

# **Starr Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook**



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# Welcome to Starr Elementary and Oregon City Schools!

August, 2016

Starr Elementary School Parents/Guardians and Students,

It is with great pleasure that the Starr Elementary School Staff welcomes you to the 2015 - 2016 school year, the 58th year of Starr Elementary!

The purpose of this handbook is to help students and parents become better acquainted with the policies and procedures at Starr Elementary School. It is essential that this handbook be reviewed and understood by you and your child(ren).

The Starr Elementary Staff is looking forward to working with your family. Your involvement is crucial to our overall success. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please contact me at (419) 693-0589 or e-mail me at [tsoltesz@oregoncs.org](mailto:tsoltesz@oregoncs.org)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tricia Soltesz, Principal

## Mission Statement of Starr Elementary School

The Starr Elementary staff in cooperation with students, families and community members is committed to the promotion of academic achievements, instilling respect for others, accepting responsibility for one's self and their actions, while creating an atmosphere of friendliness towards others.

## Mission Statement of Oregon City Schools

The mission of the Oregon City Schools, a comprehensive system in a diverse community, is to guarantee each student the pursuit of academic excellence, moral integrity, and career readiness by offering intellectual challenges and vocational options in a framework of high expectations and community support.

# **Starr Elementary School Staff**

(Staff is subject to change)



### Office Personnel

Mrs. Tricia Soltész – Principal - Ext. 3044  
Mrs. Jenny Selmek – Secretary - Ext. 3000

### Guidance Counselor

Ms Julie Ford - Ext. 3040

### Kindergarten

Mrs. Jennifer Klewer - Ext. 3047  
Mrs. Lisa Tilton - Ext. 3048  
Mrs. Tracy Venia - Ext. 3001  
Ms. Carly Naufel

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Mr. Ryan Donegan - Ext. 3014  
Mrs. Sarah Howard - Ext. 3012  
Mrs. Miriam Martin - Ext. 3015  
Mrs. Rebecca Oberdick - Ext. 3013

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Mrs. Debra Kowalski - Ext. 3027  
Mrs. Leslie Munger - Ext. 3026  
Mrs. Karen O'Connor - Ext. 3025  
Ms. Amanda Vargo - Ext. 3028

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Mrs. Heather Armstrong - Ext. 3019  
Mrs. Sarah Garand - Ext. 3022  
Mrs. Julie Kujawa - Ext. 3021

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mrs. Carmela Elmer - Ext. 3007  
Ms. Elizabeth Holzauer - Ext. 3004  
Mrs. Patricia Price - Ext. 3002  
Mrs. Colleen Zatko - Ext. 3003

### Intervention Specialists

Mrs. Candace Gillen - Ext. 3007  
Mrs. Amanda Muck - Ext. 3009  
Mrs. Amy Rankin - Ext. 3046  
Ms. Karen Seckinger - Ext. 3016

### Title 1 Teachers

Ms. Hailee Greenlese - Ext. 3020  
Mrs. Lauryl Mitchell - Ext. 3017

### ESL Instructor

Ms. Michelle Marentette-Hermanutz - Ext. 3023

### Music Teacher

Ms. Megan Link - Ext. 3011

### Physical Education Teacher

Mr. Jeremiah Przybylski - Ext. 3035

### School Nurse

Mrs. Jill Duwve - Ext. 3030

### Librarian

Mrs. Deb Toth - Ext. 3018

### Extra Curricular Advisors

Kiwanis Kids - Ms. Julie Ford  
Student Activities Advisor - Mrs. Candace Gillen  
STEM- Mrs. Julie Kujawa & Mrs. Leslie Munger

### District Speech Pathologist

### District School Psychologist

Ms. Tiffany Rollins

### Student Centered Paraprofessionals

Mrs. Michelle Gaskins

### Cafeteria Staff

Mrs. Pam Jones- Manager - Ext. 3041  
Ms. Mary Riley  
Ms. Deb Mottmiller

### Custodial Staff

Ms. Tracy Shull - Day - Ext. 3031

### Crossing Guard

Ms. Lucinda Kinnan

### Cafeteria Monitors

Ms. Lori Cousino  
Mrs. Denise Vargo  
Ms. Anita Wlodarz

### Playground Monitors

Mrs. Angie Hales  
Mrs. Jayme Vermett  
Ms. Lucinda Kinnan

### Breakfast/Parent Pick-Up Monitor

Mrs. Angie Hales

### Attendance/eSIS

Mrs. Becky Dominique - Ext. 3042



# **Starr Calendar of Important Dates**

2015 - 2016

(Dates and times are subject to change)

## August

- 12 - School Pictures - 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 16 - Open House - 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- 18 - Classes begin grades 1 - 4
- 19 - 24 - KRA/STAR Assessments - K  
\*By Appointment
- 25 - Kindergarten Orientation - 10:00 a.m. and  
1:00 p.m.
- 26 - 1st Day for Kindergarten  
Kindergarten "Boo-Hoo" Breakfast – 9:05  
a.m. - Cafeteria

## September

- 7 - Labor Day – No School
- 11 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 12 - The Rock - 5K
- 21 - Staff Inservice Day - No School
- 22 - 25 - Book Fair
- 25 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4

## October

- 1 - Picture Retakes/4th Panoramic/Candid
- 9 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 12 - 16 - Stanford Testing - 4th Grade
- 21 - End of 1st Quarter
- 23 - 1st Quarter Grades Posted in PowerSchool -  
Grades 2-4
- 30 - Fall Parties  
Grade Cards Go Home

## November

- 3 - Reports and Records Day - K - 6  
Parent Teacher Conference - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00  
p.m.
- 4 - Parent Teacher Conferences - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30  
p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 6 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 11 - Veteran's Day  
4th Grade Music Program - 6:30 p.m.
- 19 - 3rd Grade Music Program - 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 25 - 27 - Fall Break - No School

## December

- 4 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 14 - 18 - Right-to-Read Week
- 17 - 2nd Grade Music Performance - 6:30 p.m.
- 18 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 21 - Jan. 1 - Winter Break

## January

- 4 - Classes Resume
- 12 - End of 2nd Quarter
- 15 - Full Day Inservice - K - 6 - No School
- 15 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 18 - Martin Luther King Day - No School
- 22 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4  
Grade Cards Go Home

## February

- 5 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 12 - Valentine Parties
- 15 - President's Day - No School
- 19 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 22 - 26 - Reading for Education Campaign

## March

- 4 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 16 - 3rd Grade OLSAT (Otis-Lennon School Ability  
Test)
- 17 - Spring Pictures
- 18 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 22 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 23 - Grade Cards Go Home
- 24 - Parent Teacher Conferences - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30  
p.m. - No School
- 25 - April 1 - Spring Break - No School

## April

- 4 - Classes Resume
- 8 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 22 - Kindergarten Q and U Wedding  
Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4

## May

- 2 - 6 - Staff Appreciation Week
- 6 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 18 - K Field Trip to County Lane Tree Farm  
1st Grade Music Performance - 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - Fun Day  
Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4
- 24 - K Graduation and Music Performance
- 26 - Last Day of School - School Ends at 1:35 p.m.  
3rd Grade Awards - 9:30 a.m.  
4th Grade Awards - 10:30 a.m.
- 31 - Grades Posted in PowerSchool - Grades 2-4

## E. DIRECTORY INFORMATION

We get many requests from universities and private schools to provide them with our student directory. Oregon City Schools will not provide this for profit-making organizations.

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, and the Ohio Revised Code, the Oregon City Schools have designated the following personally identifiable information contained in a student's education record as directory information:

1. Student's name
2. Student's address
3. Student's date of birth
4. Student's extracurricular participation
5. Student's achievement awards or honors
6. Student's weight and height, if a member of an athletic team.

Parents of eligible students have two weeks from the start of school in which to advise the district, in writing, of any or all items they refuse to permit as directory information about the student. Notification may be sent to the building principal or the Assistant Superintendent of Oregon City Schools.

## F. DISTRICT DIRECTORY

	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Fax #</u>
Oregon Board of Education - 5721 Seaman Rd.	693-0661	698-6016
Transportation Office	693-7727	698-6049
Student Services Office	698-6000	698-6005
Adult Education Office	693-0668	
Wynn Center - OSAP/Preschool - 5224 Bayshore Rd	698-8003	698-6020
School District Website	www.oregoncityschools.org	

### Elementary Schools

Coy School - 3604 Pickle Rd	693-0624	698-6018
Jerusalem School - 535 S. Yondota Rd	836-6111	836-1501
Starr School - 3230 Starr Ave.	693-0589	698-6019

### Secondary Schools

Eisenhower Intermediate School - 331 N. Curtice Rd	836-8498	836-2005
Fassett Junior High School - 3025 Starr Ave.	693-0455	698-6048
Clay High School - 5665 Seaman Rd.	693-0665	698-6047

## G. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mike Csehi

Heather Miller

Carol-Ann Molnar

Keith Kennedy

Jeff Ziviski

The Board meets monthly in the Clay High School Media Center. Meetings are open to the public. Dates and times are announced in advance and are available on the district calendar and at [www.oregoncityschools.org](http://www.oregoncityschools.org). Persons wishing to present an item to or address the Board should contact the Superintendent in advance or see the Board president at the beginning of the meeting.





