School District. It is important that you read and understand this entire document. Any questions you have can be directed to the building principal. Once you have read this document, please sign and date below and return it to your child’s school.

My signature signified I have read and understood the information contained in this handbook.

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Student Signature                      Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature               Date