

West Park Elementary School
Student-Parent Handbook
2022-2023



West Park
Elementary School

Established in 1885

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West Park Elementary

There are so many people who make up a school community. The most visible and obvious are the students: the children for whom West Park Elementary exists. Three hundred and twenty-five strong - these students are the lifeblood of West Park and the reason the rest of us play the part that we do!

Our teachers have the most direct impact on these marvelous children. Their selfless devotion and care drives the learning of The Wolfpack and prepares each of them for their educational and personal journey.

There is a dedicated support staff that you will find behind each classroom. From transportation to food services, custodial to maintenance, office staff to paraprofessionals; each individual and department dedicates itself to the healthy growth of our students.

The parents, relatives and valued friends who nurture and support the entire West Park experience (and the Board of Trustees whom this community selects) are vitally important to the health of our school district. These invaluable partners are the fertile soil from which our school draws its sustenance. West Park Elementary cannot be a success without you!

So, who is West Park Elementary?

Every precious, inquisitive child who attends;

Every dedicated adult who calls this school their working home;

And every community member, proud of the school which has served the students past as well as those of today.

Together, we are West Park Elementary School!

Sincerely yours,

Darrell Yates

Acting Superintendent

West Park Elementary School District

Mission Statement

West Park Elementary School District promotes continuous student achievement through:

1. A Standards-based curriculum
2. Multiple opportunities to succeed
3. A parent & community partnership
4. A safe & nurturing environment

So that all students will realize their full potential and become lifelong learners who are responsible/productive citizens and workers.

Expected Schoolwide Learning Results

All West Park Elementary School District students will be:

Effective Communicators Who:

- ◆ Communicate in written and verbal form.
- ◆ Listen and react appropriately to thoughts, beliefs, and feelings of others.

Successful Collaborators Who:

- ◆ Demonstrate tolerance of various viewpoints and belief systems.
Use interpersonal skills to become a productive member of a team working towards a common goal.

Capable Problem Solvers and Critical Thinkers Who:

- ◆ Locate information from a variety of credible sources
- ◆ Identify, access, analyze, and utilize information for specific purposes.

Proficient Users of Technology Who:

- ◆ Demonstrate competence with various technological devices.
- ◆ Apply technology to solve problems.

Responsible Members of Society Who:

- ◆ Develop an appreciation for human diversity.
- ◆ Demonstrate an understanding of the democratic process and its importance at school, local, state, and national levels.

Ethical Decision Makers Who:

- ◆ Understand and develop a sense of honesty, integrity, and respect.
- ◆ Value and practice mental, physical, and social wellness.

COVID-19 Protocols

To Limit COVID Exposure and Spread

1. If you are ill, please stay home!
2. Masks are recommended..
3. All visitors will sign in at the office. (We prefer appointments in order to control numbers).

All students and staff are recommended to:

- Wash hands thoroughly.
- Wear mask in indoor public areas
- Stay home, if ill.

Bus Stops

Parents can assist with bus stop monitoring for social distancing when waiting.

Before Leaving Home for School

If your child has a runny nose, a cough, a fever or constant sneezing, we ask they be kept home.

School Schedule;

While we are currently under Plan A, the others are listed for possible future reference:

There are four schedules designed to address the pandemic conditions.

Plan A. Regular school schedule

Plan B 50% of the students will be scheduled two minimum days at school and three days at home. Your child will be assigned into a cohort/group so scheduling can be managed.

Plan C independent study model where students will be scheduled to see their teacher once a week for a minimum hour

Plan D 100% At-Home Learning

The school will closely monitor the advice of both the Fresno County Office of Health as well as FCSS to keep our community informed!

Thank you for your cooperation, flexibility and understanding of our efforts to address the COVID-19 virus at West Park ESD.

West Park Elementary School

2022-2023 Calendar

July 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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August 2022						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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September 2022						
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October 2022						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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November 2022						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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December 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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January 2023						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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February 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

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March 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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April 2023						
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May 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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June 2023						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

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	Breaks/No School
	Holiday/ No School
	Teacher Work-Days NO School for Students
	Students' First and Last day 7/20;6/1
	Parent Conferences
	Report Cards Go Home/ Last day of Each Quarter
	Minimum Days/Early Release

7/4/2022	Fourth of July	1/2/2023	New Year's Day (Observed)
7/15 -7/19	Teacher Work Days	(1/5 & 1/6)	Professional Development Days
7/20/2022	StudentsFirst Day of School	1/16/2023	Martin Luther King Jr.
9/5/2022	Labor Day	1/18-1/20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (MIN DAY)
9/26-10/7	Fall Break	2/13 & 2/20	Presidents' Day
(10/6 & 10/7)	Professional Development Days	3/20 /23	No School
10/17-10/21	Parent/Teacher Conferences (MIN DAY)	4/3-4/14	Spring Break
11/11/2022	Veteran's Day	4/7/2023	Good Friday (District ½ day)
11/21-11/25	Thanksgiving Break	(4/13 & 4/14)	Professional Development Days
12/19-1/6	Winter Break	5/3/2022	Retention/Parent Conference
12/23 & 12/26	Christmas Eve/Day (Observed)	5/29/2023	Memorial Day
12/30/2022	New Year's Eve (Observed)	6/1/2023	Students Last Day of School
		6/19/2023	Juneteenth

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Normal District Office Hours
7:30 am – 4 pm

District Office Hours during Student Breaks
6 am – 2:30 pm

Class Schedules

TK/Kindergarten				L I B R A R Y T - T H 1 0 : 0 5 - 1 0 : 3 0
Start	End	Minutes	Description	
8:00 AM	8:20 AM	20	SEL	
8:20 AM	9:40 AM	70	ELA/ELD	
9:40 AM	9:55 AM	15	RECESS	
9:55 AM	11:00 AM	55	MATH/ELD	
11:00 AM	11:20 AM	20	LUNCH	
11:20 AM	11:45 AM	25	RECESS	
11:45 AM	12:30 AM	45	SS/ELD	
12:30 AM	1:15 AM		SCIENCE/ELD	
1:15 PM	1:45 PM	30	PE (PLC)	
1:45 PM	2:15 PM	30	Music/Art/Tech/Library	
2:15 PM	2:45 PM	30	RTI/ENRICHMENT	
Instructional Minutes		345		

GRADE 1 & 2				L I B R A R Y M - T 1 : 3 0 - 2 : 0 0
Start	End	Minutes	Description	
8:00 AM	8:20 AM	20	SEL	
8:20 AM	8:50 AM	30	PE (PLC)	
8:50 AM	9:40 AM	50	ELD ELA	
9:40 AM	9:55 AM	15	RECESS	
9:55 AM	10:40 AM	45	MATH/ELD	
10:40 AM	11:20 AM	20	SS/ELD	
11:20 AM	11:40 AM	20	LUNCH	
11:40 AM	12:05 PM	25	RECESS	
12:05 PM	1:00 PM	55	SCIENCE/ELD	
1:00 PM	1:55 PM	55	RTI/ENRICHMENT	
1:55 PM	2:45 PM	50	Music/Art/Tech/Library	
Instructional Minutes		345		

GRADE 3 & 4 CLASS SCHEDULE				
Start	End	Minutes	Description	L I B R A R Y M - T 1 0 : 3 0 - 1 1 : 0 0
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	15	SEL	
8:15 AM	9:10 AM	55	ELA/ELD	
9:10 AM	9:25 AM	15	RECESS	
9:25 AM	9:55 AM	30	PE/PLC	
9:55 AM	10:45 AM	50	MATH/ELD	
10:45 AM	11:40 AM	55	SS/ELD	
11:40 AM	12:00 PM	20	LUNCH	
12:00 PM	12:25 PM	20	RECESS	
12:25 PM	1:15 PM	50	SCIENCE/ELD	
1:15 PM	2:00 PM	45	Music/Art/Tech/Library	
2:00 PM	2:45 PM	45	RTI/Enrichment	
Instructional Minutes		345		

Grade 5 & 6 Class Schedule				
Start	End	Minutes	Description	L I B R A R Y M - T 9 : 1 5 - 9 : 4 5
	8:15 AM	15	SEL	
8:15 AM	9:15 AM	60	ELA/ELD	
9:15 AM	9:45 AM	30	RTI/ENRICHMENT	
9:45 AM	10:00 AM	15	RECESS	
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	60	MATH/ELD	
11:00 AM	11:55 AM	55	SS/ELD	
11:55 AM	12:15 PM	20	LUNCH	
12:15 PM	12:40 PM	25	RECESS	
12:40 PM	1:10 PM	30	PE/PLC	
1:10 PM	2:00 PM	55	SCIENCE/ELD	
2:00 PM	2:45 PM	45	Music/Art/Tech/Library	
Instructional Minutes		345		

Grade 7 & 8 Class Schedule				
Start	End	Minutes	Description	L I B R A R Y 7 t h : M T 8t h : T H F 1 2 : 5 5 - 1 : 2 5
8:00 AM	8:20 AM	20	SEL	
8:20 AM	9:20 AM	60	PERIOD 1 (HOME)	
9:20 AM	9:35 AM	15	RECESS	
9:35 AM	10:35 AM	60	PERIOD 2	
10:35 AM	11:20 AM	45	PE/PLC	
11:20 AM	12:20 PM	60	PERIOD 3	
12:20 PM	12:40 PM	20	LUNCH	
12:40 PM	1:05 PM	25	RECESS	
1:05 PM	2:05 PM	60	PERIOD 4	
2:05 PM	2:45 PM	45	ROTATING PERIOD 5	
Period 5 (Projects)	Rotating		M-1;T-2; TH-3; F-4	
Instructional Minutes		350		

Arrival at School

Students should not arrive at school and are not allowed on campus until **7:15 A.M.** The school grounds are not supervised until this time. Once admitted, students are expected to wait in the cafeteria and should not be walking around campus. Students who arrive late must report to the office for a tardy pass before going to class.

Minimum Day Schedule

West Park is involved in many programs that require extra planning time by our staff. These programs are in addition to the regular base program. We have found that time to plan, meet as a group, and develop curriculum strategies cannot be done after a full teaching day, therefore, most Wednesday afternoons have been set up as planning days with a **1:30PM** release. (See Calendar)

This once-a-week planning day will also allow our staff to better prepare their lessons, develop their long range goals and deliver high quality programs to all students. The shortened day will not have a negative effect on total teaching minutes per year. **ON MINIMUM DAYS, ALL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1:30 P.M. (except pre-school).**

Foggy Days

Each year we are faced with "Foggy Days". These days are often confusing for parents and students. Please read this section carefully and discuss it with your child and you'll find that foggy days aren't so confusing after all.

1. What is a Foggy Day? - A foggy day is a day when the bus drivers decide that visibility is too poor to safely drive a bus.
2. Who calls the Foggy Day? – West Park and S.W.T.A have spotters located all over the local attendance area. These spotters, as well as the bus drivers, are responsible for calling the "Foggy Day".
3. What happens on a Foggy Day? - Buses will be delayed two hours (Plan A) or three hours (Plan B) depending on conditions. Channel 18 and many local radio stations will be broadcasting all the necessary information regarding the length of the delay.
Plan C – Buses are canceled.
4. Any change in the school day on Foggy Days? - Teachers will be in their classrooms by 8:00 A.M. **Class will start at 8:00 A.M.** Bus riders will report directly to their classroom upon their arrival. **There is no change in the normal dismissal time.**
5. What about breakfast on Foggy Days? Breakfast will be served before school begins on Foggy Day Schedules.

PLEASE WATCH CHANNEL 18 OR LISTEN TO THE RADIO FOR INFORMATION REGARDING FOGGY DAYS.

Watch or listen for: WATCH CHANNEL 18!

Plan A Two-hour bus delay

Plan B Three-hour bus delay

Plan C Buses canceled (school is not canceled).