## H. DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

### Starr Elementary School Daily Schedule

Office Opens	8:00
Teachers Arrive	8:10
Arrival Bell	8:50
Class Begins	9:05
Lunch/Recess:	
Kindergarten Lunch	11:25 - 11:55
Kindergarten Recess	11:55 - 12:15
First and Second Grade Lunch	12:00 - 12:30
First and Second Grade Recess	12:30 - 12:50
Third and Fourth Grade Lunch	12:35 - 1:05
Third and Fourth Grade Recess	1:05 - 1:25
Get Ready Bell	3:30
Dismissal	3:35



## SECTION II ... POLICIES CONCERNING ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE, ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE, AND MAKE-UP HOMEWORK

### A. ATTENDANCE POLICY

One of the major aims of the Oregon City Schools is to teach students to assume responsibility. Requiring students to be regular in attendance and punctual in reporting to classes is one way of developing responsibility.

All absences from school are two kinds - **excused** and **unexcused**, as stated below. Cases of truancy will be grounds for referral to the superintendent or designee for action covered under Sections 3321.18 through 3321.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

#### 1. EXCUSED ABSENCES:

- a. **Personal Illness** - Parent determines the student is unable to attend school due to illness.
  - Requires notification from parent/guardian
  - **Phone call to school on day of absence before 9:05 a.m.**
  - Written note from parent/guardian when student returns to school
  - Not to exceed 3 days per quarter
- b. **Medical Excuse** - Student has been seen by a doctor and the doctor determines dates that the student is unable to attend school due to illness.
  - Requires written excuse from doctor
  - Parent phone call to school on day of absence
  - Written note from doctor when student returns to school
- c. **Illness in the immediate family**
  - Requires notification procedures as outlined for Personal Illness
- d. **Quarantine**
  - Requires notification procedures as outlined for Personal Illness
- e. **Death in the family**
  - Requires notification procedures as outlined for Personal Illness
- f. **Religious observances**
  - Requires notification procedures as outlined for Personal Illness
- g. **An emergency or set of circumstances which in the judgment of the school, constitutes good and sufficient cause for absence from school.**
  - Requires notification procedures as outlined for Personal Illness
- h. **Family Vacations:** The following regulations must be met to insure uniform handling of family vacation situations:
  - A student must request a Family Vacation Form from the attendance office.
  - The student and parent will complete the form **prior** to a family vacation. If approval is not obtained, the absence will be unexcused and no work will be made up.
  - The student will present the completed form to all teachers.



- The completed form **must be** submitted to the school office prior to the family vacation.
- **Homework missed from a pre-approved family vacation absence will be given to the student upon their return to school.**
- The days count as absences, but are not calculated in the total for the attendance notification process.
- Only 1 family vacation will be granted each school year.
- Students with excessive absences may be denied family vacation.
- Students will be allowed to make up work if the vacation is approved.
- *Please avoid October, March and May testing dates when planning vacation*



## 2. TYPES OF UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

- More than 3 personal illnesses per quarter **without** a doctor's excuse
- Oversleeping
- Car trouble
- Missing the bus
- Shopping
- Haircut, beauty shop appointments
- Baby-sitting
- Out of school suspension
- Truancy - purposefully skipping school
- Family errands
- Hunting
- Family trips NOT receiving prior approval from the principal
- Child care issues
- Non-school sponsored activities or sports events
- Non-treatment of head lice
- Other absences not listed as excused
- Failure to contact the school in accordance with A.1. a.

## 3. PARTIAL SCHOOL DAY ABSENCES

### a. Tardies/Early Dismissals

A tardy/early dismissal will be issued when a student is:

- 1 hour late for school
- Leaves 1 hour before school dismissal time
- Notification from the parent is required for all early dismissals and tardies
- Tardies and early dismissals will be classified as excused and unexcused according to the procedures for excused and unexcused absences.

### b. Half Day Absences

- All partial absences that are not considered an early dismissal or tardy will count as a 1/2 day absence.
- Half days will be classified as excused and unexcused absences according to the procedures for excused and unexcused absences
- A student must have written notification whenever they miss a partial day and must sign in and out of the office.
- All elementary students must be accompanied by an adult to the office and must be signed in or out by an adult
- Half-day absences will convert at the rate of 2 = 1 full day for truancy purposes.

## 4. "TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY"

"Take Your Child to Work Day" is not considered an excused absence from school. Students who would like to accompany parent(s)/guardian(s) to work are encouraged to do so on a day when school is not in session.

## B. ATTENDANCE CODING GUIDELINES

Any student arriving at school after 9:05 a.m. is considered tardy and should report to the office for an admit slip to class. Otherwise, the teacher will send the student to the office for a slip.

### 1. Arrival

- a. Tardy until 10:05 a.m.
- b. Arrival after 10:05 a.m. and until 2:35 p.m. = ½ day a.m.

### 2. Departure

- a. Leave at 2:35 p.m. or before = ½ day p.m.
- b. Leave before 10:05 a.m. = a full day absence

\*4 or more unexcused tardies and/or early dismissals will disqualify a student from receiving a perfect attendance award.

## C. ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Each child is allowed 3 parent excused absences per quarter. Any absence beyond the 3 parent excused must have a doctor's note. Should your child go beyond 5 unexcused absences, the following attendance notification process will occur. Be sure when visiting the doctor to secure and send to school any excusal notices you may receive.

1. 5 unexcused absences = Letter with print-out of attendance.
2. 10 unexcused absences = Letter with print-out of attendance. May result in request for conference or referral to diversion board.
3. 15 unexcused absences = Letter with print-out of attendance. May result in request for conference, referral to diversion board, or recommendation for truancy charges to be filed against parent/guardian.

\* A parent may be called in at any time should the student reach 5 or more unexcused tardies in a quarter.

When your student is absent from school, parents/guardians are expected to call the school the morning of the absence. Upon returning to school, students should present a note from the parents/guardians explaining the reason and date of absence. Please include the student's last name when writing the note. When a parent/guardian does not contact the school regarding the absence, the absence is considered unexcused.

An automated phone system calls parents/guardians of students who are marked absent. The system will generate a call even if:

- You have called the school informing us that your child will be absent/late.
- Your child arrives late to school.

The automated system works entirely from the attendance input by your child's teacher. If you have notified the school that your child would be absent or are aware that your child is tardy/absent, please consider the call as informational.

#### **D. EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL**

The policy for releasing students to a parent during the school day in cases of emergency, dental or doctor appointments are as follows:

1. Parents/guardians are asked to write a note explaining why a student will be leaving school. The note should be given to the child's teacher at the beginning of the school day.
2. When the parent/guardian comes to pick up the child, he/she must buzzed into the office to sign the child out of school prior to the student leaving the building.
3. Children will be released only to the custodial parent or guardian or to an adult designated by the custodial parent or guardian on the registration paperwork completed in the fall. The adult may be asked to provide a photo ID for identification purposes.
4. While every effort will be made to provide the student with the homework they will miss due to the early dismissal, there may be circumstances that do not permit the homework to be gathered at the time of dismissal.



## E. DROP-OFF / PICK-UP PROCEDURES

1. Student drop-off is at the west end doors **no earlier** than 8:50 a.m.
2. When dropping off your child(ren) you must follow the flow of traffic. **Do not enter the front driveway. The front driveway is reserved for buses.**
3. Use the entire sidewalk when dropping off your child(ren). Several cars can be lined up along the sidewalk dropping off multiple children at the same time.
4. There is one lane of traffic coming in the parking lot and one lane of traffic going out. Please do not drive against the flow of traffic.
5. Children are not permitted to walk through the line of traffic without an adult. If you choose to not drop your child(ren) off at the sidewalk, you must park and walk your child(ren) through the line of cars to the sidewalk.
6. Do not create extra parking spots near the building/sidewalk during drop-off or pick-up. This narrows the area in which cars must travel, creating an unsafe situation.
7. When dropping off tardy student(s), after 9:05 a.m., you must escort your child(ren) into the main office to sign him/her into school.
8. When picking up your child(ren) from school at the end of the day, you must park your car and wait in the cafeteria until the students are released from class. **Do not enter the front driveway. The front driveway is reserved for buses.** Refrain from having someone pick you and your child(ren) up while in the line of moving traffic. This impedes the flow of traffic, creating an unsafe situation.
9. Students are not to exit the building into the parking lot without an adult.
10. The cafeteria will be opened for parents to wait for the students at the end of the day at 3:20 p.m.
11. Students should be picked-up promptly at 3:35 p.m.
12. The way in which your child(ren) goes home at the end of the day cannot be adjusted without direct notification from the parent to the teacher. Please make every effort to notify the teacher of the transportation change by 12:00 p.m.
13. Numbered cards will be issued to ensure that the child(ren) are being picked-up by an authorized individual. The child(ren) and adult will be asked to present the numbered cards each day before leaving the building. If a matching set of cards is not presented, the identification of the adult must be verified before the child(ren) are released to go home.
14. The teachers are unable to conference with you during dismissal as they are supervising students. If there are issues that you want to discuss with your child's teacher, please write your child's teacher a note or leave the teacher a voicemail asking him or her to contact you. Teachers may also have obligations after school which would not allow ample time for them to be able to conference with you.
15. Please refrain from cell phone use while driving in the parking lot during school hours.



