

WESTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PROCEDURES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

2020-2021

ARRIVING ON CAMPUS

For safety reasons, **please do not send your children to school early.**

Students not eating school breakfast should arrive on campus no earlier than 8:05 a.m. Most days classroom doors will not be opened until 8:15 a.m.

Students should go home immediately after school ends at 2:55 p.m. There is not supervision on campus before or after school.

CAFETERIA

Our cafeteria serves nutritious lunches daily and we encourage all students to purchase their lunches in the cafeteria. However, students may bring cold lunches from home. Lunch menus are posted on our school website. Menu items are subject to change.

Meals need to be paid for in advance on a weekly or monthly basis. We encourage parents to pay online through Family Access in Skyward. The cost of a regular school lunch is \$1.75 per day or \$8.75 per week. The cost of reduced lunch is \$0.40 per day or \$2.00 per week.

Students eating school breakfast may enter the cafeteria doors on the eastside of the building. Breakfast service begins at 7:50. Breakfast is \$0.80 per day or \$0.30 for reduced breakfast. Milk is \$0.25. Free and Reduced applications are available online (with registration materials) and upon request at the school office any time during the school year. A lunch deposit slip is required with each lunch payment.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE

In the event of an emergency including a child's illness or injury, we need to be able to locate you. Accurate information is critical. Please inform the office if you

change your address or phone number for home, work, or cell. You can change this information anytime on your family access in Skyward.

CHECK OUT/CHECK IN

Parents please come to the office and sign-out your student. Only the parent, guardian, or someone listed on the child's online profile will be allowed to sign-out the child. Identification is required.

CHILD CHECK

To help ensure the safety of our children, the district has an automated call to notify you that your child is absent. If your student is going to be absent, please notify the school by phone before 9:30a.m. and you will not receive an automated call.

COMMUNICATING WITH A TEACHER

We invite parents to contact their child's teacher whenever they have a concern or question. **To avoid disrupting the classroom, we encourage parents to email or call to schedule appointment times before or after school. We do not send phone calls to teachers during school instruction time.**

FOOD AND TREATS AT SCHOOL

Please talk with your student's teacher concerning classroom treats, there may be student health issues in the classroom, including serious food allergies. Food brought to school should be store purchased and not home-made.

MEDICAL NEEDS

Please notify the office and your child's teacher if your child has any special medical needs or allergies. Our district nurse will assist with student health plans

when needed. You can find this form online.

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

Utah State Law requires that students do not self-administer any medication in an elementary school. All medication must be kept in the office and administered under the direction of school personnel. In order for the school to administer any medication, the office must have on file a **Request for Giving Medication at School form**, which must be filled out and signed by the child's physician. This pertains to non-prescription as well as prescription drugs. **Each year this form must be renewed.**

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Students are asked to walk bikes, and scooters once they are on school property and to lock them up in the fenced area provided. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the lawns, sidewalks, or playground. No dogs, alcoholic beverages, drugs, smoking, firearms, archery, golf, skateboarding, rollerblading, sleigh riding, tubing, or skiing is allowed on school grounds. Grounds are closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

SCHOOL SECURITY

We have a locked campus. **All visitors must enter the school through the main doors and check-in at the office.** Visitors will sign-in and receive an identification tag to be worn while in the school.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

School volunteers should complete a volunteer form available in the front office. **We ask parents volunteering inside the classrooms to leave pre-school and small children at home.** Due to liability concerns, no school-age children from other schools may visit Westland Elementary during school hours.

TRANSPORTATION

Westland Elementary is a walking school. No bus service is provided.

WINTER WEATHER

21 degrees or warmer = Outside Day

20 degrees or colder = Inside Day

If there is a bad weather inversion, or if it is raining heavily, there is also a chance of having an inside day. These days are decided by the administration, and may change several times throughout the day. (Air quality - Utah Department of Environmental Quality)

We will try to post the information on the sign on the building. If you see a red flag at the front of the school that is also an indication that students will come directly into the building instead of lining up outside to wait for the bell to ring. We are in the process of buying a weather station for our school. This will be the main source of information in deciding if it will be an inside or outside day.

Jordan District School Closure Policy

Parents and employees should listen to the following designated radio or television stations for school closure information between the hours of 6-8a.m. (If schools dismiss early, the media will air the announcement as soon as possible and we will alert parents by Skylert.)