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Fire Drill	8	9
10	11 Board Meeting 5:30 PM	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 First Day of School Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal Start of 1st Quarter	21	22 Orientation Assembly K-4 8:30 a.m. 5-8 10 a.m.	23
24	25	26 Star Testing	27  Star Testing Back to School Night 6-7 p.m. Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	28 Star Testing	29	30

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	4 Fire Drill	5	6
7	8 Board Meeting 5:30 PM	9	10 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	25	26 1st Quarter Progress Reports	27
28	29	30 Fall Pictures	31 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal			

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Fire Drill	2	3
4	5 Labor Day No School 	6	7 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	8	9	10
11	12 Board Meeting 5:30 PM	13	14 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	15	16	17
18	19	20 ELA Benchmark	21 End of Quarter	22 Math Benchmark	23 Math Benchmark Makeup Rewards Assembly K-4 8:30 a.m. 5-8 10 a.m. Q1 Report Cards	24
25	26 Fall Break Begins Report Cards Mailed Home	27 Fall Break	28 Fall Break	29 Fall Break	30 Fall Break	

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6 Teacher Work Day	7 Teacher Work Day Fall Break Ends	8
9	10 2 nd quarter Begins Board Meeting 5:30PM	11	12 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	13 Fire Drill	14 Q1 Awards Assembly K-4 8:30 5-8 10 AM	15
16	17 Parent Conference Week Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	18 Parent Conference Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal Picture Retakes	19 Parent Conferences Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	20 Parent Conferences Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	21 Parent Conferences Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	22
23	24 Red Ribbon Week	25	26 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	27	28	29

November 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Halloween Parade 	1	2 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	3 Fire Drill	4	5
6	7 Board Meeting 5:30PM	8	9 Veterans Day Assembly Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal 	10	11 Veterans Day No School 	12
13	14	15	16 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	17	18 Progress Reports	19
20	21 Thanksgiving Break	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal			

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Fire Drill	2	3
4	5	6 Star Testing	7 Star Testing Winter Program 6 pm- 7 pm Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	8 Star Testing	9 Star Testing Makeup	10
11	12 Board Meeting 5:30PM	13	14 Minimum Day 1:30pm Dismissal	15	16 Rewards Assembly K-4 8:30 5-8 10 AM Q2 Report Cards	17
18	19 Report Cards Mailed Home Winter Intersession Begins Winter Break Begins	20 Winter Intersession	21 Winter Intersession	22 Winter Intersession	23 Winter Intersession	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Teacher Work Day	6 Teacher Work Day Winter Break Ends	7
8	9 Board Meeting 5:30PM	10	11 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	12 Fire Drill Athletic Awards Banquet 6-7:30 pm	13 Q2 Academic Awards Assembly K-4 8:30 5-8 10 AM	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	17	18 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Parent Conferences Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	26 Parent Conferences Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	27 Parent Conferences Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	28
29	30	31				

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	2 Fire Drill	3	4
5	6	7 ELPAC Assessments	8 ELPAC Assessments Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	9 ELPAC Assessment	10 Progress Reports	11
12	13 Lincoln's Birthday No School 	14 Board Meeting 5:30PM	15 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents day  No School	21	22 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	23 Spring Pictures	24	25
26	27 Reading Week	28 Reading Week				

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Reading Week Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	2 Fire Drill Read Across America 	3 Reading Week	4
5	6 Board Meeting 5:30PM	7	8 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Minimum Day 1:30pm Dismissal	16	17 Report Cards Rewards Assembly	18
19	20 No school	21 Report Cards Mailed Home 4 th Quarter Starts	22 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	23	24 Q3 Academic Awards Assembly K-4 8:30 5-8 10 AM	25
26	27	28	29 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	30	31	

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Spring Break Starts	4	5	6 Fire Drill	7	8
9	10 Board Meeting 5:30PM	11	12	13 Teacher Work Day	14 Teacher Work Day Spring Break Ends	15
16	17	18	19 Open House 	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal Retention Conferences	27	28	29

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 30	1	2	3 Parent Conferences Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal Donuts with Grown Ups	4 Fire Drill	5 Progress Reports	6
7	8 Board Meeting 5:30PM	9 State Assessments	10 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	11 State Assessments	12	13
14	15	16 State Assessments s	17 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	18 State Assessments Athletic Awards 2 nd Semester 6:00pm	19 Magic Mountain Grad Nite	20
21	22	23	24 Minimum day 1:30pm Dismissal	25	26 8 th Grade Dinner Dance	27
28	29 Memorial Day  No School	30	31 Q4 Academic Awards Assembly Century Book Club Minimum Day 1:30pm Dismissal Preschool Graduation 9 and 10:30 am			

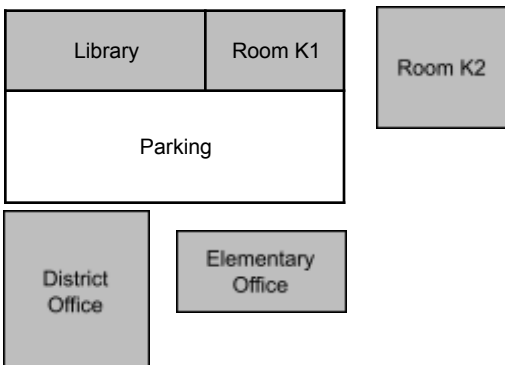
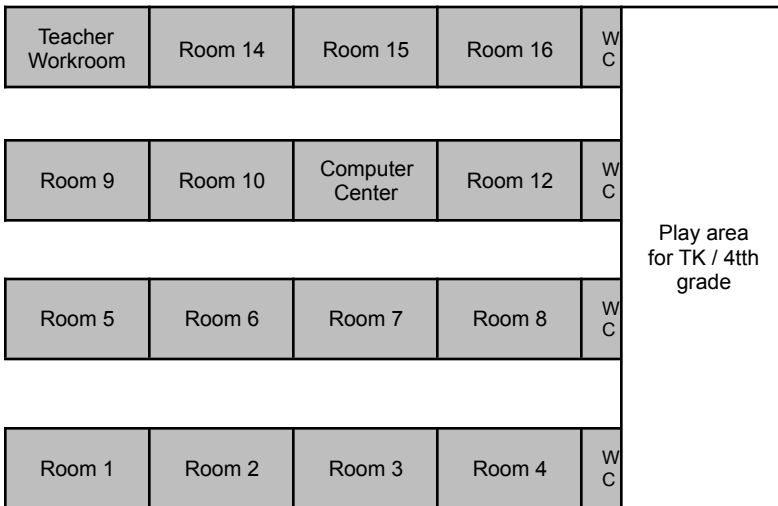
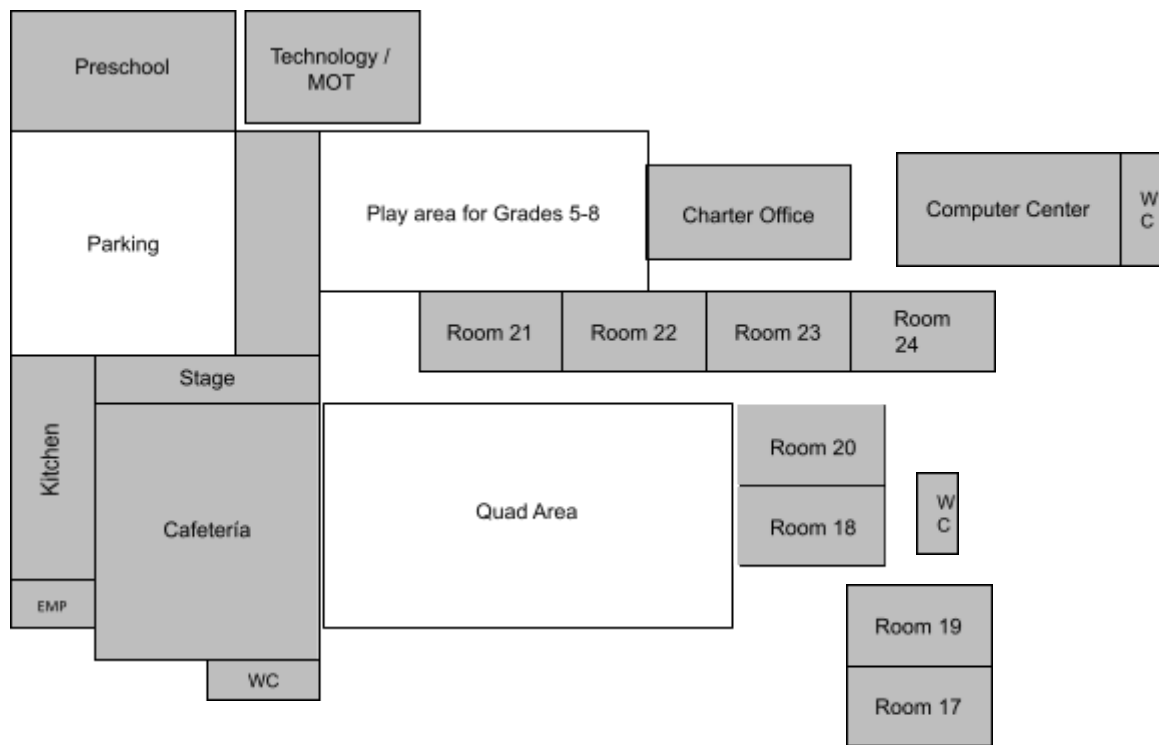


No School

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Last Day of School 8th Grade Graduation Minimum Day 1:30pm Dismissal	2 Teacher Work day Report Cards	3
4	5 Report Cards Mailed Home Summer School Begins Summer School Starts	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Board Meeting 5:30PM	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Juneteenth No School	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Summer School Ends	

Valentine Ave



Chapter 2: School Information

Map of West Park Elementary School

← North Avenue →



Bus loading area

District Office
Superintendent
Business Manager
Human Resources
Accounts Payable
Data Analyst
Administrative Assistant

Elementary Office
Dean of Schools
Support Services Clerk
School Nurse
EL/Testing Coordinator

Miscellaneous
EMP (Staff Lounge)
WC (Restrooms)

WEST PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

District and School Offices located at
2695 S. Valentine Ave
Fresno, CA 93706
(559) 233-6501

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kim Vivenzi	President
Anna Benavidez	Clerk
Araceli Sanchez	Member
Mark Vivenzi	Member
Aida Garcia	Member

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Superintendent (Acting)	Darrell Yates
Chief Business Officer	Helen Bellonzi
Human Resources	Tamita Boyd
Data Analyst	Mitch Ylarregui
Financial Administrative Assistant	Open
Instructional Technology Director	Randy Randolph
Administrative Assistant	Devon Corrente

SCHOOL OFFICE

Dean of Schools	Darrell Yates
After School Program	Monica Cabrera
School Social Worker	Open
Support Services Clerk	Open

SCHOOL CERTIFICATED CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>
Kindergarten/TK	Robin Johnson	K1
Kindergarten	Kimberly Crow	K2
First	Hailey Martinez	1
First	Irene Meza	2
Second	Christina Ortega	3
Second	Eve McGuire	4
Third	Mireya Huerta	10
Third	Kristy Farley-Banks	6
Fourth	Kristin Young	7
Fourth	Kelsey Barsamian	8
Fifth	Loretta Lee	17
Fifth	Alyssa Martinez	18
Sixth	Kaitlyn Stringfield	19
Sixth	Jeannette Eicher	20
ELA 7 th & 8 th	Amanda Hernandez	21
Science 7 th & 8 th	Sheelee Yang	22
Social Studies 7 th & 8 th	Aleksander Shkaruba	23

Math 7 th & 8 th	Melissa Andreson	24
PE	Yvette Hogan	12
PE	Dejon Kelly	14

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

Speech/Language Pathologist	Carole Bass	Online
School Psychologist	Robert Murray	Charter
Resource Specialist	Craig Mulligan	16
Special Day Class Teacher	Cynthia Napoles	16

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

Paraprofessionals	Anna Vang America Amescua Jasmine Guevara Rasjit Sandhu Eva Villegas
Library Clerk	Iliana Lacan
Director of Food Services	Lilia Romero
Kitchen Staff	Angela Rocha Margie Medina
M.O.T. Lead	Ruben Rangel
Custodial/Maintenance	John Miranda Rosie Macias Arnold Bermudez
Technology Support	Craig Bajada