## F. BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURES

1. Parents who drop their child(ren) off at school in the morning must drop their child(ren) off at the side door.
2. Only students and staff are permitted in the hallways between 8:50 a.m. and 9:05 a.m.
3. Previous to 8:50 a.m. and after 9:05 a.m., all parents/guardians must enter the office and speak with the school secretary before heading to a classroom.

4. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their child's teacher or contact the teacher by phone if questions or concerns arise as teachers may not be available due to previous commitments before the school day begins.

## SECTION III ... STUDENT CONDUCT

### A. DISCIPLINE

Each child is expected to be a good citizen, accept responsibility for his/her actions, and respect other persons and their rights and property (including school and public property).

School discipline procedures are set forth in school board policies as well as within each school building. The Oregon Board of Education will not tolerate violent, disruptive behavior or inappropriate behavior by its students. No weapons, lasers, or articles resembling weapons will be allowed. Students will receive disciplinary action for any safe school violation. Violation on the part of a student for any one or more of the school rules while on school property (both during school hours and after school hours) or while under the jurisdiction of the school may result in disciplinary action including detentions, emergency removal, in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, referral to diversion, and/or expulsion or other alternatives deemed appropriate by the administration. Oregon City Schools maintains a working relationship with local law enforcement agencies and may request assistance from these agencies when deemed necessary.

Individual teachers have different expectations and standards within the school's general rules of conduct. The cooperation of parents, students, and staff is essential in creating an environment that fosters learning.

In-School Suspension: An in-school suspension is an alternate setting within the school building. Students will be provided work to complete. During in-school suspension, students do not participate in school or classroom activities.

Out-of-School Suspension: A student will only be allowed to complete homework assignments while on suspension. Credit will not be given to the student for any tests and classroom activities which occurred during days missed for any out-of-school suspension.

Diversion: Students will be recommended for diversion for chronic truancy or excessive attendance issues, for chronic behavioral issues as a "last chance" prior to expulsion, or by the assistant superintendent in lieu of expulsion.

### B. DISCIPLINE CODE AND ZERO TOLERANCE

Regardless of where violations occur, a student may be suspended or expelled if the misconduct is directed at an Oregon City Schools official or employee or the property of an Oregon City School's official or employee. A student may be suspended or expelled if the student's misconduct occurs off of property that is owned or controlled by the school district, but is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on property that is owned or controlled by Oregon City Schools.







## C. STARR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SYSTEM

### 1. Philosophy

Starr Elementary School strives to provide a safe, secure, stimulating environment for all learners. We believe that in order to achieve this goal all students must be taught clear behavioral expectations. With hard work and dedication, the entire staff, parents and students agree to uphold our guiding principles of being respectful, being responsible and being a friend.

### 2. Universal, Unconditional Student Support

The Starr Elementary School staff values the unique qualities and abilities inherent in each individual student regardless of how that student performs or what he or she accomplishes. In order for students to meet behavioral expectations, it is imperative they realize their own individual worth and importance as a member of the school community. Part of what makes a safe, secure, and stimulating environment for all learners is the ability to make mistakes and learn from them. Positive risk taking can lead students to reach heights they may not have thought possible. We believe:

- Every person learns.
- Every person can contribute.
- Every person makes mistakes.

To that end, all staff members have committed themselves to fostering each student's understanding of his or her unique place at Starr Elementary School. This commitment includes, but is not limited to:

- **Bulldog of the Week:** Throughout the school year, students who exemplify positive characteristics that uphold our "Bulldog Principles" may be chosen by their teacher to be the "Bulldog of the Week."
- **Bulldog Character Building Traits:** Each month students will focus on a specific character building trait. Students may be involved in a variety of activities involving the trait of the month.
- **Bulldog Bucket Filler Program:** Bucket filling is a simple but powerful concept: Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy. When our buckets are empty, we feel sad. Staff members at Starr School encourage and recognize students' efforts to be bucket fillers. Students "caught" filling buckets will be acknowledged and their achievements celebrated! They will receive certificates, be recognized on the morning announcements and have their names placed on our "We are Bucket Fillers!" bulletin board.

### 3. School-Wide / Home Reinforcement Agreement

The Starr Elementary School staff agrees to post, teach and model our three guiding principles, five school wide rules and recite our positive pledge in our classrooms and throughout our building on a daily basis.

### 4. Bulldog Principles

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be a Friend

### 5. Bulldog Bucket Filler Pledge

As a bucket filler, I . . .

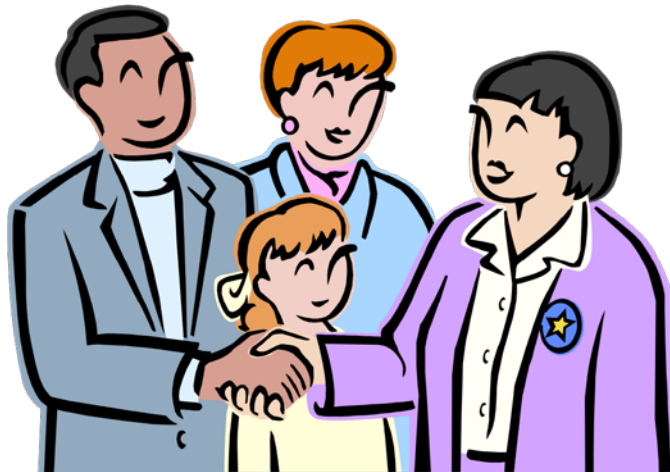
- am polite and friendly to everyone
- help others without being asked.
- practice good manners.
- use kind words when I speak to people.
- treat others how I want to be treated.

#### 6. Bulldog Pride Rules

1. Follow all directions the first time given
2. Keep your hands, feet and objects to self
3. Use appropriate language with both students and adults
4. Use others property only with permission
5. Always allow learning to happen

#### 7. Home Reinforcement – As parents we agree to:

- Review the Bulldog Principles and Bulldog Pride Rules with my child(ren)
- Enforce the same principles and rules at home
- Be supportive of our school community
- Keep an open line of communication between all parties involved



#### 8. School-Wide Management System

All classrooms have a color-coded system to track student behavior. Each color carries a reward or consequence. All students will begin with the color green everyday unless a situation occurs the day before that must be dealt with on the following school day. Possible minor and major offense examples are listed in the chart on page 15.

**Green** - Student will earn point

**Yellow** - Student warning

**Orange** - 15 minute recess detention in the classroom

**Red** - Student is sent to the office to complete a "Think Sheet" regarding the color changes. The "Think Sheet" is sent home to be signed by the parent and returned to school the following day.

**Blue** - Referral to office (A minimum of before school detention will be assigned and a phone call home will be made to the parent by the principal or designee.)

Minor behavior infractions will require a single or double card pull while major behavior infractions will require the student to go to an automatic blue card.

If a student reaches a blue card, he/she may be required to report to before school detention. Intentionally failing to report to the before school detention could result in further consequences.



If a student receives three red cards within one semester of the school year, a phone call home may be made by the principal or designee to discuss the behavior concerns. If additional red cards are earned during the school year, a student's privileges may be reduced to manage the student's behavior.

If a student receives three blue cards within one semester of the school year, a parent conference may be set-up with the administrator and the teacher involved to discuss behavior concerns. If additional blue cards are earned during the school year, the following consequences may be assigned as a progressive discipline plan to manage the student's behavior.

- One day in-school suspension
- Two day in-school suspension
- One day out-of-school suspension
- Three days out-of-school suspension
- Five days out-of-school suspension and referral to the district diversion board
- Seven days out-of-school suspension
- Ten days out-of-school suspension and referral to the expulsion board

In the case of a serious offense involving physical injury, weapons, or drugs, the principal or designee will take immediate action, which could include emergency removal and suspension.

Should a student be suspended from school, the student and parent will be notified of the suspension and given a "notice of intent to suspend." The notification and discussion about the suspension will act as an informal hearing.



### 9. Minor/Major Offense Chart

The chart below defines a list of minor/major offenses. Consequences for minor/major offenses will be administered in accordance with our positive behavior intervention system as mentioned on pg. 13. **The determination of minor/major offenses will be at the discretion of the staff member involved.**

Behavior	Minor	Major
Homework	Failure to turn in required homework	
Inappropriate Communication	Name calling, insults, inappropriate slang or non-directed profanity (Up to 2 card pulls)	Any communication viewed as threatening, insinuating physical harm or bullying (purposely and repeatedly mean or hurtful towards others)/harassing/demeaning
Physical Contact/Fighting/Physical Aggression	Inappropriate contact with another student (Up to 2 card pulls)	Inappropriate contact with intent to hurt another student
Defiance/Overt Defiance	Intentionally not following directions, dishonest actions	Insubordination, back talk to any staff member Dishonest actions directly affecting others
Disruption	Talking while staff member is talking, shouting out, slamming items or throwing items	Temper tantrum Exposure of private body parts
Property Misuse/Stealing	Tampering with another person's/school's property, breaking own materials	Destroying or damaging another person's/school's property, intentionally taking something that does not belong to him/her, throwing items with intent to hurt
Weapons (Real or Fake)		Weapon or any resemblance of a weapon real/fake including but not limited to: guns, knives, lighters or any type of explosive materials



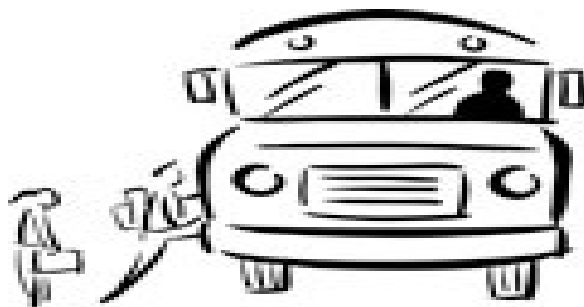
Behavior	Minor	Major
Tobacco and/or Drug Products		Any type of tobacco/drug including but not limited to: chewing tobacco, cigarettes or marked/unmarked drug product

At any time, the Starr staff reserves the right to make adjustments to our building-wide management plan without advanced notice in order to maintain safety and to meet the needs of all students and situations.