School closures are very rare. Parents should use their own discretion on very stormy winter days.

Radio Stations: KSL 1160

TV Stations: KSL Channel 5, KUTV

Channel 2, KTVX Chanel 4, FOX

Channel 13

You will receive an automated message via phone or email in an emergency situation (Skylert). All announcements are for one day only. No announcement means normal operation for the school. Emergency closures in year-round schools will be made up first on Presidents Day and then during Spring Recess.

WESTLAND CODE OF CONDUCT

Behavior Expectations:

Every student who comes to school has the right to feel safe and to learn in a positive environment. Westland has a set of learning and behavior goals that are taught and reinforced with our students:

Work hard

Include others

Live to learn

Develop confidence

Contribute to the community

Act kindly and respectfully

Take responsibility

We believe that learning and applying these behaviors will help students to do their best at school, and also understand and accept others.

Most disciplinary problems at school can be solved at the classroom level. Parents will be contacted by the teacher when there is an issue. For repeated negative behaviors, or for more serious infractions, the student will be referred to the office to speak to the principal. Correcting these problems involves teaching problem solving strategies and coping skills to decrease the behaviors, and also assigning consequences to deter the student from engaging in the same behavior again. Typical office referrals will be addressed by the student talking with the principal, the principal completing an investigation (if necessary) and contacting parent/guardian to discuss the situation and consequences.

Typical school consequences include the following:

- Lunch detention: for most minor infractions. A multiple-day detention may be assigned for a more serious incident or for repeated behavior.
- In-school suspension: for more serious infractions or repeated

infractions.

- Out-of-school suspension: for serious violations, including but not limited to: fighting/physical aggression, school safety violations, extreme and/or repeated instances of bullying.

Appropriate consequences for infractions of school rules will be discussed with parents on a case by case basis.

Please encourage your children to report behavior that creates an unsafe or uncomfortable environment to a trusted adult. Teachers and administration are more likely to be able to resolve these issues when they can be addressed in a timely manner.

Bullying:

What is bullying?

- Intentionally mean, disrespectful and/or hurtful behavior.
- Targeted actions that occur over time.
- An imbalance of power between the aggressor and the victim.
- Can be verbal, written, physical, or electronic.

Incidents of bullying will be handled according to the discipline steps outlined above.

Dress Code:

Students are expected to dress in a manner that shows respect for the educational environment and is befitting the day's activities. Students' clothing and jewelry must not present a health or safety hazard or distraction. Items not appropriate for school include:

1. Items which bear advertising, promotions, and likeness of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs or which are contrary to the educational mission, shall not be allowed.
2. Hair, which is so conspicuous, extreme, or odd in color or style that it draws attention, disrupts, or tends

to disrupt or interfere with the learning atmosphere at the school, shall not be allowed.

3. All students shall wear clean clothing. Clothing, jewelry, accessories and piercings, which are so conspicuous, extreme, or odd that they draw undue attention or pose a health or safety issue shall not be allowed.
4. Students shall not wear clothes that are mutilated, cut off, or immodest, e.g., short shorts, mini-skirts, bare midriffs, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, tank shirts, etc. Clothing shall cover the midriff, underwear, backs and cleavage at all times. Skirts, dresses and shorts must be at least mid-thigh length or longer when seated.
5. Hats of any kind are not allowed within the building except as part of approved activity, or for religious, or medical purposes.
6. Gang-related clothing, colors, and paraphernalia shall not be allowed in schools.

Shoes shall be worn at all times to insure personal safety and hygiene. For safety

reasons, students who wear shoes with retractable wheels will remove the wheels while on school grounds. Parent should watch the weather and remind students to dress appropriately.

PERSONAL PROPERTY/CELL PHONES

Students are to leave personal property such as toys, games, and electronics at home as they can be disruptive to the learning environment. The school is not responsible for lost and/or damaged items that are brought to school. Cell phones are discouraged, but if they are brought to school, they must be turned off during the school day and be kept in the student's backpack. If students wear watch phones, they should not be used during the school day. All phone calls should go through the classroom teacher or through the office.

****Upon completing the online process, your online signature will also serve a verification that you have read and reviewed Westland Elementary School Procedures and Code of Conduct.***