School Services Contact Information

District Superintendent (Acting)	Darrell Yates	Phone: 233-6501
District Policies, Board Policies, Charter Programs, District Test Results, School/District Level Discipline, Curriculum, Professional Development, Parent Questions, Preschool Director, Operations/ Management, Observations/Evaluations/Supervision, School Climate, Student Safety, IEP's, Management Leader, Personnel		
Dean of Schools	Darrell Yates	Phone: 233-6501
Curriculum/Instruction, English Language Development, Professional Development, Categorical Programs, Peer Assistance, Playground Supervision, Parenting Classes, Parent Nights, Parent Questions, Intervention, Observations/Coaching, School Site Council, ELAC, Student Study Teams, Assessments		
IT Director	Randy Randolph	Phone: 233-6501
Instructional Technology		
Migrant/ Student Services	Beatriz Rea	Phone: 233-6501
First Aid, Immunizations, Medication, Migrant Ed, Teacher Contacts, Home Visits, Family Contacts, Awards, School Site Council, ELAC		
Classroom Teachers		Phone: 233-6501
Homework, Grades, Progress Reports, Independent Study, Classroom Discipline, Activities/ Events		
Special Education		Phone: 233-6501
Special Education Issues, Special Needs, IEP Coordinator, 504 Coordinator		
School Psychologist		Phone: 233-6501
Counseling Services, Parenting, At-Risk Students, Special Needs, 504 Accommodations, IEP's		
Chief Business Officer	Helen	Phone: 233-6501
School Finances/Payroll & Attendance		
Human Resources	Tamita Boyd	Phone: 233-6501
School Personnel, Board Agendas, Payroll		
Administrative Financial Assistant	Open	Phone: 233-6501
Accts. Payable/Receivables & Purchasing		
Data Analyst	Mitch	Phone: 233-6501
State Testing, Multiple Measures, Data Reports		
M.O.T. Lead	Ruben Rangel	Phone:233-6501
Safety Concerns, Safety Measures, School Climate, Facility Repairs and Additions		
Administrative Assistant	Devon Corrente	Phone:233-6501

Assist Board Agendas, Elementary Enrollments, Cumulative records, School Programs, SPED Files,
Attendance, Short term independent study

Chapter 3: Attendance

Absences

When your child is absent, please follow these procedures: upon returning to school after an absence, a child must bring a note signed by his/her parent or guardian which states the date and the reason for his/her absence. This note is presented to the student's teacher or the office. A telephone call from the parent to the office will be accepted. *In order to participate in any school sponsored event (athletics, afternoon activities, etc.) a child must attend a full school day on the day of the event.

Attendance Policy

It is very important to your child's education that he/she attend school on a regular basis. Missed days of school can leave gaps in the educational process that may be very difficult to make up. Please make every effort to get your child to school every day.

A policy requiring all students to attend school at least 90% of the days enrolled in order to be considered for promotion has been implemented by the West Park Board of Trustees. Students who exceed the maximum allowances for absences will be expected to attend Saturday school or intersession to make up missed days. Failure to attend the expected intersession may impact the student's promotion or participation in extra-curricular activities.

CAL-WORKS: As a Cal-Works requirement, all children under 16 years of age in the Assistance Unit must attend school regularly or grants shall be reduced. (Pursuant to, WIC-Section 11253.5)

Excusing Children from School

Once a student arrives at school, he or she is not permitted to leave school or the school grounds before regular dismissal without prior written consent of the parent or guardian. Notes for early dismissal of students for the purpose of dental appointments, etc., are required. **Parents must sign students out through the office in all cases of early departure.** If the parents allow any other person (including grandparents or siblings) to check out their child, the parent must notify the office. You may leave a note in the office for the entire school year stating who can check out your child. **Students are not permitted to walk home or to walk to school.**

Tardies

Like absences, **tardies** (arriving late) can also be disruptive to your child's education. Additionally, other children in the classroom lose precious time because when a child comes in late, it means the lesson in progress usually is halted while the late student settles in and gets caught up. Please help us help your child, and make every effort to have children arrive at school on time. After 10 tardies (any length of time), a detention may be assigned to that student, a letter sent home, and/or a SARB referral might be made. Please be aware that any tardy of 30 minutes or more is considered a TRUANT tardy.

Early Checkouts

Like tardies, excessive early departures from school can hinder your child's education. Please do not abuse this privilege. Routine doctor and dentist appointments should be scheduled after class time or during breaks. Anytime a child checks out of school early, the parent must sign their child out of school through the office. If the parents wish another person to check out their child, the parent must notify the office.

School Attendance Review Board (SARB)

The School Attendance Review Board (SARB) is a committee, which may be composed of school officials, parents, FCSS personnel and the Fresno County Sheriff's office. When serious problems with attendance or discipline continue at the school level, the child and the parents are required to go before the SARB board. Usually problems are resolved at this point. However, the SARB board can and does, on occasion, refer severe cases to the District Attorney for prosecution.

Attendance problems may go before the SARB in either of two ways:

1) **Ten (10) excused absences are allowed.**

After the tenth absence the parent will meet with a Student Study Team and will be required to supply the school with a doctor's note or allow a home visit from the health aide to verify all future illnesses. If doctor's notes are not supplied, the child will be declared truant. After five (5) truants a SARB committee will meet and review the case to determine if the matter should be given to the District Attorney.

2) **After 3 unexcused absences**, the parent/student will receive a letter stating the dates the child was absent without a valid excuse and warn the parent about this problem.

After 4 unexcused absences the parents will receive a letter from the school stating the dates the child was absent without a valid excuse and warn the parent about this problem.

After 5 unexcused absences a second letter goes home to the parents warning the parents the child may be declared a habitual truant, and will receive intersession assignment.

After 6 unexcused absences the parent is notified that their child has been declared a habitual truant and a legal proceeding may follow.

Chapter 4: Registration and Records

Registration/Admission Requirements

The following certification is required to register for school:

1. Completed registration application with parent signature and questionnaire
2. Official documentation showing the child's birth date
3. Kindergarten dental examination
4. First grade physical
5. 6th-8th grade TDap
6. Proof of Legal Custody (when applicable)
7. Any other documents required

State Law requires a child to be five years of age by September 1st to start Kindergarten and six years of age to start first grade. T/K (Transitional Kindergarten) is an option for students 5 years of age after September 1. Students who have not reached the age of five by November 1st may start Kindergarten and parents sign a form to acknowledge that placement at mid-year does not necessarily mean promotion to first grade at the end of the school year. If the child has not attended our school before it is mandatory that parents bring a birth certificate for the child. State law makes it mandatory for parents to present evidence that the child has been protected against polio, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap), tetanus, hepatitis, whooping cough, and red measles (rubella). A TB skin test must also be recorded. All Kindergarten students must also have a required dental exam.

Dental Examinations

All pupils entering Kindergarten are now required by Law to obtain a dental exam before entering school. Please obtain the form from the school office so that your dentist can fill it out.

Immunizations

TDAP and 2 MMR vaccines are **REQUIRED** upon entrance to 7th grade only.

California law requires that an immunization record be presented to the school before a child can be enrolled in school. **If you need further information, please visit the health dept. or call the West Park Elementary School.**

Physical Examinations

All pupils are to have completed a health screening examination before entering preschool and first grade. This examination can be obtained from your family physician or through the services provided by the Fresno County Health Department. Information and forms are distributed to pupils enrolled in Kindergarten and Pre-school.

Failure to obtain an examination for your child will result in your child being denied enrollment.

Emergency Cards

The Emergency Card on file in the school office lists whom to contact in case of any emergency.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE EMERGENCY CARD COMPLETELY. IF WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A RELIABLE NUMBER AT WHICH TO REACH YOU.

If there is a change in guardianship, address, telephone, or employment, notify us immediately so that in an emergency we will be able to locate you. In the event of any emergency, every attempt will be made to contact the responsible guardians (parents) if a student requires immediate medical attention. School staff will follow the parent's directions as closely as possible.

Guardianship/Custody

It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to provide the school with all legal documents regarding guardianship, child custody rights, school visitation, etc., and any other rights related to school activities. If the office does not have proper documentation the parents listed for the child will have mutual rights. Moreover, it is critical they respond on behalf of their child in all school matters.

Location of Educational Records (Student Records)

The West Park Elementary School District maintains cumulative records for each pupil as required by law, and any additional records that would be helpful in providing maximum educational opportunities for pupils. These records are available for parents to review. Please call the school office to set up an appointment with administration if you desire to review your child's cumulative record.

Records	Location	Contact information
Cumulative School Records (CUM): Immunizations, Birth certificates, State assessment scores, Report Cards, Special Education Records	District Office	Devon Corrente (559) 233-6501 devon_c@wpesd.org
Psychological/Educational Record	District Office	Same as above

Change of Address – Withdrawal from School

Please notify the office of any changes in address or telephone number. It is very important that we have a telephone number where we can reach parent in the event of an emergency. Please notify the office at least two days in advance when students are transferring out of the district or there is a change in the bus pick-up/drop off address.

Chapter 5: Health and Safety

Mandated Reporter

All West Park employees are Mandated Reporters. Mandated Reporters are required to submit a report on suspected or reported child abuse and/or student safety concerns; including negligence. If such a situation is suspected, a report will be made to Child Protective Services to assure student safety.

Pesticide Disclosure Notice

Included in the handbook is information on the pesticide disclosure notice as required by law. This disclosure is to both Parents and Employees. Spraying dates are posted monthly on the front school gate. Spraying is done every 3rd Saturday of the month. Dewey Pest Control does our spraying.

Student Insurance

The district's insurance policy is purchased by the district for each student. This policy covers students only while on campus or while involved in a school sponsored activity. It is not 100% coverage, and the amount of coverage varies.

Please note: This is not meant to eliminate the need for the parents to provide medical coverage for their children. For additional information, please contact the office at 233-6501.

Health Services

West Park Elementary office staff is trained in First Aid and CPR, and is available to take care of minor incidents such as cuts and bruises that are reported to the office. If an injury appears to need professional attention, parents will be contacted, so they can take their child to the doctor or Emergency Services will be contacted.

Office personnel may not administer prescription medication to students during school hours unless administrative arrangements are in place through a physician's note (See Medication). Appropriate personnel will maintain student health records and assist the county nurse with health screenings.

Illness

For the protection of your child and others, students who are too ill to go out for recess or to participate in P.E. should stay at home. If a student becomes ill during the school day, a parent or guardian will be notified.

Lice

One of the most common problems on any elementary school campus is "head lice." Our primary concern in dealing with head lice is that they are easily transmitted from one student to another and unless an infected student had all nits (egg sacks) removed, the lice will most likely return. For this reason, we recommend that students do not share hats, jackets, or other articles of clothing. **Also, it is our district policy that a student is sent home for head lice and must be completely nit free before returning to school.** This policy comes from the Fresno County Department of Health. For additional information on the subject contact the school or call the Fresno Health Department at 445-0666. A county nurse will conduct quarterly head checks.

Accidents

If a serious injury occurs on the school grounds or on the bus, parents will be notified and asked to pick up their child for their own observation or examination by a family physician. Parents will be promptly notified of all injuries not considered minor. Injuries are reported on an Incident Report which is on file in the school office. In the event that parents cannot be reached, students will be discharged to a person named on the emergency card.

If there are no available contacts –an extreme emergency will result in a “911” call. PLEASE NOTIFY THE
OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE IN PHONE NUMBERS.

Medication

Parents are required by State law to inform the school of any medication to be taken by the child at school. Facts on current dosage and the signature of the supervising physician are needed.

The school district must receive:

1. Permission to administer medication form signed by physician.
2. Permission to administer medication form signed by the parent.
3. Medication must be in the original pharmaceutical container.
4. Medication is to be kept in the office.

Forms are available in the school office.

NOTE: No medication (including, Inhalers, Tylenol and Aspirin) will be administered by the school personnel without parent and doctor's written permission.

Visitors on Campus

West Park Elementary is a campus where ALL visitors must check-in through the front office and **obtain a visitor pass** prior to entering campus.

Yard Supervision

Teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals share the responsibility for monitoring the behavior and safety of the students while on the school campus, in the hallways and in the cafeteria. Students are expected to respond respectfully, courteously and quickly to any adult performing this supervision.

Comprehensive Safety Plan

Each school is required to have a comprehensive safety plan in place in case of an emergency. The plan is to be revised and adopted by the school board annually.