## D. STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Listed below are the general rules for riding an Oregon City School Bus. Bus conduct slips will be issued by the bus driver for any infraction of these rules. If there are any questions, please contact the Oregon City Schools Transportation Department Supervisor.



### School Bus Rules

1. Pupils must go directly to an available or assigned seat.
2. Pupils must remain seated keeping aisles and exits clear.
3. Pupils must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
4. Pupils must not use profane language or make obscene gestures or harass other students.
5. Pupils will not vandalize the bus or personal property.
6. Pupils must not use or have possession of any tobacco products or paraphernalia on the school bus. (ORC 3301-83-20)
7. Pupils must not use or have alcohol or drugs and paraphernalia in their possession on the bus, except for prescription medication required for the student.
8. Pupils will not fight or strike another person.
9. Pupils will not use or have in their possession weapons including knives, firearms, (contraband) while on the bus.
10. Pupils must not throw or pass objects on, from, or into the bus.
11. Pupils will not place their arm, head, or any other part of their body outside of the bus (window).
12. Pupils must wait in a designated location clear of traffic and away from the bus stops. (10 feet from the road)
13. Pupils must not eat or drink on the bus.
14. Pupils must carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps (ORC 3301-83-20-1)
15. Pupils must leave or board the bus at locations to which they have been assigned unless they have parental and administrative authorization to do otherwise.
16. Under no circumstances will any type of animal or pet be transported on a school bus.
17. Pupils will follow directions of the bus driver or security aid at all times and when requested must identify themselves or produce their student I.D.
18. Electronic devices can be used at the discretion of the bus driver.
19. All belongings must be kept in the student's backpack.
20. No gang related paraphernalia is allowed to be displayed on the bus.

## E. RECESS POLICY AND PLAYGROUND PROCEDURES

### 1. Recess Policy

Students are given recess each day. Decisions to have outside recess during cold weather depend upon the temperature and the wind chill factor. Shorter outside recess times may be scheduled on very cold days. Always assume there will be outside recess and dress your child accordingly. All students must be on the playground during outside recess. **Only students**

**with medical excuses will be allowed to remain in the building during scheduled outside breaks.** At times, it is necessary to have students remain indoors from recess to complete outstanding classroom, homework, or to make-up assessments missed due to absences.

Students will have supervised inside recess on days when inclement weather prevents outside recess.

## 2. Weather Chart

The chart that Oregon City Schools uses to determine when the weather is appropriate to send

students out for recess can be reviewed at <http://www.oregoncityschools.org>.

## 3. Playground Procedures

- a. Students will go out the side door of the cafeteria to the playground for recess.
- b. Students will follow the sidewalk around the building to the playground.
- c. Students will remain in a single-file line while on the sidewalk.
- d. The recess monitors on duty will use an amplification horn to signal when it is time for each grade level to line-up upon the completion of the recess.
- e. Students will line-up at the double doors closest to their classroom when recess is over.
- f. Students will be picked up at the double doors at the end of their hall when recess is finished by the classroom teachers.

## 4. Playground Rules

- a. The monkey bars are for children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up.
- b. Children are not allowed to jump off of swings, push each other on them, swing sideways or twist swings. Swings wrapped around the pole at the top, making the swing higher off the ground, are not to be used. Children must sit with their bottom on the swing.
- c. Tetherball is for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up.
- d. Children must go down the slides on their bottom one at a time. They are not to run up the slides or jump over the sides. No head first!
- e. Children are allowed to play two hand touch football, however, they are NOT allowed to tackle.
- f. Jump ropes are for jumping rope with only.



## 5. District-Wide Recess Procedures

When several hundred students use the playgrounds every day, rules must be established, understood, and practiced. Perhaps even more important than the rules is that each student respect other students

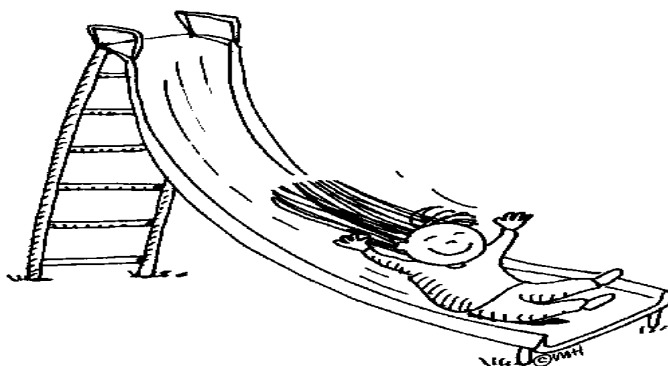
while playing on our playgrounds. Playing cannot be fun when students act in a disrespectful or aggressive manner. Children should be encouraged to care about themselves and the health and safety of others while on the playgrounds.

a. Swings

- Sit in the center of the swing; never stand or kneel.
- Hold on with both hands.
- Stop the swing before getting off.
- Walk around the swing – not too close to the front or the back.
- Never push anyone else in the swing or allow others to push you.
- Have one person in a swing at a time.
- Avoid swinging empty swings, and never twist swing chains.
- Never put head or feet through exercise rings on the swing set.



- b. Slides
  - Only one student on top platform at a time.
  - Hold on with both hands as you go up the steps of the slide, taking one step at a time; never go up the sliding surface or frame.
  - Slide down feet first, always sitting up, one at a time.
  - Be sure no one is in front of the slide before sliding down.
  - Be patient, avoid pushing or shoving, and wait your turn.
  - Leave the bottom of the slide after you have taken your turn.
- c. Ball-Type Games
  - Stay behind backstop when not batting in softball.
  - Do not play tackle football.
  - Baseballs are not to be used during recess.
  - Do not kick balls against building.
- d. Climbers
  - Get on and off climbers in a proper manner.
  - Only stand or walk on the parts of the climbers designed for such activity.
  - Always hold on to the climber with your hands.
  - Do not grab, push, or pull anyone playing on the climbers.
- e. General Rules
  - There is to be no unauthorized gum, candy, or food of any kind on the playground.
  - There is to be no throwing of stones, rocks, snowballs or woodchips.
  - There is to be no fighting, kicking, tripping, or rough playing on the playground. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
  - Stop your playing and stand well back from cars, trucks, and school buses when they drive on our playground.
  - Be aware of and do not play in restricted areas including patches of ice or water.
  - Do not play around or near cars.
  - Do not go back into the building without the permission of the playground teacher/monitor.
  - Do not climb the trees or the backstops.
  - Play on the blacktop when the field is muddy.
  - Snatching hats, coats, etc. is disrespectful and is not allowed.
  - No student may leave the school grounds without the permission of the office.



## F. **ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE POLICY**

The students and staff of Oregon City Schools take pride in their appearance. Students who feel good about themselves also tend to feel good about their learning. Uniforms are not required however; we do insist that our students do not bring undesirable attention to themselves by immodest appearance, unkempt appearance or any other form of exaggerated clothing, hairdos or hair color (color must be a natural human hair color). It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to make sure their child is following the Board adopted dress code.

The following is the Board adopted dress code:

### 1. **Shoes**

- a. Shoes must be worn for health and safety factors.
- b. Any open toed shoes, shoes without a back strap and/or shoes with wheels are not permitted. Shoes should have no more than 1 inch heels.
- c. Gym shoes should be brought on gym days or worn to school.
- d. Boots are most appropriate for inclement weather during recess.  
\*Students may be kept in from recess if wearing inappropriate shoes to school.

### 2. **Shirts**

- a. All shirts must cover the midriff while standing, sitting or reaching.
- b. Tank tops are permitted as long as the shoulder strap is 2" wide or more, the armholes are not excessively large and no undergarments are exposed.
- c. Mesh tops, spaghetti strap tank tops and muscle shirts are permitted if a shirt is worn underneath.
- d. Any skin-tight shirts are not to be worn unless a shirt is worn over top.
- e. Shirts containing slogans or wording that suggests inappropriate ideas or behavior not conducive to a positive school climate or is disruptive to the educational functioning of the school will not be allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, alcohol, tobacco, drugs or gang related insignias/clothing/accessories. Other examples might include: "Talk to the hand," "I hear you talking, but I'm not listening," "I'm with stupid," "Speak no homework, see no homework, do no homework," etc. The principal will have the final discretion with other clothing containing slogans or wording deemed to be negative/offensive in nature or promoting inappropriate school themes.

