

## RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY INNOVATION

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March 12, 2018

Dear RCSA 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians,

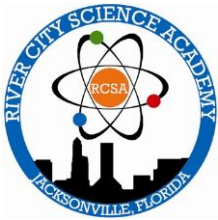
This year at RCSA Innovations will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year for the **AAA Safety Patrol Program**. This is a nationally certified program implemented in hundreds of elementary schools across the nation. AAA's Safety Patrol Program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn about safety awareness and protocols, to take responsibility for the safety of their fellow students, and to provide leadership opportunities all while making the daily logistics run as smoothly and safely as possible.

This program is **optional** for all of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and they will be selected by the teachers and patrol adviser. Safety patrols are a huge part of our school and are expected to be punctual when reporting for post and setting a good example for other students in the school. This is a privilege that can be taken away for slipping grades, behavior, or parents feel their student needs to focus on other things such as academics. Students will be placed in jobs according to their transportation methods & schedules. We will do our very best to accommodate everyone.

HOWEVER, for us to provide the maximum safety for all elementary students during arrival and dismissal, we will be selecting 15 patrols for morning and 15 patrols for afternoon shifts. The students will have to complete specific requirements to be a patrol in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They must complete the following requirements by ***March 26<sup>th</sup>***. If selected your student will be asked to stay for a meeting about training on May 8, 2018 from 3:00-3:45.

**Mandatory requirements for applying to be a patrol:**

- Discuss with parents and sign and return contract
- At least 1 or more-page paper explaining why you want to be a patrol.  
**This MUST be included**
- Teachers recommend student



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- Maintain good behavior and grades (no "F", referrals, and conduct points based on situation)

### Expectations for AAA Safety Patrol participants:

1. Maintain good grades (demonstrating consistent effort)
2. Exhibit exemplary behavior – they are the leaders and role models
3. Demonstrate outstanding citizenship throughout the day both during duty and in the classroom.
  - a. Being respectful to all parties. Rude behavior is not tolerated and will end up in moving to a less important position
4. Be on time for duty understanding the importance of their role in providing safe and efficient movement of our students.
5. Must wear their belts and badges at all times.
6. Be responsible for all AAA materials they are in charge of or issued.

Specific information regarding procedures, protocols, absences and troubleshooting will be further discussed at the parent meeting. If you are not able to attend that meeting, the information will be sent home after the training.

Please find attached the parent/guardian permission form. **This MUST be read, signed and returned by March 26, 2018 in order for RCSA to confirm that the program will be ready the first few weeks of school with our new patrols.**

For further information regarding the AAA program, please visit their website. You will find more detailed information regarding the importance and validity of this program.

There is also a Washington D.C. trip at the end of the school year for all patrols and parents that want to attend.



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I will be handing this program off but will be helping until the new adviser feels comfortable doing it along.

Sincerely,

*Linda J. Edwards*

*New Advisor 2018*

Linda J. Edwards  
5<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher  
Lead Patrol Program Advisor  
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### SAFETY PATROL CONTRACT

Student NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By becoming a member of the River City Science Academy Safety Patrol you are agreeing to work from September to June on a rotating schedule to help keep our students and school safe. (Any student who does not fulfill the year commitment will not attend the end of the year trip.) This is a commitment that you will be expected to take very seriously. You will work at your assigned location, be on time to your post, and set a positive example for other students. You will be required to report any problems or unsafe situations to an adult immediately to get their help in resolving the situation.

Should you fail to meet the responsibilities of the position, you may be suspended or removed from the Safety Patrol if necessary.

**Any fees that are paid are NON-Refundable**

*I have read and understand the requirements and responsibilities of being a Safety Patrol member and I promise to follow these rules and do my job to the best of my abilities. If I do not follow the rules and report to duty when scheduled, I understand I may be suspended or even removed from the Safety Patrol.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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# Teacher recommendation form

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

8313 BAYCENTER ROAD • JACKSONVILLE, FL • 32256  
PHONE: 904 647-5110  
[WWW.RIVERCITYSCIENCE.ORG](http://WWW.RIVERCITYSCIENCE.ORG)

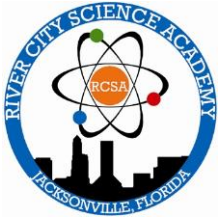


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This packet should be completed and given to Mrs. Edwards. A group of teachers and staff will sit down evaluate the applications and information you turn in and the results will be given no later than May 4, 2018.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [ledwards@rivercityscience.org](mailto:ledwards@rivercityscience.org) and I will respond as soon as possible.



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Thank you for your support and I look forward to having your students as patrols this year. It is going to be an exciting year.

Mrs. Edwards  
Lead Patrol Advisor