The plan consists of evacuation, shelter-in-place, lockdown, earthquake/fire drill and duck and cover procedures. Please be aware of these procedures as you enter on to campus. A practice is done monthly during the school year.

E V A C U A T I O N WHEN

Directed by school personnel, police (in person or by phone)

HOW

Office will activate school-wide signal

Students and staff take evacuation packet, exit building through front door away from hallway, lock doors, and walk to designated safety area

Do not send other children back to class!

Try to remain calm

Teachers take roll – Have students raise right hand. Lower hand when name is called, use green or red

safety card

Remain in EVACUATION mode until an

“ALL-CLEAR” signal is given

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

WHEN

Directed by police in person or by phone

A violent situation may reach the campus

HOW

Office will activate school-wide signal

Students and staff remain in room

Open doors with caution to students/staff seeking safety and law enforcement

Try to remain calm

Teachers take roll – Use yellow or green safety card

Remain in SHELTER-IN-PLACE mode until an
“ALL-CLEAR” signal is given

LOCK-DOWN

WHEN

Danger on campus

HOW

Office will activate school-wide signal

All students and staff go to the nearest available room, take cover, and stay low

Lock doors, turn off lights, use safety card (red/green), turn off audio-visual equipment, go to safety area, leave computer on, and communicate by E-mail if possible

Render first aid as necessary

Open doors with caution to students/staff seeking safety and law enforcement

Try to remain calm and immobile

Remain in LOCK-DOWN mode until “ALL-CLEAR” signal is given

DUCK and COVER

WHEN

Danger on campus by the shaking of buildings and/or severe weather

HOW

Office may activate school-wide signal

All students and staff go to the nearest available room, take cover, stay low, duck under table covering

head

Lock doors if possible, turn off lights, use safety card (red/green), turn off audio-visual equipment, leave computer on, and communicate by E-mail if possible

Render first aid as necessary

Open doors with caution to students/staff seeking safety and law enforcement

Try to remain calm and immobile

Remain in DUCK and COVER mode until “**ALL-CLEAR**” signal is given and procedure to EVACUATE building

All emergency conditions are practiced throughout the year.

Chapter 6: Discipline

Discipline For Student Conduct

The West Park Board of Trustees has the responsibility to see that an appropriate educational program is available to each student in our school. Within the frameworks of California Law, subject matter and materials are developed, teachers and administrators are selected, and rules and regulations are established to ensure a proper climate in which students may pursue their studies.

Sections of the law are cited here so that students and parents may know the basis for the rules that must be enforced by the Board. This responsibility is an obligation the Board takes seriously. School personnel have been charged by the Board to carry out these rules in a fair, firm, and friendly manner in order to safeguard each student's right to the finest education we can provide, to hold distracting forces to a minimum, and to eliminate behavior that disrupts the learning process.

West Park Elementary uses Positive Behavior Support Plan concepts, also known as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) as well as applying negative consequences to student misconduct. PBIS uses rewards to enhance good conduct. Where conduct may be a more in depth problem, the school will utilize resource personnel such as school counselor, school psychologist and one to one mentors.

When a student is involved in a conflict (with other students, teacher, or school rules) we view that as a situation that needs to be resolved and as a teachable moment. Therefore, we first pursue a cooperative resolution, unless the student is uncooperative and/or an unsafe situation calls for immediate, temporary action. Detention may be assigned to students for inappropriate misconduct. Students have the opportunity to meet with someone to get the help needed to change their behavior and make an accountability agreement to prevent the detention from happening again.

When a student continues to be uncooperative (repeatedly violates his/her agreements, or is unwilling to make agreements) or is creating a safety concern, we have policies and procedures that will enable the staff to handle the situation so that they are able to deliver to the other students an educational program that is safe and free from disruptive influences.

Consequences for misconduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Loss of Privileges- which are earned by unsatisfactory behavior. These may include, but are not limited to, participation in sports, drama, musical events, field trips, classroom/school activities, study trips, lunch time clean up, campus beautification, reflection sheet, time-out, writing prompt, etc.
- Special Tasks - assigned to help rectify a problem created by pupil's bad behavior (i.e. clean up duty)
- Detention - Detention (loss of free time) is held to make up for lost or wasted time when work is not done and behavior is inappropriate.
- Separation - within the class, in other than the regular classroom, or on the school yard.
- Physical Restraint - in order to stop a pupil from hurting other people or himself.
- Transfer – move to another classroom or alternative program.
- Minimum Day - Students are at school the minimum time (approximately three or four hours).
- Assigned to Intervention– Poor attendance, needs to make up academic work, and behavior issues
- Independent Study - Students assigned work to be completed at home.
- Loss of bus privileges - Continued misbehavior on the bus may result in a denial of the privilege of riding the bus to/from school.
- Suspension from school - as a temporary denial of the privilege of attending school and any school related activity not to exceed twenty school days in any school year. Suspensions may be served in school or at home at the Superintendent or designee's option.

- **Expulsion** - a long term denial of the privilege of attending any school in the district or related activity for the remainder of the semester in which the violation occurred plus one full semester, or in the case of extremely serious behaviors, a calendar year separation (EC 48915.c).

The following acts committed by a student while under the jurisdiction of the school shall constitute good cause for the suspension and/or recommended expulsion of the student (California Education Code (EC), Section 48900):

Suspension Expulsion

Expulsion means removal of a pupil from:

1. The immediate supervision and control; or
2. The general supervision, of school personnel, those terms are used in E.C. 49800. The basic for rules and procedures of expulsion are found in E.C. 48915 for a term of up to one calendar year.

Students may be suspended or expelled for the following reasons under E.C. 48900:

E.C. 48900 (a) (1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person, or (2) willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, **except** in self-defense.

E.C. 48900 (b) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object **unless**, in the case of possession of any such object of this type, the pupil had obtained **written** permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, which is concurred in by the Principal or designee.

E.C. 48900 (c) Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been **under** the influence of any controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind.

E.C. 48900 (d) Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and then **either** sold, delivered, **or** otherwise furnished to any person another liquid substance, **or** material and represented it as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, **or** intoxicant.

E.C. 48900 (e) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.

E.C. 48900 (f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.

E.C. 48900 (g) Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.

E.C. 48900 (h) Possessed and/or used tobacco products.

E.C. 48900 (i) Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.

E.C. 48900 (j) Unlawfully possessed, or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia.

E.C. 48900 (k) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. (Includes "Cyber-bullying.")

E.C. 48900 (l) knowingly received stolen school property or private property.

E.C. 48900 (m) Possessed an imitation firearm.

E.C. 48900 (n) Committed or attempted to commit specified acts of sexual assault or committed sexual battery.

E.C. 48900 (o) Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness. (Including any type of bullying/ "Cyber-bullying.")

E.C. 48900 (p) Unlawfully offered, arranged, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.

E.C. 48900 (q) Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing as defined in Section 32050. (Includes (Cyber-bullying.)

E.C. 48900 (r) A pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts that are related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (1) while on school grounds;
- (2) while going to or coming from school;
- (3) during the lunch period whether on or off the campus; and/or

(4) during, or while going to or coming from, a school sponsored activity.

E.C. 48900 (s) A pupil who aids or abets the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person.

E.C. 48900 (t) As used in this section, “**school property**” includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases.

E.C. 48900 (u) The Superintendent or Principal may use his/her discretion to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion, including, but not limited to, counseling or an Anger Management Program, for a pupil subject to discipline under this section.

E.C. 48900 (v) It is the intent of the Legislature that alternatives to suspension or expulsion be imposed against any pupil who is truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from school activities.

E.C. 48900.2 Committed sexual harassment, such as gestures, verbiage, or unsolicited, inappropriate touching, as defined by E.C. 212.5. (Includes “Cyber-bullying”)

E.C. 48900.3 Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of E.C. 233.

E.C. 48900.4 Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation directed against a pupil or group of pupils, that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of that pupil or group of pupils by creating an intimidation or hostile educational environment. (Includes Cyber-bullying).

E.C. 48900.7 (Grades K-12) Made terrorist threats against school officials or school property, or **both**. The Gun Free School Zone Safety Act requires expulsion for **not less** than one (1) year of any student who is determined to have brought a firearm or explosive device to school. B.P. 5131.7

Additional causes and procedures for disciplinary action:

- bomb threats L.C. 3367; P.C. 148.1; • fires, explosives, or the threat thereof P.C. 448 (a), 449 (a); H. & S.C. 12034- 12036; • forging E.C. 48907; • violation of grooming and dress policies B.P. 5132; • unauthorized use or possession of keys to school buildings P.C. 469; • loitering P.C. 653 (g) violation of rules relating to picketing, sit-ins, walk-ons, etc. P.C. 407, 409, 416, 602 (j) & (p), 626.2, 626.4, 626.6, 626.8; • disrupting schools or classrooms E.C. 44810; • membership in secret clubs on campus • violating bus regulations while on district transportation C.A.C., Title V, Sec. 14263; • unauthorized presence at school campuses or events E.C. 44810; P.C. 626.8, 647 (b), 653 (g); • vandalizing school property or possessions belonging to the school, its staff, students, or visitors C.A.C. 305; C.C. 171.1; E.C. 19910, 44806, 44810, 48907, 48909; G.C. 6201, 53069.5, 53069.6; P.C. 448 (a), 449 (a), 594, 594.5, 602 (j); • damaging, losing, or overdue instructional materials E.C. 48904; A.R. 5125.2;
- failing to follow posted school traffic and parking rules V.C. 21113, 42001; • gambling, (possession of dice) hazing, or immoral behavior E.C. 32050-32052, 48900 (g) & (h); P.C. 330; • possessing or using laser and electronic signaling devices, such as pagers, and signaling equipment E.C. 48901.5; and/or
- Parent/guardian must be notified when an injurious instrument is taken from a student. E.C. 49332;

Cyber-bullying is an act that attempts to disrupt, harass, or intimidate another person via electronic means – electronic pictures, text messaging, e-mailing, etc. It is an inappropriate use of technology to reach a means of bringing either or both physical and emotional harm to another person. Even if there is no bad intention, yet the results created a scenario of harming or attempting to harm another person, there may be severe consequences.

Dangerous Objects are defined as: any weapon or item that may be used as a weapon although it was not designed for that purpose. Pocket knife, tweezers, scissors, wallet chains, pencil, rubber band, and/or any object not being used for its intended purpose. Any common object misused to cause or attempt to cause harm is considered dangerous.

Situations Not Defined In Rules: If a situation occurs that is not earmarked or identified in the policy or is a contemporary trend not yet rule bound; then it is the discretion of the school administration or Superintendent or Board of Trustees or School related committee or any combination of those groups to address the issue in a disciplinary fashion congruent to the disruption, safety or defiance regulation as decided by the school for the given situation.

Suspension

A teacher **may** suspend any pupil from his/her class, for any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, for the day of the suspension and the day following (E.C. 48910). A teacher may also refer a pupil, for any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, to the Principal or designee for consideration of a suspension from the school.

Alternative to Suspension (ATS)

ATS is an alternative to classroom instruction where a student is assigned to a self-contained classroom for a period of 1-3 days. ATS is assigned by a school administrator for misbehavior or acts of defiance in lieu of suspension. ATS was created to keep students with disciplinary problems **within** the school setting **during** the period of suspension where supportive services are available to help seek solutions. **Additionally**, these programs reduce the number of suspensions, which **may** appear on the student's record, and allow for educational and behavioral monitoring and enrichment.

Examples: Saturday School; In-school Suspension

Schoolwide Behavior

Expectations Kindness Counts!!!!

Demonstrate kindness as your daily foundation to doing your work and interacting with others.



Behavior

NOTE: Each time a staff member issues a Behavior Citation, appropriate consequences will be applied and that staff member must call the parent/guardian informing the parent/guardian of the nature of the school referral. **The referral will not be turned into the office until contact is made with the parent/guardian.** If the parent/guardian does not have a valid telephone number the staff member must send home the referral to the parent/guardian the teacher and office will assign a consequence for the student, depending on their behavior.











Student Referral to the Office/Behavior Citations

In the event a student is sent to the office for discipline, the incident is recorded in a discipline log, the parent/guardian may be contacted to be informed of the incident and any assigned consequence(s), along with any available school/home supports.