### 3. **Lower Body Apparel**



- a. All lower body apparel including, but not limited to, shorts, skirts, skirts, dresses and scooters must be at least mid-thigh/fingertip length as deemed appropriate.

#### **4. Pants / Shorts**

- a. Elastic (waist) pants/shorts may be worn if not skin tight.
- b. Athletic pants may be worn if there is no elastic around the ankles.
- c. Pajama pants are not permitted.
- d. There is to be no wording or writing on the seat of any lower body apparel.
- e. Pants/shorts must fit snug around the waist without exposing undergarments.
- f. Belts may be worn to assure that pants fit appropriately.
- g. Snow pants are not allowed.

#### **5. Dresses**

- a. Must cover shoulders.
- b. Must be at least mid-thigh/fingertip length as deemed appropriate.

#### **6. Hats / Head Coverings**

- a. Hats or head coverings may not be worn in the building unless permission is granted by the building administrator.
- b. Students are required to wear coats, hats and gloves during the winter months.

#### **7. Miscellaneous**

- a. Hair, real or synthetic, must be of natural color.
- b. No body piercings except the ear area.
- c. Any type of tattoo is not permitted on the face or neck.



**\*Additional clothing garment requirements may be imposed at the discretion of the principal for reasons of health, safety or to insure that the educational process is not disrupted.**



## **G. ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE VIOLATION PROTOCOL**

All staff will promptly report any dress code violation at the onset of the school day. Should a dress code violation be reported, the following protocol will be enforced:

### **1. First Offense**

- Parent will be called immediately and a change of clothing/shoes will be requested. The parent will receive a letter documenting the offense.

### **2. Second Offense**

- Parent will be called immediately and a change of clothing/shoes will be requested. The parent will receive a letter documenting the offense of possible future dress code violation consequences. A consequence may be given at the principal's discretion, in accordance with the building discipline policy.

### **3. Third Offense**

- Parent will be called immediately and a change of clothing/shoes will be requested. The parent will receive a letter documenting the offense. The third offense will be handled according to the building's discipline policy at the discretion of the principal.

\*With parental permission, a student may be asked to turn his/her shirt inside/out or to change into another clothing garment in order to meet the expectations of our dress code policy.

\*If the parent can not come to school with a change of clothes/shoes, the student may need to remain in the office if the clothing is deemed inappropriate and a change of clothes is not available. Any missed classroom work while the student is in office will be made up and count toward the student's grade.



## **H. ELECTRONICS**

Cellular phones and other electronic devices (including, but not limited to: iPods and handheld video games, etc.) can be disruptive to the educational process in many ways including, but not limited to: communicating during instruction via text or call, cheating, sexting, eliciting panic, making plans in conflict with established school rules, taking or disseminating or sharing obscene or inappropriate images, etc. For these reasons cell phones and other electronic devices MUST NOT be in the possession of students during the school day. When students enter the building, all

electronic devices must be placed in the off position and kept in the student's book bag for the entire school day through the dismissal bell. Students are to go to the office to make phone calls home. Parents are encouraged to call the school office when needed. The school office staff is excellent at relaying messages from parents to students. Emergency phone calls can always be made in the main office during school hours; therefore cellular phones are not needed during school hours. The principal reserves the right to confiscate any items that are being used or are making noise that are determined to interfere with the learning process.

### **1. First Offense**

- The student will be given a warning and asked to put the electronic device in their book bag.

### **2. Second Offense**

- The electronic device will be confiscated and the parent will be called by the principal or designee. It will be required that the parent pick-up the electronic device in the office.

### **3. Third Offense**

- Consequences will be issued according to the school's discipline policy.

Teachers may use electronic devices (iPods, iPads, e-readers, cell phones) for educational purposes within their classrooms. The students will be told when it is acceptable to use such devices in the classroom. If a student is found to misuse this policy, they will no longer be permitted to use the device for educational purposes.

Please note that the District assumes no liability for electronic devices that are brought to school if they are broken, lost or stolen. Administrative time will not be used to search for or investigate events surrounding lost or stolen items.

## **I. SEXTING**

The taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, emailing or sexting, etc.) may constitute a crime under State and/or Federal law. Any person taking, disseminating or sharing obscene, pornographic, lewd or otherwise illegal images or photographs may be punished under this code of conduct and will be reported to law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies, which may result in arrest, criminal prosecution and lifetime inclusion on sexual offender registries.

## **SECTION IV ... ACADEMIC POLICIES, COMMUNICATION AND VISITATION**

### **A. HOMEWORK POLICY**

#### **1. Definition of Homework**

Homework is academic practice to be completed by the student outside of regular class time. It is to enrich, extend, stimulate or strengthen concepts directly related to the academic content standards. The four key elements of homework are appropriateness, consistency, purpose, and time.

**2. Appropriateness**

Homework assignments will reflect the individual student's needs and strengths as each student strives to master the academic content standards.

**3. Consistency**

All Oregon students, grades 2-12, use an agenda book that will record student's homework assignments. This is a valuable communication tool between school and home. The Oregon Board of Education encourages the use of the agenda book. This book is a useful teaching tool and will provide a valuable communication tool to support academic improvement.



Students that are absent one day from school will be expected to complete the work that is missed upon their return. Parents can request homework if their student is absent from school by 11:00 A.M. of the student's absence.

**Homework missed from a pre-approved family vacation absence will be given to the student upon their return to school.**

Students will be given the same number of days to make-up the homework as the number of days they missed.

Each individual teacher will determine how he/she wants to incorporate homework per each subject into their record keeping system. Homework will account for no more than 30% of a student's grade.

#### 4. Purpose

The assigning of homework will reflect the need to establish life long learning skills. It will serve as a valid learning tool to promote individual growth in confidence, responsibility, and mastery of the academic content standards. Home study assignments also afford a way for parents to acquaint themselves with the school program and their own student's education progress. Homework assignments will be reasonable and pertinent. Homework should never be given as a punishment, but used to stimulate learning. Student/family should understand what is to be done, see the reason for doing it, and be able to complete the assignment with minimal assistance. Homework should not be given unless it is checked by the teacher or used as an integral part of the classroom learning experience.

An established guiding principle for Starr Elementary School is being responsible. Completing homework is a behavior which demonstrates student responsibility. Should a student choose not to complete his/her homework, he/she will be required to pull one card from our positive behavior management system for the day that the homework was due. Students will be rewarded for completed homework by remaining on a green card.

#### 5. Time

Time parameters for homework within grade levels/department will be stated in each building's homework policy. Our schools strongly urge each student every day to spend unassigned time reading for pleasure or interest. Homework assignments will not be given on Holidays/Vacations that are printed on the school calendar. The exception is extended time special projects. Homework assigned over the weekend should be in moderation, adhering to stated time parameters, and used as a tool to promote continuity of a lesson or concept. The time assignments for the average student should be:



Kindergarten	Not exceed 15 minutes per night (Additional time may be needed when studying for tests)
Grade 1	Not exceed 20 minutes per night (Additional time may be needed when studying for tests)
Grade 2	Not exceed 30 minutes per night (Additional time may be needed when studying for tests)

- Grade 3 Not exceed 30 minutes per night  
(Additional time may be needed when studying for tests/completing on web-based programs)
- Grade 4 Not exceed 45 minutes per night  
(Additional time may be needed when studying for tests/completing web-based programs)

Each teacher is encouraged to dedicate at least one homework free night per quarter. Assigned homework generally is an outgrowth or continuation of a lesson taught during the school day. The amount of work at home will vary according to the child's concentration and use of available time in the classroom. However, drill and practice of the "basics" including vocabulary words and math facts along with finishing uncompleted work are often necessary.

Children are expected to complete homework assignments and turn them in on time. Work missed due to absence will likely need to be made up as homework. Children have the responsibility of taking home and bringing back the necessary books and materials to complete their homework. Parents may need to help students prioritize and organize their time at home.



## B. DISTRICT GRADING SCALE

- A = 95—100%
- A- = 93—94%
- B+ = 91—92%
- B = 87—90%
- B- = 85—86%
- C+ = 83—84%
- C = 77—82%
- C- = 75—76%
- D+ = 73—74%
- D = 69—72%
- D- = 67—68%
- F = 66 and below

## C. POSITIVE RECOGNITION FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Recognizing students' positive traits and achievements stimulates them to succeed. To that end the following awards are given to students on an annual basis.



### **1. Honor Roll**

Students in grade 4 are eligible for the Honor Roll. Honor Roll consists of students with a grade point average of 3.0 – 4.0.

### **2. Bucket Filler Recognition**

Staff members at Starr School encourage and recognize students' efforts to be bucket fillers. Students "caught" filling buckets will be acknowledged and their achievements celebrated! They will receive certificates, be recognized on the morning announcements and have their names placed on our "We are Bucket Fillers!" bulletin board.



### 3. Super "Starr" Bulldog Behavior

Students who remain on green all quarter or have no more than 2 yellow cards in a quarter earn a special treat.

### 4. Honors Luncheon

Students in grade 4 who make the honor roll at least 3 times during the school year, will be invited to a luncheon sponsored by the Parent Group.

### 5. Awards Day

Students in grades 3 and 4 attend an assembly on the final day of school to be recognized for achievements made during the school year. Parents are welcome to attend.

## D. Testing

Testing takes place at each grade level.

Kindergarten: The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) (August - November)

1st Grade: Reading, Writing (September)  
Math Ohio Diagnostic Testing.

2nd Grade: Reading, Writing (September)  
Math Ohio Diagnostic Testing.

3rd Grade: Writing Diagnostic (September)  
Ohio Reading Achievement Test (October/April)  
Measures of Academic Progress Assessment (MAP) (December/May),  
Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) (March)  
State assessment in Math - TBA

4th Grade: Stanford 10 Testing (October)  
State assessment in English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies -  
TBA

In addition, students will be assessed three times per school year using the STAR Assessment System in order to improve student achievement in the areas of reading and math. There are four assessment tools: STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, STAR Math, and Accelerated Reader. Students in kindergarten will take the early literacy assessment only. Students in first grade will take the early literacy, reading and math assessments and students in grades 2-4 will take the reading and math assessment. All students in grades K - 4 will have access to Accelerated Reader.

\*Testing schedule is subject to change.

## E. PROMOTION & RETENTION

Oregon Elementary Schools adheres to the Board adopted policy regarding promotion and retention.

The promotion of each student is determined individually. The decision to promote a student or to retain a student in a grade is made on the basis of the following factors: reading ability, cognitive ability, age, physical maturity, emotional and social development, social issues, home conditions and grade average.

A student may also be "placed" into the next grade level. Placement is the assigning of a student to a particular grade level or course based on specific factors such as previous retentions, IEPs, medical reasons, etc.

**Truancy:** Any student who is truant for more than 10% of the required attendance days of the current school year and has failed two or more of the required curriculum subject areas in the current grade is retained, unless the student's principal and the teachers of the failed subject areas agree that the student is academically prepared to be placed in the next grade level.

"Academically prepared" as used in this policy, means that the principal, in consultation with the student's teacher(s) has reviewed the student's work and records and has concluded that, in his/her judgment as a professional educator, the student is capable of progressing through and successfully completing work at the next grade level.

If retention is being considered for your child, you will be notified via a "Possible Retention Notification" letter toward the latter part of February. Final decisions for retention will be made in May. If your child is being retained, a final retention letter will be mailed to confirm the retention.



## F. REPORT CARDS / MID-TERM REPORTS

Report cards are sent to parents following each nine week quarter. Kindergarten, first, second, and third grade report cards use a scale of 1-4 to indicate progress towards grade-level, academic standards in all four quarters. Students in grade four receive letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F. Children are also evaluated in the areas of achievement, effort, work habits, and social development (citizenship).

Mid-Term Progress Reports for K and 1 are sent home before the end of the first six weeks of any quarter, notifying parents of unsatisfactory progress, behavior, and for special success.

For grades 2 - 4, grades will be able to be viewed online through PowerSchool. Grades will be posted at least 3 times per quarter. Midterm reports will not be sent out for grades 2-12 during the school year due to ability to access grades online. You must login to your child's PowerSchool account to view his or her grades leading up to grade cards. If you have any questions regarding this system or need a username and password, please feel free to contact Linda Toth at [ParentPortal@oregoncs.org](mailto:ParentPortal@oregoncs.org) or 419-693-0661 x.3273.

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment to confer with school personnel whenever the need arises.

Report cards are distributed at the end of each nine week period.

## G. PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent / teacher communication is vital to student success. Parent/teacher conferences can be scheduled with any teacher at any time of the year. However, it is imperative that an appointment is made ahead of time. Drop-in conferences often run over and interfere with class time or with daily planning, so please plan ahead for conferencing. By making an appointment, your child's teacher will be better prepared to discuss whatever issue there may be and find a solution that is agreeable for all parties.

There are two scheduled times for conferences throughout the school year. The first scheduled conference is after the end of the first nine weeks, as listed on the district calendar. There will be one additional evening in late October or early November. The second scheduled parent/teacher conference will take place at the end of the third nine weeks, as listed on the district calendar. The second scheduled parent/teacher conference is on an as needed basis.



## H. EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

### 1. Field Trip Policy

Field trips are correlated with the district's adopted curriculum. A parent's written permission is required for a child to go on a field trip with his/her class. Children will not be permitted to attend a field trip without parental permission. It is expected that all students will ride the school bus to and from the field trip location.

Parents may be invited to accompany groups on trips. Children not in the class are not permitted to accompany chaperones on field trips.

### 2. Chaperone Guidelines

- a. Chaperones will support and abide by the policies and procedures established by the classroom teachers. The role of the chaperone is to carry out the tour as planned by the teachers.
- b. Chaperones will not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages at any time.
- c. Students must travel to and from the field trip with the school group using school transportation unless other arrangements are made in advance and approved by the principal. Chaperones will provide their own transportation.
- d. If questions arise about specific situations, the classroom teachers will be contacted.
- e. Chaperones will dress according to the school dress code.
- f. Chaperones will remain with their designated groups at all times.
- g. Chaperones will speak with students in an appropriate manner, using appropriate language.
- h. Siblings or other children will not be permitted on field trips.
- i. Chaperones will not purchase additional items or food to be distributed only to their group.
- j. Chaperones will supervise and assist their group in completing the activities assigned on the field trip.

## I. VISITORS

All visitors must first report to the school office and be buzzed in before contacting students or talking with the teachers. All visitors must sign-in and show identification to be able to go beyond the office. Only those individuals listed on the registration paperwork will be allowed to have access to the building unless the office has been notified in advance of someone not listed on the registration paperwork being given permission to attend a school event.

Visitors must identify all the destinations in which they are going and write them on the visitor's pass. Visitors are not permitted to go to locations in which they are not expected, as they may be interrupting the learning process.

OCR #3313.20 requires that all persons shall upon entering any public school building, report immediately to the office of the principal.

Visitation by children from other schools is normally not permitted. Children under school age are not permitted to visit the school or attend parties unless accompanied by parents.

## J. PARENT'S GROUP

The Parent's Group is a key component at Starr Elementary. The Group remains actively involved throughout the school year helping to organize and sponsor student centered activities. Your involvement in Parent's Group is

important. There are all sorts of activities throughout the year where parent support is needed. Please contact a member of the Parent Group Board if you would like more information about the Parent's Group.

## **K. COMPUTER USAGE**

Signed computer usage permission slips are completed at the beginning of each school year stating

whether each child is permitted/not permitted to utilize the computer on/off line. Students are not to tamper with other students' on-line school accounts. Should this situation occur, parents will be contacted at once and the situation will be dealt with in accordance with our school disciplinary code of conduct.

## **L. TELEPHONES**

The school telephones are primarily business phones. Students are discouraged from calling home except in emergencies.

## **M. RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOOKS**

Children may take books home for study and homework. They are responsible for proper care of books both in and out of school. Fines will be levied for damage beyond normal wear and payment must be made for lost books. Grade cards may be held until outstanding fines are paid.

## **N. SCHOOL FEES**

School fees are necessary to supplement the education of our students. Fees cover a portion of the cost of workbooks and supplies that are consumed by individual students. The fee for the 2014 - 2015 school year is \$45.00. Waivers are available for those who qualify for free and reduced lunches. Families who qualify for reduced lunches will pay 50% of the fee. Checks are to be made payable to the individual school. Grade cards may be held until outstanding fees are paid.





## SECTION V ... HEALTH, SAFETY, & SECURITY

### A. ILLNESS

We have nursing personnel in our buildings. Children who become ill at school can be better cared for at home. Ultimately, the care of sick children is the responsibility of the parent. **It is of utmost importance that parents provide (and update when changes occur) emergency telephone numbers and the names of people to contact in case the school is unable to reach the parent.**



Children should not attend school if they have an illness that prevents them from participating comfortably in routine activities, or if they need more care than can be given without neglecting the health and safety of other children. Children should also stay home if they have symptoms of possibly severe illnesses that they might be able to spread to other children. This includes fever, difficulty breathing, spreading rash, weepy sores that cannot be covered, and severe vomiting or diarrhea or vomiting blood.