Behavior Matrix

The following chart shows the PBIS behaviors West Park Elementary expects of all students. Adhering to these rules will ensure a successful school experience; for the student and for those around him/her. Failure to follow these rules may result to a verbal warning and/or other consequences

WEST PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

<i>Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports- Behavior STANDARDS Matrix</i>					
	Noise Levels	PREPARED & RESPONSIBLE	ACT SAFELY	WORK TOGETHER	SHOW RESPECT
CLASSROOM (K-4) 	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">3</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">2</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">1</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">0</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in lessons Stay on task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to yourself Be respectful of others' things Keep the room safe and clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help students when they need it Take turns and share Listen to others who are sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use an appropriate voice level Follow directions Raise your hand to speak when appropriate
CLASSROOM (5-8) 	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">3</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">2</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">1</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">0</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in lessons Be ready to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to yourself Be respectful of others' possessions Maintain a safe and clean room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help your classmates when appropriate Be polite when others are talking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be respectful with your comments Use an appropriate voice level Follow directions
HALLWAYS 	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">1</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">0</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick up trash Have a pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to yourself Walk for safety at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be polite to people you encounter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use an appropriate voice level Use recess equipment on the playgrounds and fields
CAFETERIA 	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">2</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter and exit quietly Keep materials in designated areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to yourself Walk at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait your turn Keep area clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use an appropriate voice level Listen to staff or presenters
PLAYGROUND 	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">4</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">3</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">2</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw away trash Line up in a timely manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report inappropriate behavior or fighting Stay out of off-limit zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share equipment Listen to supervisors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use an appropriate voice level Treat others how you want to be treated
RESTROOM 	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">1</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">0</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw away trash Keep areas clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report inappropriate behavior Wash your hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 3 people in the restroom at a time Keep entrance/exit clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use an appropriate voice level Respect others' privacy
OFFICES/ LIBRARY 	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">1</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">0</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return all materials/books on time Return permission slips on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to staff members Keep hands and feet to yourself Sit quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read books to earn points for your class Help a friend to the office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask for permission from the teacher to visit these places Wait your turn
TECHNOLOGY 	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">2</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">1</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">0</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take care of all technology devices Know usernames and passwords 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep feet on floor when sitting at a computer Log out of your account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep online chat and comments appropriate Help classmates quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer settings must be approved by the teacher Leave all electronics and labs in as good or better condition
BUS/ TRIPS/ GAMES 	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">2</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">1</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center;">0</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw away trash Dress appropriately for games and trips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay with your chaperone Remain in your seat and face forward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent our school positively Only talk to students in your row 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate voice level Listen to and respect all adults

~ENTER AND EXIT **ALL LOCATIONS** QUIETLY AND RESPECTFULLY. SHOW **P.A.W.S.** AT ALL TIMES!~

Dress Code

Minimum Dress and Grooming Code Guidelines

The Board of Trustees has adopted the following dress code for all West Park students.

If you have any questions regarding the dress code, use this rule: If in doubt, don't wear it!

*West Park Elementary School reserves the right to send home any student, who, in the opinion of the administration, is not appropriately dressed for school. We generally offer a change of clothing, if available.

Appropriate Dress:

Appropriate Dress is the standard we want to apply to our dress code. **Safe, non-disruptive, and hygienic** are the three components staff will address with a student. 1-When clothing may lead to overheating or being too cold; staff will address the student for safety by asking them to remove their sweatshirt (hoodie), sweater, or jacket.

2 - When clothing keeps students from concentrating on their work or the clothing interrupts others due to style or printed message; staff will address the student for disruption; (often a student will be offered a shirt to change into or a parent will be contacted to bring a change of clothing).

3 -When clothing dispels an odor that is hygienically disruptive, the staff will address the student and parent to support student health and cleanliness.

In all cases, there are no intent to embarrass or demean a student; it is the intent to have the student ready to learn and participate in a healthy and safe environment, in a healthy and safe manner.

Gang or gang-related apparel at West Park Elementary will not be allowed.

Garment Type	Requirements
Tops	Tank, tube, halter, backless or off the shoulder and bare midriff tops are <u>not permitted</u> . No sleeveless shirts, blouses, or tops. No "spaghetti" straps. All the shoulder straps should be 3 inches or wider. No solid RED tops. May not be see-through or too revealing. Must be long enough to cover the torso (no midriff, back, or belly button exposed). No longer than fingertips in length. Must fit properly. May not be oversized.
Pants	Must be fitted at the waist. No larger than one size too large. (No saggy pants) No excessively tight or form fitting pants. No solid RED pants. Must be hemmed at least one inch off the ground. May not "drag". May not have holes, rips, or tears that expose undergarments. No jogging style, nylon, pajama, knits, basketball style, or baggy/ saggy" pants. Sweats may be worn after Fall break until Spring break. Must be clean, neat, and conceal undergarments.

Shorts	<p>Must be fitted at the waist and must cover underwear.</p> <p>No larger than one size too large.</p> <p>No “baggy” or “saggy” shorts.</p> <p>No solid RED shorts.</p> <p>May not be longer than the bottom of the knee.</p>
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Shorts (Cont)	<p>Must be hemmed.</p> <p>No biker-type, nylon, basketball style, or sweat shorts.</p> <p>Must be at or below the finger tips with arms fully extended on the side. Shorts only worn up to the Fall break and after Spring break.</p>
Skirts, Dresses, and Jumpers	<p>Must be no more than 4” above the center of knee.</p> <p>Must be appropriate size and modest in appearance.</p> <p>No solid RED skirts, dresses, or jumpers. No sleeveless dresses.</p>
Outer Garments	<p>No solid RED jackets, sweatshirts, jackets, etc.</p> <p>May not be oversized.</p> <p>Must have proper clothing underneath.</p> <p>Blankets may not be worn (nor brought to school)</p> <p>Sweatshirts may be worn after Fall break until Spring break.</p>
Shoes	<p>Sandals must have toe and heel secured by strap. No flip-flops or slippers.</p> <p>Proper footwear must be worn at all times.</p> <p>Flat, enclosed footwear is required for P.E.</p> <p>No hard-toed or steel-toed shoes or boots.</p> <p>No solid RED shoes, sandals, or laces.</p>
Belts	<p>Must be appropriate sized and worn through belt loops.</p> <p>Belt ends must not hang down.</p> <p>No belt buckles with insignias or initials.</p> <p>No solid RED belts.</p>
Hats	Hats, caps, and hoods may only be worn outside and as weather permits.
Hair	<p>Neat, clean, and combed.</p> <p>No hair style or color to cause undue attention.</p>

Miscellaneous	<p>No wallet chains.</p> <p>No gang-related symbols or insignias on books, belongings or apparel.</p> <p>All decals/pictures subject to review by administration.</p> <p>Attire with lettering or drawings, which depict sexually suggestive expressions or actions, profanity, obscenity, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, shall not be worn.</p> <p>Torn or radically altered clothing is not permitted.</p> <p>The school reserves the right to restrict certain clothing if it has become a symbol for gangs in the community and/or surrounding areas.</p> <p>K-6: No make-up, 7-8: Minimal make-up.</p> <p>Jewelry kept at a minimum.</p> <p>Small <u>stud earrings only</u>. No more than 2 earrings per ear. No hoops or dangling earrings.</p> <p>No visible body piercing allowed.</p> <p>Overall straps button/buckled worn on shoulder.</p> <p>No writing or drawing on skin.</p> <p>Visible tattoos are prohibited.</p> <p>In case of questionable dress (not covered in the rules listed above), the site administrator will make a final decision.</p> <p>All areas of dress code subject for review by administration.</p>
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This dress and grooming code was designed to be fair, simple, and easy to comply with. Please cooperate with our efforts to make our school a safe environment.

The only exceptions to the requirement of the standard dress code are as follows:

- a. Newly enrolled students shall have a two-week grace period to obtain the district's standard dress apparel.
- b. Students who have medical reasons, such as casts, etc. shall be exempt for the body parts affected for the duration of the injury or illness.
- c. Parents who have a valid reason may request an exemption to the standard dress requirement by submitting an exemption request form as specified in AR 5132 (a).

Students who are exempt from the standard dress requirement must comply with the district's minimum dress and grooming code.

Consequence of Dress Code Violation

Violations of this policy will result in the following disciplinary actions:

First Violation: The student may be sent to the office to contact home for a change of clothing, hairstyle, or cosmetics.

Second Violation: Contact home for clothing change while child waits in the office.

Third Violation: The student may be sent home to change, if he/she is cooperative, a meeting to work on agreements for the future concerning this issue will be negotiated and signed. If he/she is not cooperative, discipline will be issued to the violator for willful disobedience.

Continued Violation: Home contact will be made and the student may be sent home or to the office to change. Parent Conference with student will be held. If he/she is not cooperative, discipline will be issued to the violator for defiance of authority.

Electronic Devices Not Permitted

Students are not permitted to use portable electronic devices on campus during the school day, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of a school district employee without approval (No student shall be prohibited from using an electronic device that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student's health and use of which is limited to health-related purposes or during a school-wide emergency affecting the school or community). Electronic devices must be turned off and put away when the instructional day begins. The school and district hold no liability for theft, loss, or damage of any personal electronic device. If a student is using a portable electronic device inappropriately, disciplinary action may take place and parents will be notified to retrieve the phone from the office. Each classroom teacher has the authority to establish classroom rules concerning the collection and retention of personal electronic devices. Such classroom rules will not supersede any policy established by the district including that of liability. A copy of the Technology and Internet Use Policy will be provided to each student.

Items not Appropriate at School

Personal property items shall not be brought to school by a student without specific permission from a teacher or administration. Parents and students need to be aware that possessing certain items such as electronic devices, pocket knives, possession of die or dice, inappropriate use of cell phone during school day, etc., may result in the application of the school discipline plan up to and including suspension from school.

- This includes loss of privilege from field trips, After School Program, and Reward incentives.

Vandalism

Parents are responsible for the full extent of any and all damages at school caused by their child. This includes the cost of labor as well as materials or repairs. In the event such vandalism occurs, the West Park Elementary

School District will appraise the damage and cost of repair and bill the parents of the children. Parents are also responsible for the cost of any reward the district may offer.

It is best if the child who has caused the vandalism is also involved in taking responsibility for his/her action. If a student involved in vandalism is cooperative, a mediation may be arranged to enable them, along with their parents, to assume the responsibility for their actions by recognizing what they have done, making it as right as possible for the present (apology and payment for the damage), and making agreements with their parents and the school concerning their future intentions. Once this has been done and the agreements are kept, the student can return to school knowing they have made corrections.

Procedures for Cost of Damage to School Property

When dealing with the cost of damage to school property by students, the following procedures will be used:

- A. When the damage to school property is traced to a particular student or students, the cost of the repair shall be the responsibility of the parents up to the maximum allowed by law. (Note: This is in the Education Code as well as the West Park Board Policies).
- B. When the damage to school property is not traced to a particular student or students, the cost of repairs will be borne by the Student Body Activity Fund. This fund will be a joint effort between the district and the student body. Fifteen percent (15%) of the funds raised by student fund-raising activities will be placed in this account and will be matched by the district. Money not expended by the end of the year for damage repair will be used for the Student Body Activity Fund.

Chapter 7: Parent Involvement and Rights

Uniform Complaint Procedure/Williams Act

West Park Elementary School District recognizes the fact that life at school does not always run smoothly. As problems arise, school personnel and parents must work together to solve them. We also realize that parents, students and citizens do not always know what to do or where to go for answers and often give up and become frustrated when problems remain unsolved. If a parent, student, or citizen has a concern, they should contact the appropriate school official. (See below)

West Park Elementary School District shall follow uniform complaint procedures when addressing complaints alleging unlawful discrimination based on ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, color, or physical or mental disability in any program or activity that receives or benefits from state financial assistance. Uniform complaint procedures shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in adult education, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, vocational education, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs and special education programs. If a parent, student, employee or citizen has a concern, they should take the appropriate steps as listed below.

Step 1. If your concern is in regard to classroom teacher credentialing, instruction, disability discrimination, materials or facility repair, you may file a Uniformed Complaint Form with the school office.