- Chicken Pox/ Varicella: Children may return with a parent note once all the sores and blisters are dried and there are no new sores.
- Diarrhea: Children should stay home until diarrhea stops or doctor clears child to return to school. Parent note is acceptable if no blood or mucus is present.
- Students who can use the restroom or whose stools are contained in diaper style underwear do not need to be excluded if not contagious or antibiotics have been completed.
- Diarrhea from Campylobacter, E. Coli, Giardia, Rotavirus or Salmonella: After diarrhea stops (Doctor note required for E. Coli, Salmonella and Shingella).
- Fever by Itself: (100.0 degrees) Can return with a parent note when fever free for 24 hours without medication.
- Fever with Rash or Behavior Change: Take child to physician and medical note is required for return.
- Flu/ Influenza like Illness: Excluded with a fever of 100.0 degrees with cough and sore throat until fever free for 24 hours without medication.
- German Measles/ Rubella/ 3 day Measles: Keep your child home until 7 days after rash began and medical note to return.
- Head Lice: A child with head lice shall be excluded from school until application of an effective pediculocide. Upon return to school, child should be accompanied by an adult and stop in the school office/nurses office prior to going to class. Child will be reexamined for any remaining lice and/or nits. Child should be checked at home for 2 – 3 weeks to assure that there are no untreated cases.
- Hepatitis A: May return with a medical note one week after start of jaundice.
- Hib: Students must be out of school for at least 24 hours after they complete antibiotics and medical note is required
- Impetigo: May return after 24 hours of antibiotics if sores are not oozing. Medical note is required.
- Red Measles: Can return with a medical note four days after rash begins if no fever.
- Meningitis: Must remain out of school until Healthcare Provider says they may return. Medical note is required.
- Mumps: Can return with medical note 5 days after beginning of swelling.
- Pink eye/Conjunctivitis: Eyes that are red or pink, eye pain, itching, or swollen lids with matted eyes or discharge should not return until 24 hours after treatment has begun. Medical note is required.
- Rash: Students with spreading rash or fever or behavior change excluded immediately and require a medical note for return.
- Ringworm: Students with scalp infection must remain out of school until treatment begun with a prescription oral antifungal. Medical note is required for return.
- Ringworm of body: May return with a parent note and once treatment has begun and area must be covered.
- Scabies: Students with scabies should be out of school until medication is applied. Medical note is required for return.
- Shingles: Keep students home who have shingles/lesions/sores/blisters that cannot be covered. Parent note is required for return once lesions are dried.
- Staph or Strep Skin Infections: A student with a draining sore, boil, or abscess that cannot be covered or that ooze through must stay home. Parent note is required for return.

- Strep Throat: Can return to school with medical note 24 hours after starting antibiotics and no fever.
- Sty: A student with a draining/oozing sty should remain home until drainage stops.
- Tuberculosis: A child with TB should be kept home until treating physician writes a medical note stating they are no longer contagious.
- Vomiting: A student who has vomited 2 or more times in 24 hours should stay home until the vomiting stops unless s/he is known to be contagious.
- Whooping Cough/ Pertussis: Students with Whooping cough can return to school with a medical note after 5 days of prescribed antibiotics.



## B. MEDICATION

For safety reasons, medicine, both prescription and over-the-counter (ex: cough drops), should be administered at home. If your physician requires the administration of a prescription medication during school hours, state law requires that a Medicine Dispensing Form be on file. This form must be completed by the physician, signed by the parent, and be on file in the school office. The form may be obtained in the main office and is in the back of the handbook. When the physician completes the form, have her/him give some flexibility regarding the time for dispensing the medicine, as it is impossible to dispense medicine at an exact time due to the large number of requests. In addition, the following requirements should be noted:

1. Children are not allowed to carry medication (prescription or non-prescription) on or with themselves at any time. The exception to this is an asthma inhaler or epinephrine pen that have written physician and parent approval on the designated forms available in the main office and/or in the back of the handbook. The principal and/or school nurse must receive copies of this form.
2. Parents/Guardians must bring medicine to school in the original container. Each medication must be current and carry a prescription label with the child's name, drug identity, dosage instructions, doctor's name, and prescription date.
3. The actual arrangements of the dispensing of medication will be determined by the building principal.
4. Prescription medications are to be clearly identified and are required to be in the original container.

Non- Prescription Medication (Over the Counter): Requires that the Parent/Guardian Request for Medication by School Personnel form be completed by the parent/guardian. The form may be obtained in the main office and is in the back of the handbook. Name of medication, the dose to be given, and when it is to be given must be included. Parent/guardians are required to bring the medicine to the school office in the original store container labeled with the child's name. No medicine will be given without having this permission form on file in your child's school. Medicine will be given according to directions on this permission form. We need physician authorization to give medication dosages higher than those recommended by the manufacturer. Please check the expiration date on the item as we

cannot give medications that are expired. For safety reasons, a separate form is required for each child and each medication.





## C. EMERGENCY DRILLS

Each elementary school will hold monthly fire drills. Tornado drills will be held monthly during tornado season. At least one tornado drill each year will utilize Starr's basement as an evacuation location for the entire school. A district wide emergency plan has been implemented for each school building and two lock-down drills per year are conducted.

In the event of an actual emergency, the school will be placed on a lockdown. Students will not be permitted to be signed in or out during this time.

## D. EMERGENCY DELAYS & CLOSINGS

Announcements are given via local radio and TV stations for bad weather. Delays are for one or two hours. If school is closed for a full day or for early dismissal because of weather or emergency, all after school or evening activities, including those sponsored by the Oregon Recreation Department, are automatically canceled.

Parents need to have a workable plan in case children are sent home early due to weather conditions or other emergencies. The plan should ensure one or more of the following:

- Can your child get into your house if it is locked? Is a key available? Does he/she have a neighbor or friend where he/she can go or call including approval given by the person in advance?

In case of early closing, we will send your child home on his/her regular bus.

School closings/delays can be sent to you via a text message on your cell phone or via e-mail to any e-mail account.

To set this up, complete the following steps:

1. Go to the district website: [www.oregoncityschools.org](http://www.oregoncityschools.org)
2. Click on Calendar of Events
3. Click on My DynaCal (Listed under Calendar Views on the left)
4. Create a My DynaCal account by entering your e-mail address and a password (anything you want it to be)
5. Add a New Calendar
6. Name Calendar and Check "School Closings and Delays" and click Save
7. Click Yes for Text Alerts if you want a text message (If you prefer an e-mail, simply click Yes for Email Alerts and confirm)
8. Enter your phone number and choose your cell phone provider and click Save

As soon as school is delayed/closed, DynaCal will immediately send you a text message or e-mail.

## E. INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM

The Information Sharing Network is a collaborative effort among the Lucas County Juvenile Court, local law enforcement agencies, and schools to share relevant information related to juvenile offenders. Information about students who are charged and/or arrested through juvenile court is provided to the schools, School Resource Officers, and local police agencies.

The purpose of this information sharing is to inform those individuals who have regular contact with the student about crisis situations the student may be facing in order to provide early intervention and support services. The reports

are not placed in the student's cumulative file; rather, they are provided to a specific, designated official at each school and treated in a confidential manner.

All court information that is shared has been deemed public information by the Lucas County Juvenile Court and Administrative Judge James Ray. In his ruling dated January 8, 1993, case No. JC92-16401, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2151.01, 2151.40, and 2151.54, it was "ORDERED that all school districts, police departments, public and private agencies, social service agencies, societies and organizations within Lucas

County, Ohio, which have as their objective the protection or aid of children, may release any and all information regarding any minor which is not otherwise confidential under federal or state law, which may prevent delinquency and/or serve the best interest of the youth."

The bottom line is that schools and law enforcement will be informed when youth are charged or arrested in Lucas County for the purpose of total community involvement in preventing further delinquency.

For more information on this program, contact you school office or the Lucas County Community Prevention Partnership at 866-3611.

## F. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

Incidents of actual child abuse must be reported as required by law. Each case is then investigated by the Lucas County Children's Services Board. Any parent having personal or family difficulties, causing children to be physically or mentally abused or harmed, should request and obtain assistance.

## G. BULLYING

Harassment, intimidation, bullying behavior, dating violence and/or hazing by any student or school personnel in the District is strictly prohibited, and such conduct may result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion from school. Harassment, intimidation, bullying behavior, dating violence and/or hazing means any intentional written, verbal, graphic or physical acts, including electronically transmitted acts, either overt or covert, by a student or group of students toward other students/school personnel with the intent to haze, harass, intimidate, injure, threaten, ridicule or humiliate. The behavior both (1) causes mental or physical harm to the other student; and (2) is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student. Such behaviors are prohibited on or immediately adjacent to school grounds; at any school-sponsored activity; in any District publication; through the use of any District-owned or operated communication tools, including but not limited to District e-mail accounts and/or computers; on school-provided transportation or at any official school bus stop.

Harassment, intimidation, bullying behavior, dating violence and/or hazing can include many different behaviors. Examples of conduct that could constitute prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to:

1. Physical violence and/or attacks;
2. Threats, taunts and intimidation through words and/or gestures;
3. Extortion, damage or stealing of money and/or possessions;
4. Exclusion from the peer group or spreading rumors;
5. Repetitive and hostile behavior with the intent to harm others through the use of information and communication technologies and other web-based/online sites (also known as "cyber bullying"), such as the following:

a. Posting slurs on web sites, social networking sites, blogs or personal online journals;



- instant messages;  
and/or distributing or  
posting the photos or videos online  
mails or instant  
students.
- b. Sending abusive or threatening e-mails, web site postings or comments and
  - c. Using camera phones to take embarrassing photographs or videos of students
  - d. Using web sites, social networking sties, blogs or personal online journals, e-messages to circulate gossip and rumors to other
6. Excluding others from an online group by falsely reporting them for inappropriate language to Internet service providers.

In evaluating whether conduct constitutes harassment, intimidation, bullying behavior, dating violence and/or hazing, special attention is paid to the words chosen or the actions taken, whether such conduct occurred in front of others or was communicated to others, how the perpetrator interacted with the victim and the motivation, either admitted or appropriately inferred.