Step 2. After filing the Uniformed Complaint Form the matter will be investigated by appropriate personnel.

Step 3. The investigation will be reviewed and corrective action, where appropriate, will be taken. You may request to know the outcome of the investigation where it is concerning credentialing, instructional material and facility repair.

For a complete copy of the Uniform Complaint Procedures please contact the Principal.

Williams Complaints Classroom Notice

Notice to Parents, Guardians, Pupils, and Teachers Complaints Rights

Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 35186, you are hereby notified that:

1. There should be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. That means each pupil, including English learners, must have a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home.
2. School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair.
3. There should be no teacher vacancies or misassignments. There should be a teacher assigned to each class and not a series of substitutes or other temporary teachers. The teacher should have the proper credential to teach the class, including the certification required to teach English learners (if present).

Teacher vacancy means a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of a semester for an entire semester.

Misassignment means the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position for which the employee does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential or the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position that the employee is not otherwise authorized by statute to hold.

4. A complaint form may be obtained at the school office, district office, or downloaded from the school's Web site at [district adds Web site address]. You may also download a copy of the California Department of Education complaint form from the following Web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc>.

(a) No employer, who employs 25 or more employees working at the same location, shall discharge or in any way discriminate against an employee who is a parent or guardian of any child in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive, for taking off four hours each school year, per child, to visit the school of the child, if the employee, prior to taking the time off, gives reasonable notice to the employer of the planned absence of the employee. An employee shall utilize existing vacation, personal leave, or compensatory time off for purposes of this planned absence. The employee, if requested by the employer, shall provide documentation from the school as proof that he or she visited the school on a specific date and at a particular time. For purposes of this subdivision, "documentation" means whatever written verification of a parental visit the school deems appropriate and reasonable.

School/Parent/School Compact

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2022-2023

THE STAFF WILL:

1. Provide educational programs based on state and local curriculum guidelines and on the potential of each student.
2. Provide every student a classroom/campus that is safe, caring, and free from disruption. Provide opportunities for every student to be successful.
3. Provide a climate that allows all students to participate in decision making and critical thinking and then be accountable for their choices.

THE SCHOOL WILL:

1. Establish and maintain open lines of communications among home, school, teacher and parent.
2. Provide all parents timely information regarding their child's progress towards meeting academic standards.
3. Provide educational opportunities for parents to increase their skill and knowledge.
4. Provide opportunities for parent involvement.

THE STUDENT WILL:

1. Attend school on time every day.
2. Complete, to the best of his/her ability, all assigned work.
3. Be prepared for all daily work and assignments.
4. Follow school rules.
5. Become involved in the various co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities offered.
6. Strive to do his/her best.

THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL:

1. Establish and maintain open lines of communication among home, school and teachers.
2. See that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time.
3. Promote high expectations.
4. Provide a quiet place in the home for daily homework.
5. Attend Parent/Teacher conferences.
6. Review Mid-Quarter Progress Reports and Quarterly Report Cards.
7. Attend scheduled conferences, S.A.R.B. meetings and/or Student Study Team meetings.

Rights and Responsibilities

Rights of Students

- To attend school unless removed under due process as specified in the Education Code.
- To attend school in a secure academic and social climate, free of fear and violence.
- To benefit from their educational efforts, without disruption from other students.
- To be informed of school rules and regulations.

Responsibilities of Students

- To attend school regularly.
- To be at school on time every day.
- To leave the school campus immediately at the end of the school day unless prior arrangements have been made with the school.
- To be prepared for class with the appropriate materials and work.
- To know and obey school rules and regulations.
- To respect the rights of school personnel, fellow students, and the public in general, to, from, and during school.
- To demonstrate pride in the appearance of school buildings and grounds and to take care of school property.

Rights of Parents

- To expect that their children will spend their time at school in a safe environment, engaged in activities under the care and direction of a dedicated staff.
- To have assurance that school personnel will work cooperatively with parents.
- To be informed of District policies and regulations and school rules.
- To review their child's record with a certificated staff member providing assistance.

Responsibilities of Parents

- To assure that their children arrive at school on time and prepared to work.
- To visit school periodically to participate in conferences with teachers, counselors, or administrators regarding the academic and behavioral status of their children.
- To treat school staff with respect.
- To provide supportive action by making sure that children have enough sleep, adequate nutrition, and appropriate clothing before coming to school.
- To maintain consistent and adequate control over their children and to approve of reasonable control measures as applied by school personnel.
- To cooperate with the school in bringing about improvements designed to enhance the educational program offered students.
- To provide the school with current information regarding legal address, phone, medical data, and other facts which may help the school to serve their children.
- To become familiar with District policies and school rules and regulations.

Rights of Teachers

- To expect and receive the attention, effort, and participation of the students attending their classes.
- To have parental and administrative backing when enforcing rules designated to provide an optimum learning environment.
- To teach with minimum interruptions.
- To enjoy the same level of respect and courteous treatment accorded members of the class individually and collectively.

Responsibilities of Teachers

- To consider the personal worth of each individual student.
- To attempt to equip each learner with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values required for successful living.
- To hold students accountable for their actions at all times

To recognize divergent ideas, opinions, and expressions objectively and deal with them in a balanced and unbiased manner

- To keep parents and students informed with timely or periodic reports, including all pertinent data related to the student's school experience.
- To consistently critique their own performance with the objective of an ever growing professional stature.
- To initiate and enforce individual classroom rules consistent with school and District policies.

Rights of Administrators

- To initiate such control measures as needed to establish and maintain an environment in which optimum learning and teaching conditions prevail.
- To make decisions on the basis of what is best for the students.
- To hold students accountable for their conduct and to take prompt and appropriate action.
- To expect that all school employees recognize and fulfill their role in terms of campus control.
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Responsibilities of Administrators

- To provide leadership that will establish, encourage, and promote good teaching and effective learning.
- To establish, publicize, and enforce school rules and facilitate effective learning and promote attitudes and habits of good citizenship among the students.
- To request assistance from the District's support services and community agencies and resources in cases indicating such action.
- To be sensitive to the concerns expressed by students/staff/parents/community.

Parent Involvement Policy

Each LEA (Local Education Agency/School District) shall develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to parents of participating children, a written parent involvement policy. The policy describes how the LEA will:

- a) involve parents in the development of the local plan and the process of school review for program improvement;
- b) help schools plan and implement parent involvement activities to improve student academic and school performance;
- c) build strong parental involvement;
- d) coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies and other programs specified;
- e) conduct with parents an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the policy;
- f) involve parents in the activities of Title I schools.

In order to engage parents/guardians positively in their children’s education, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff members at each school:

1. Help parents develop and provide parenting skills and home environments that support their children’s academic efforts and their development as responsible members of society.
2. Inform parents they can affect their child’s success in learning and provide strategies they may use to improve academic success and learning at home.
3. Initiate effective communication between home and school so parents know when and how to support their child’s classroom learning activities.
4. Receive training that fosters effective and culturally sensitive communication with home, including communication with non-English speakers and give opportunities to assist in the instructional process both at school and home.
5. Encourage parents to serve as volunteers in schools, attend student performances and school meeting, and participate in site and advisory councils, and other activities.

How can Parents Help?

- Help your child to understand that he/she is responsible for his/her own actions and behavior.
- Expect your child to grow towards independence and offer challenging opportunities. He/she needs limits and direction.
- Get both (or all) sides of the story before drawing conclusions. In case of a misunderstanding, contact the school.

- Remind yourself that teachers teach because they care about your children, that their objectives and yours are usually the same and agreement on how to achieve the objectives requires good communication.
- Spend a few minutes with your child every night to check on his/her homework.
- Get involved in school activities.
- Visit your school; get involved with events, field trips, meetings, etc.
- Check with teacher and/or administration to help in classroom.

Parent Visits to School

Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom. Visits with either teachers or other school staff members should be by appointment because this will assure that the persons or subjects you want to see are available when you visit. For the safety and protection of all students, **all visitors must first sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's pass before entering classrooms.** (Subject to change per COVID regulations)

Parent Volunteers

Parents are also encouraged to participate in their child's education by volunteering in the classroom or by assisting the classroom teacher in other ways such as chaperoning field trips, making instructional materials, working with small groups etc. All volunteers must fill out the volunteer/chaperone packet available in the office before volunteering for any activities. **Regularly scheduled volunteers must be fingerprinted and have a cleared TB exam.** (Subject to change per COVID regulations)

Chapter 8: Important School Information and Programs

After School Program (Teaching Fellows)

In partnership with the Fresno County Office of Education, ASES, West Park Elementary will provide an after school program. This will include homework help, a tutorial center, enrichment activities and nutritious snacks for students. Parents may enroll their child to stay after school on these days to complete homework assignments, study, receive tutorial help, or participate in enrichment activities. Openings are limited by staffing as to the number of students allowed.

The After School Program starts when regular classes are done until 6:00pm. For a detailed schedule, refer to After School Program Handbook.

Assessments & Benchmarks

Throughout the year, students will be given various opportunities to demonstrate their acquisition of grade level objectives. The most common assessments are given in the classroom in the form of tests, work samples and performances. Additionally, each grading period, classroom teachers will be collecting data in the areas of math and language arts to be placed in a portfolio for each child. These portfolios will be used in parent/teacher/student conferences in the spring. Additionally, STAR Reading, STAR Math, standards-based performance tests and local assessments are administered during the year. Students in grades TK-8 take a benchmark in English Language Arts and Mathematics. We will also be giving 3rd-8th Grade students the battery of CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) tests in the spring. Additionally, students identified as English learners will take the ELPAC (English Language Assessments for California) battery of tests in the Spring.

It is important that your child is in school during these assessments.

Bicycles

Bicycles are to be parked in the racks. Bicycles are not allowed elsewhere on the school grounds at any time. If your child rides a bicycle they are **required by law to wear a helmet.**

Board Meetings

The West Park Board of Trustees holds regular Board meetings on the **second Monday** of each month in the West Park Elementary School Cafeteria at 5:30 P.M. Agendas for each meeting are posted at the entrance of the school seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting. Parents and members of the community are welcomed and encouraged to attend Board meetings. Special Board meetings are sometimes called and agendas are posted at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to these meetings. Should you wish further information, please call the school office (233-6501).

§ 48980 · REQUIRED NOTIFICATION

At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, governing boards of school districts shall notify parents and guardians of certain rights and responsibilities including, but not limited to the following sections:

§ 200 et. Seq. · NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

State and federal law prohibits discrimination in education programs and activities. School district are required to afford all pupils, regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation, equal rights and opportunities.

§ 221.5 · COURSE OF STUDY-SEXUAL BIAS

A school counselor, teacher, instructor, administrator, or aide may not, on the basis of the sex of a pupil, offer vocational or school program guidance to a pupil of one sex that is different from the offered to a pupil of the opposite sex or, in counseling a pupil, differentiate career, vocational, or higher education opportunities on the basis of the sex of the pupil counseled. Any school personnel acting in a career counseling or course selection capacity to a pupil shall affirmatively explore with the pupil the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers, that are nontraditional for that pupil's sex. The parents or legal guardian of the pupil shall be notified in advance of career counseling and course selection commencing with course selection for the seventh grade so that they may participate in the counseling sessions and decisions.

§ 231.5 · SEXUAL HARASSMENT

School districts are required to have a written policy regarding sexual harassment. A copy of the policy will be displayed in a prominent location, provided as part of any orientation for new students, distributed to all employees and included in publications that set forth standards of conduct for the district.

Eighth Grade Promotion Expectations

In order for a student to be considered for promotion he/she should:

1. Attend school 90% of the days enrolled.
2. Maintain an End-of-the-Year G.P.A. of 2.0.
3. Make satisfactory growth on grade level assessments.
4. Successfully complete the course of study in the current school year.

**Behavior:* Students must not receive more than 10 behavior citations or 5 suspensions during the school year. Discipline incidents will be monitored throughout the year.

If the student receives a suspension resulting in loss of privileges that extends to the end of school, the loss of privileges will include not participating in any and all of the promotion activities during that suspension, including the promotion ceremony. Any expulsion or suspension of expulsion will mean an automatic loss of promotion privileges.

**Requirements to Promote:* Students must display good behavior during the 8th grade promotion trip and participate in all the promotion practices. Students must maintain good behavior, show positive academic achievement, and maintain good attendance until the end of the school year.

Once all the 8th Grade Promotion Expectations are met, students will be allowed to participate in the 8th Grade Promotion Trip, with parent permission.

Retention Criteria

In order for a student to be considered for retention he/she would exhibit some or all of the following conditions/criteria:

1. Not demonstrating growth in ELA and Math Benchmarks
2. Received below a 2.0 GPA/ Received 1's in Reading and Math
3. Poor Attendance (absent more than 18 days)
4. Student Study Team Meeting/ At-Risk Parent Conferences
5. Light Scale Assessment

When the above conditions exist or appear to be heading this direction, a Light Scale survey review will be conducted, the information will be reviewed among the teachers and education professionals. A SST (Student Study Team) may be initiated to address any of the concerns presented. Parents are expected to be directly involved.

Notwithstanding the verifiable concerns of the school, the final decision regarding retention rests with the parent/guardian.

English Learners

All students identified on the first Home Language Survey as having a primary language other than English are assessed with a State Assessment for English Language Proficiency to help classify the student's English Language fluency. Parents will be notified of assessment results. Student that do not meet the State determined levels will be identified as English Learners and will be assessed yearly until the student meets reclassification criteria. The Reclassification determined by the State are:

1. Assessment of English language proficiency (ELP), using an objective assessment instrument, including, but not limited to, the state test of English language development; and
2. Teacher evaluation, including, but not limited to, a review of the student's curriculum mastery; and
3. Parent opinion and consultation; and
4. Comparison of student performance in basic skills against an empirically established range of performance in basic skills based on the performance of English proficient students of the same age.

English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) meetings will be held periodically throughout the year to address English learner issues.

Extracurricular Activities

Throughout the school year, West Park Elementary students will have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular programs such as sports, leadership, and student council. Continued participation in these activities will require the student to comply with the school's discipline and attendance programs as well as maintain a 2.0 (C) grade point average in all core academic areas, with not more than one "F" grade and not more than one unsatisfactory mark in citizenship. If a student's grades fall below 2.0 at the end of a report period, the student will not participate in any extra activities until the next reporting period.

If a student receives two (2) detentions within the week prior to an activity, the student will not be eligible to participate in any events that week and until the detentions are fulfilled. ALL suspensions carry an automatic loss of privileges from two to four weeks (See Discipline section). This policy will be strictly enforced.

Field Trips

Throughout the school year, students will occasionally have the opportunity to attend field trips. Parent's permission slips **MUST** be signed and returned to school personnel prior to the trip. All standard rules of conduct and procedures used in the daily transportation of pupils will be observed and enforced on field trips unless otherwise stated by the bus driver. If we do not have an emergency card on file for your child, he/she will not be allowed to go on the field trip.

Parents are often asked to accompany classes on field trips and must complete a chaperone packet and meet district standards to volunteer. A completed chaperone application packet and all necessary documents should be on file at least 1 week before field trip to ensure approval. While adult chaperones are allowed to ride the bus, non-school children (siblings) are not permitted on the bus.

When picking up students at the end of a field trip, parents are expected to check out their students from school staff and/or teachers.

Independent Studies Contract

If a student is going to miss school for any reason (example: out of town) for 5 (five) or more consecutive days, it may be possible to cover those days of non-attendance using an independent study contract. Students will not be counted absent if their independent study contracts are completed. **Parents should contact the classroom teacher at least a week prior to absence. The maximum number of days a child can be on independent studies is 10 days at a time.**

The teacher will compile necessary assignments for the days shown on the I.S. contract and the parent, teacher, and student will sign it. Immediately upon return, the student must submit the independent study work to the teacher for review. Notice of completion will be given to the office. All work must be completed and of satisfactory quality to receive full credit for attendance. If the student does not complete the assignments or does not turn them in on time, he/she will be marked absent/unexcused for the days written on the contract.

Lost and Found

Articles of clothing found are placed in the "lost and found" box in the cafeteria. Smaller items such as wallets, jewelry, eye glasses, keys are kept in the office. Unclaimed articles are donated to charitable organizations at the end of June. **Parents are advised to write children's names on lunch boxes, sweaters, and coats.**

Meals at School and National School Lunch Program

Students are to remain on the school grounds during lunch hour unless written permission to leave is given by parents or guardians and cleared through the office. If students bring lunch, they are to eat in the cafeteria. Trash cans are provided for litter.

Breakfast: All students participate in our daily breakfast program.

Hot Lunch: The West Park Elementary School District offers a daily hot lunch for all students preschool through eighth grade. Milk is available for those who bring sack lunches.

State Free and Reduced Price Lunch/Breakfast Program: The West Park Elementary School District participates in the State Lunch Programs. An application form is sent home with new students the first week of school (or

upon registration). If for any reason you did not get one and feel you might qualify, application forms are available in the office.

Please note, that although you may qualify, you are not eligible for free/reduced price lunch or breakfast prices until you have applied each year by completing and returning the application (one application per family) form to the district. If we do not receive the application, you will be charged for all the meals your child has eaten. All applications are due within two weeks of the beginning of school. If they are not returned, even though you may have been determined eligible, your student will be placed on a full-charge cash basis until the application has been processed. **This year we must have an application for all families. No charge for meals due to Direct Certification process.**

This is an equal opportunity program. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap, write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

***If your child cannot drink milk please bring in a Doctor's note and send a juice drink for him/her.**

****Please, it is critical to notify school of any food allergies.**

Mandated Reporters

All staff employees working for the school are **mandated reporters** regarding child health and safety. Anytime they are told that a child's health and safety is at risk, they have no choice but to report it –even if it's through casual conversation. This includes any crimes against children such as abuse or neglect.

Movie Guide

In an effort to establish a policy for movies that are shown in the classroom, West Park Elementary will implement the following rule:

Any movie which is not rated "G" will require a signed permission slip from you, as a parent or guardian. If these are not signed and returned, your child will not see the movie. If you do **not** want your child to view the movie, he/she will work in another classroom during the time that it is shown.

Character Education

“Character Education must be approached comprehensively to include the emotional, intellectual and moral qualities of a person or group.” The U.S. Department of Education has recognized the importance of schools and their responsibilities in helping to develop and support positive character development. West Park Elementary has also recognized the importance of the time in school as an opportunity to explain and reinforce core values.

Using Character Education, we will develop partnerships and work collaboratively with staff, parents, students, and community to emphasize a consistent message about character traits that are essential for success in school and life. Through this program, students will learn the habits of thought and deed that will help them live and work together as families, friends, neighbors, communities and nations.

Special Education

At West Park Elementary School, we are committed to a full inclusion program for students who have met the criteria to receive specialized academic instruction through Special Education services. Students who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may receive limited pull-out for targeted skill development. Parents are strongly encouraged to: work with the school staff, be an integral part of the IEP Team, and help students reach their highest level of academic potential.

Student Recognition/Motivation

Just as we have serious consequences for students who exhibit negative behavior, we also have a reward system to honor those students who display positive attitudes and behavior. Recognition is regularly given to students who excel in academics, attendance, behavior, and athletics. We are committed to teaching the students at our school that good work habits and positive behavior will be beneficial not only to the overall education program, but also to them personally. Every quarter or (in some cases) semester, students are recognized for: Perfect Attendance (Zero Absences / On Time), Academic Achievement, PAWS (Prepared and responsible, Act Safely, Work together, Show respect), Wolf of the Quarter (PAWS), and Sports Recognition.

Student Study Team

The purpose of a Student Study Team (SST) is the school's way to work with a student who is having problems with: academics, social/emotional control/coping, irregular attendance or behavior. The Dean of Schools and School Psychologist work with any or all of the following staff/team members to make decisions about a child's education: classroom teachers, intervention teachers, parents/guardians, resource specialist, nurse, speech therapist, or migrant tutors. Once the Student Study Team determines all necessary variables, decisions are made to move forward with providing specialized attention for that child.

Report Cards

At the close of every quarter report cards are **mailed** home. The purpose of the quarterly reports is to update parents on their child's academic progress.

Team Sports

Varsity and Junior Varsity (girls and boys) sports are available to any student who wishes to try out and will practice after school. The number of students in each sport will be determined by the available equipment/uniforms and the optimum number of athletes on a team. A 2.0 GPA is required at the beginning of the sport. Coaches and/or Administration retain the right to remove a child from a given sport due to disciplinary concerns. It is very important to the entire team that all players strive to be good students and citizens. To participate in an event, students must meet the attendance and behavior requirements.

* Attendance requirement means that a student must be at school the full day of the activity.

Textbooks

West Park Elementary furnishes necessary textbooks for all students. We hope this significant investment of district funds will be treated with respect. Reasonable wear and tear is to be expected, however, unreasonable damage will result in the parents/students being financially responsible for book replacement. We require all books, that are to be taken home, be covered for their protection.

Use of School Telephone

The telephone located in the school offices and classrooms are for business only. Students may be given permission to use the classroom phone by the teacher, if in the teacher's judgment, the call is absolutely necessary. Only in an emergency should the office be contacted to interrupt a student in the classroom to deliver personal messages.

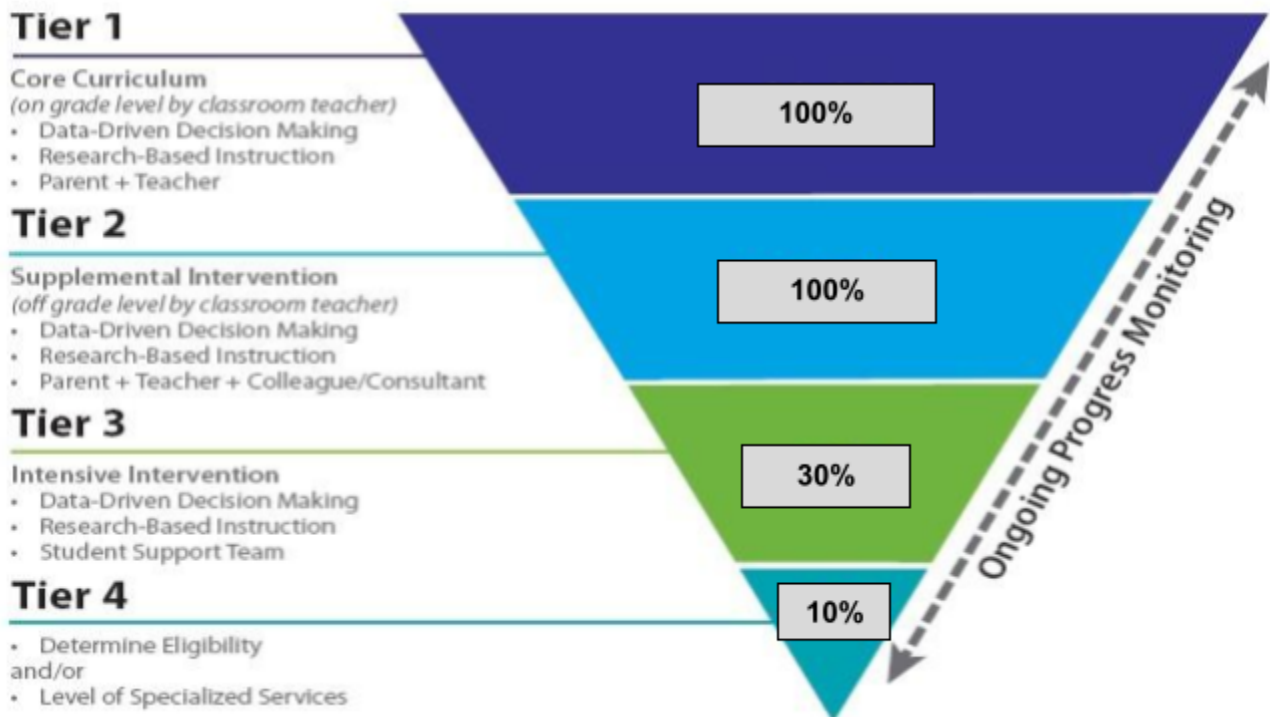
Chapter 9: Curriculum and Intervention

Intervention and Academic Services

Intervention is a supplement to the core curriculum; that provides additional learning opportunities to students by their academic levels. It may consist of: a separate academic program, technology program, or activities designed to support learning objectives. Implementation may be done whole class, small group, or on an individual basis.

Multi-tiered model

To ensure that appropriate instruction directly addresses students' academic and behavioral difficulties in the general education setting, a multi-tiered service delivery model is used. Included are layers of increasingly intense intervention responding to student-specific needs.




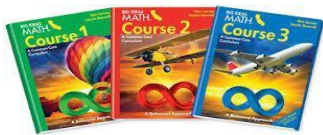

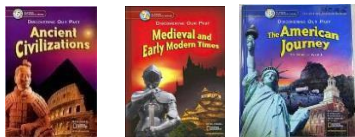




Tiered Academic Programs

<u>Tier 1</u>	<u>Tier 2</u>	<u>Tier 3</u>	<u>Tier 4</u>
<u>General Education Curriculum</u> (Provided by certificated staff) *Core Curriculum in areas of: English Language Arts, Mathematics Science, Social Studies, and English Language Development are taught using our Board-Adopted texts.	<u>Intervention Curriculum</u> (Provided by certificated and support staff) *Math Intervention *Literacy Intervention -taught daily -Based on deployment levels	<u>Extended Learning Opportunities</u> (Provided by certificated and support staff) *SES-Afterschool Reading/ Math Support and Services *RTI- Targeted Small-Group	<u>Special Education</u> (Provided by certificated/ specialized staff) *Students who qualify for: -Speech and Language Services -RSP-Resource Specialist Program -Psychological Services

West Park Elementary Core Curriculum




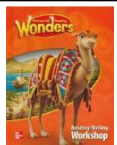



Publishers and Programs

<u>Subject/ Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>English Language Arts</u> 	Grades : TK-5	Mc Graw-Hill Publishers- Wonders- California English Language Arts Program
<u>English Language Arts</u> 	Grades : 6-8	Mc Graw-Hill Publishers- Study Sync English Language Arts Program
<u>Mathematics</u> 	Grades : TK-5	Pearson Learning-EnVision Math Scott Foresman- Addison Wesley Common Core Edition 2014
<u>Mathematics</u> 	Grades : 6-8	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publishers Grade 6- Big Ideas Math Course 1 Grade 7- Big Ideas Math Course 2 Grade 8- Big Ideas Math Course 3 Grade 8- Big Ideas Algebra 1
<u>Science</u> 	Grades : TK-5	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publishers- California Science
<u>Science</u> 	Grades : 6-8	Holt, Rinehart, & Winston, California Edition Grade 6- Earth Science Grade 7- Life Science Grade 8-Physical Science
<u>Social Studies</u> 	Grades : TK-5	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publishers Reflections: California Series
<u>Social Studies</u> 	Grades : 6-8	Glencoe McGraw Hill- Discovering Our Past Grade 6- World Civilizations Grade 7- World History Grade 8-U.S. History
<u>English Language Development</u> 	Grades : TK-5	Mc Graw-Hill Publishers- Wonders English Language Development Program


		
<u>English</u> <u>Language</u> <u>Development</u>	Grades : 6-8	<i>Mc Graw-Hill Publishers- Study Sync English Language Development Program</i> <i>National Geographic & Hampton Brown Inside: Levels A-E</i>

West Park Elementary English Learner Curriculum


English Language Development (also referred to as ELD) is a systematic approach to teaching: oral language skills, writing, reading, grammar, and listening. Students are grouped based on language proficiency levels and academic ability. Listed below are the programs at West Park.

<u>Wonders</u> Grades K-5th	
	<u>Kindergarten Levels: Emerging/ Expanding/ Bridging</u> Placement is based on ELPAC scores, STAR Reading, Entry Level, and Academic Assessments.
	<u>1st Grade Levels: Emerging/ Expanding/ Bridging</u> Placement is based on ELPAC scores, STAR Reading, Entry Level, and Academic Assessments.
	<u>2nd Grade Levels: Emerging/ Expanding/ Bridging</u> Placement is based on ELPAC scores, STAR Reading, Entry Level, and Academic Assessments.
	<u>3rd Grade Levels: Emerging/ Expanding/ Bridging</u> Placement is based on ELPAC scores, STAR Reading, Entry Level, and Academic Assessments.
	<u>4th Grade Levels: Emerging/ Expanding/ Bridging</u> Placement is based on ELPAC scores, STAR Reading, Entry Level, and Academic Assessments.
	<u>5th Grade Levels: Emerging/ Expanding/ Bridging</u> Placement is based on ELPAC scores, STAR Reading, Entry Level, and Academic Assessments.
<u>Study Sync</u> Grades 6th-8th	
	<u>6th Grade Levels: Emerging/ Expanding/ Bridging</u> Placement is based on ELPAC scores, STAR Reading, Entry Level, and Academic Assessments.
	<u>7th Grade Levels: Emerging/ Expanding/ Bridging</u> Placement is based on ELPAC scores, STAR Reading, Entry Level, and Academic Assessments.
	<u>8th Grade Levels: Emerging/ Expanding/ Bridging</u> Placement is based on ELPAC scores, STAR Reading, Entry Level, and Academic Assessments.

West Park Elementary Literacy Intervention Curriculum

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Common Core Standards Plus- English Language Arts/ Literacy</u> 	Grades : K-8	<i>Focus: Common Core Standards Test Prep and Targeted Intervention Lessons</i>

West Park Elementary Math Intervention Curriculum

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Common Core Standards Plus- Math</u> 	Grades: K-8	<i>Focus: Common Core Standards Test Prep and Targeted Intervention Lessons</i>

Chapter 10: Transportation

Bus Transportation (Southwest Transportation Agency)

Southwest Transportation Agency (SWTA) will continue to operate the West Park Elementary School District buses. Any questions regarding bus routes pick up times, etc., should be directed to: Southwest Transportation at 644-1080.

Please direct transportation related calls to Southwest Transportation. If for some reason you do not get an answer to your question of concern, please feel free to call the school office.

Bus Regulations/Discipline and Safety

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

The Southwest Transportation Agency is dedicated to providing pupil transportation services with maximum safety as our prime objective for all pupils. To ensure this level of safety each student must behave in a satisfactory manner, allowing the driver to direct his or her undivided attention to driving. The bus is treated as a classroom.

TITLE 5 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 14103:

“Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible to, the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across the street or highway.”

Bus Rules:

1. Cooperate with the driver. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Arrive at the bus stop not more than 5 minutes before the scheduled bus arrival. While going to and from bus stop and while waiting for the bus, keep out of the street and off private property. Noise, rowdy behavior and property damage at a bus stop could cause the stop to be moved to a more inconvenient location.
3. Board and leave the bus in an orderly manner. Do not push other students. Follow driver's instruction concerning seating location and unloading procedure.
4. Be seated promptly. Be willing to share seats with fellow bus riders.
5. Always sit facing front of bus. Remain seated when bus is in motion. Do not change seats without permission of driver. Do not “save” seats.
6. Keep hands off other people and their possessions.
7. Keep head, hands, and arms inside bus at all times. Do not yell out of the windows to others outside the bus.
8. Animals, insects and reptiles are not permitted on the bus. Guide dogs and signal dogs are an exception. (54.2 Civil Code)
9. Glass containers and Balloons are not permitted on the bus.
10. Bus aisle and emergency exits must be kept clear of books, lunches, etc.
11. Keep the bus clean. Students are not to eat, drink or chew gum or tobacco on the bus. Exceptions must be cleared through the agency.
12. Students must wear shoes and shirts at all times while on the bus. No open cosmetics or aerosol cans are permitted.
13. Do not use obscene or profane language. Smoking and lighting of matches are not permitted on the bus. No hazardous material; liquid, solid or gas are permitted on the bus.

14. Students will be responsible for their individual behavior. It is not possible for a driver to watch all students at all times; therefore, saying “somebody else was doing it too!” does not exempt a misbehaving student.
15. Do not deface or destroy bus equipment. Damage to seats, windows and other parts of the bus is unnecessary and costly. Any damage will be paid for by the student responsible.
16. Avoid loud talking, loud laughter or unnecessary confusion. (It may divert the driver’s attention and could result in an accident.)
17. Students living across the street, upon which the bus is stopped to unload them, shall be escorted by the driver.
18. **All preschool and Kindergarten students must be picked up by and adult when getting off the bus.**
19. Southwest adheres to a stringent Anti-bullying policy.

Student Discipline Procedure (for Bus Transportation)

In order to guarantee the safe transportation of students, the following assertive discipline plan shall be used:

Our Philosophy:

Student safety is paramount. To insure safe operation of any school bus, students must behave appropriately and safely while riding on a school bus. When misbehavior does occur the following steps will happen:

1ST INCIDENT: Driver notes 1st infraction = Verbal warning

2ND INCIDENT: Driver notes 2nd infraction = Citation issued

At a minimum, the following consequences are mandated by Southwest policy if a student continues to disregard bus rules.

1ST Citation: Will result in a written notice to parents, Agency and school.

2nd Citation: Will result in loss of privileges for a minimum of 1 day. The school administrator will set up a conference with the student to discuss the behavior. The school administrator may impose a more severe punishment if deemed appropriate.

3rd Citation: Will result in loss of bus privileges for a minimum of 3 days. The school administrator may impose a more severe punishment if deemed appropriate.

4th Citation: Will result in a loss of bus privileges for a minimum of 10 days. The school administrator may impose a more severe punishment if deemed appropriate.

4th Citation: Will result in loss of bus privileges pending a parent conference. Appropriate discipline will be determined by the school administrator and transportation, following the parent conference.

SEVERE CLAUSE

The severe clause may be invoked without a citation having been previously issued whenever the offense is of such serious nature as to warrant it. Some examples of these offenses shall include but not be limited to:

1. Jumping out of bus windows or emergency exits.
2. Severe fighting when injury does or is likely to occur.
3. Profane or obscene and abusive language directed at the driver or other passengers.
4. Striking or kicking a driver.
5. Destroying agency property.
6. Any action which may result in serious injury or damage to agency property.
7. Bullying.
8. Any violation of the Education Code.

Consequence:

Student will be suspended from the bus pending a parent conference. Appropriate disciplinary action will follow.

Bus Driver:

The driver of the bus **has absolute authority in matters dealing with transportation**. The driver may remove any student from the bus who persists in disobeying regulations

Bus Safety Rules

Upon registration, the parents or guardians of all pupils not previously transported in a school bus or school pupil activity bus and who are in preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, shall be provided with written information of school bus safety. The information shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- A. A list of school bus stops near each pupil's home.
- B. General rules of conduct at school bus loading zones:
 - 1. Form a single file line facing the bus when it arrives.
 - 2. Never push or shove the person in front of you or behind you.
- C. Red light crossing instructions.
 - 1. The student shall wait at the right front side of the bus by the door for the command from the driver to cross the road when it is safe.
 - 2. The student shall cross the road quickly, but not run, to the other side.
- D. School bus danger zone.
 - 1. The students should remain at least 12 feet from all sides of the school bus.
- E. Walking TO the bus stop.
 - 1. Be at your bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus arrives.
 - 2. Avoid horseplay.
 - 3. Respect the privacy of others while walking to the bus stop and waiting for the bus.
- F. Walking FROM the bus stop.
 - 1. When getting off the bus, walk at least 12 feet away from the bus.
 - 2. Never run back to the bus to get an object left behind or dropped near the bus.
 - 3. Never chase the bus after it has pulled away from the bus stop.
 - 4. Never cross the street behind the bus.

Procedure for Bus Riders

NO STUDENT IS TO DEPART FROM THE BUS UNTIL IT REACHES SCHOOL IN THE MORNING OR ARRIVES AT THE DESIGNATED PLACE FOR HIM/HER TO LEAVE THE BUS IN THE AFTERNOON.

Please Note: **No student will be removed from the bus once the bus is loaded unless the parent is in the office.**

Procedure to be dropped off at a Different Location

If any student needing to ride another bus, or depart from his/her bus to other than his/her designated place, MUST PROVIDE A NOTE (to office staff) THE DAY BEFORE, UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY.

A Preschool or Kinder Parent/ Guardian must be at the bus stop for their child.