## Complaints

### 1. Formal Complaints

- Students, parents or guardians may file reports regarding suspected harassment, intimidation, bullying, dating violence and/or hazing. The reports should be written. Such written reports must be reasonably specific including person(s) involved; number of times and places of the alleged conduct; the target of suspected harassment, intimidation, bullying, dating violence and/or hazing; and the names of any potential student or staff witnesses. Such reports may be filed with any school staff member or administrator. They are promptly forwarded to the building principal/designee for review and action.

### 2. Informal Complaints

- Students, parents or guardians and school personnel may make informal complaints of conduct that they consider to be harassment, intimidation, bullying, dating violence and/or hazing by verbal report to a teacher, school administrator or other school personnel. Such informal complaints must be reasonably specific as to the actions giving rise to the suspicion of harassment, intimidation, bullying, dating violence and/or hazing, including person(s) involved, number of times and places of the alleged conduct, the target of the prohibited behavior(s), and the names of any potential student or staff witness. The school staff member or administrator who received the informal complaint promptly documents the complaint in writing, including the above information. This written report by the school staff member and/or administrator is promptly forwarded to the building principal/designee for review and action.

### 3. Anonymous Complaints

- Students who make informal complaints as set forth above may request that their name be maintained in confidence by the school staff member(s) and administrator(s) who received the complaint. The anonymous complaint is reviewed and reasonable action is taken to address the situation, to the extent such action (1) does not disclose the source of the complaint, and (2) is consistent with the due process rights of the student(s) alleged to have committed acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying, dating violence and/or hazing.

For additional information on how to report bullying in Oregon City Schools and to find additional anti-bullying facts and resources go to <http://www.oregoncityschools.org/starr-news/anti-bullying-tips-and-resources-for-parents.html>.

## H. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Students are expected to conduct themselves at all times as to provide an atmosphere free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment includes among other things: unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature including epithets, derogatory comments, slurs, or suggestive jokes. Violation of this policy may result in removal of student(s) from class, suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement.

## I. CUSTODY

Whenever there is a custody issue, the school will abide by the most current copy of the legal documents in the child's file in the office. It is important that we know who the custodial parent is and what the visitation rights are. Because of this, the office must be provided by the parent with the most current copies of legal documentation.

## J. BUILDING SECURITY

The Oregon City Schools uses surveillance cameras in our buildings and on our grounds to promote order, safety and security of students, staff and property.

# SECTION VI ... CAFETERIA SERVICES & PROCEDURES

## A. CAFETERIA SERVICES

Breakfast is served daily in our cafeteria and the cost is \$1.25. If your child receives a free lunch, then he/she is entitled to a free breakfast. If your child receives lunch at a reduced cost, then he/she will receive a reduced price of .30 for breakfast. If your child eats breakfast at school he/she should arrive no earlier than 9:00 A.M.

Students may choose to buy or pack their lunch daily. If your child decides to pack his/her lunch, any type of carbonated drink such as pop is not allowable. Parents are discouraged from bringing their child(ren) fast food at lunch.

Elementary lunches cost \$2.50. Milk cost .50. The reduced price for a lunch is .40. Breakfasts, lunches, and snacks may be purchased weekly or monthly. This can be done by sending cash or check (made out to Oregon City Schools) in the proper amount at the beginning of each week or month. Students should take this check to the cafeteria before school begins in the morning. Children are issued a scan card for the cafeteria at the beginning of the school year.

The cafeteria sells snacks which can only be purchased after the child has eaten his/her lunch. There are no substitutions for milk unless a doctor's note is on file with the school nurse indicating that the child cannot have milk and must have a substitute.

Parents may use the optional EZ Pay system to monitor their child(ren)'s lunch account balance. Information regarding the EZ Pay system is available on the Oregon City Schools Website. Students will be served a balanced lunch if they forget their money but are still responsible for the payment. Chronic abuse may result in the students having to eat a sack lunch that may include peanut butter or lunch meat. Students with financial hardships are encouraged to apply for Free and Reduced Lunches. A form must be completed for the family and turned in to one of the schools their children attend. The student will receive a letter from the office notifying of the eligibility determination. This program is available through out the school year.



## B. CAFETERIA PROCEDURES

Students will bring everything needed for recess to the cafeteria with them as they will not be going back to the classroom or lockers to get anything.

- a. Students will enter the cafeteria through the double doors and remain in line until served.
- b. Students will remain quiet until they are seated.
- c. Students will sit with their assigned class. There will be no skipping in line or saving of seats.
- d. Students may talk quietly when seated unless a monitor requests students to be quiet.
- e. Students will be dismissed from their table to carry their trash to the trash cans.
- f. Buyers will take their tray to the window for washing.
- g. Packers will take their lunch box to the appropriate lunch basket.
- h. Students will prepare for recess by getting their coats.
- i. Students will return to their seats to wait to be dismissed for recess.
- j. Students wanting to leave their seat other than the times listed above or needing assistance are to raise their hand.
- k. During the last 3 - 5 minutes, the lights in the cafeteria will be turned off and the students are to remain quiet until they are outdoors.
- l. Students will be dismissed by a cafeteria monitor after lunch to line-up for recess by table.



## SECTION VII ... EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### A. STUDENT SERVICES

The Oregon City Schools offer many student services. Several specialists are employed to work with our students.

**Guidance Counselor:** A guidance counselor is available for each elementary building. The purpose of the program is to help each individual student achieve his/her maximum growth mentally, emotionally, and socially.

**School Nurse:** Our school nurse conducts various screenings throughout the school year. The screenings include vision and hearing. The nurse also maintains immunization records.

**Title 1:** This program provides instruction to small groups of students who have demonstrated a need for additional skill development in reading and/or math.

The following specialists provide services to those students who qualify and are identified by the school using state requirements:

**Specific Learning Disabilities:** This program is designed to serve the student who has difficulty achieving success in the regular classroom and requires an adjusted curriculum. The adjusted curriculum is created with the input of the specialist and parents. An Individual Education Plan is then created for each student.

**Gifted & Talented:** This program provides a one day per week pull out setting. Students qualifying for the program are given the opportunity to work in academic areas that go beyond the typical classroom setting.

**Psychologist:** Each building is served by a school psychologist. The psychologist evaluates any student who has been referred for possible academic, social, or behavioral difficulties.

**Severe Behavior/Emotionally Disturbed:** This program is designed to help children better internalize behavioral controls, while at the same time have their educational needs met.

**Speech Therapy:** Speech-Language Therapy services are provided for students whose speech, expressive language and/or comprehension is affecting their performance in their specific academic curriculum.

**English as a Second Language (ESL):** This program is for students whose first language or primary home language is something other than English. ESL pullout assistance helps students with speaking, listening, reading or writing skills depending on what their individual needs are.

### B. MUSIC

All students are taught music by certified specialists. All fourth grade students have song flute/recorder lessons and are required to purchase or provide a flute and song book.

### C. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All students are taught physical education by certified specialists. Children must wear tennis shoes in physical education classes. A signed note of explanation from a parent and/or physician must be provided to the physical education instructor in any instance when a child is not to actively participate

## **D. LIBRARY SERVICES**

Each school has a library open to students supervised by a regular library staff member. Each class has a weekly library period. Children can also use the library during other available time. Normally books are checked out for two weeks. A fine will be charged for overdue books. Lost or damaged books must be paid for. Grade cards may be held until outstanding fines are paid.

# **SECTION VIII ... MISCELLANEOUS**

## **A. WATER BOTTLES**

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day, especially during warmer weather months such as August/September and May.

## **B. PARTIES / INVITATIONS**

Invitations - In order to foster a positive, focused learning environment and to insure no hurt feelings, invitations for extracurricular activities/parties are not permitted to be distributed throughout the school day.

## **C. VOLUNTEERS / ROOM PARENT**

Volunteers are always welcome in our school building. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your child's teacher for more information.

Volunteers are permitted in the building between the hours of 9:20 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. For special activities parents may be granted access to the building before 9:20 a.m. and after 3:05 p.m.

Room parents are assigned through our Parent's Group. At the beginning of the school year a Parent's Group interest survey will come home. Please indicate on the survey if you would be interested in becoming a room parent. Room parents are encouraged to attend monthly Parent Group meetings. All volunteers and room parents must sign in at the office upon their arrival.

## **D. BICYCLES**

Any student may ride their bike to and from school with proper adult supervision. A student must provide a signed permission slip from a parent and be in at least third grade to ride a bicycle to and from school without adult supervision. Students who ride their bikes are encouraged to wear a helmet. These forms are available in the school office and at the end of the handbook.







**OREGON CITY SCHOOLS**  
**PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF**  
**PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Strength of Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Dose of Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Times to Give this Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for this Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Instructions for Administration \_\_\_\_\_

Reactions Which Should be Reported to the Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions (storage and sterile requirements, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Date of this Request \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date of this Request \_\_\_\_\_

School personnel approved by Oregon City Schools are authorized to administer the above medication. Authorization must be renewed each school year. No employee who is authorized by the Board to administer a prescribed drug and who has a copy of the most recent statement is liable in civil damages for administering or failing to administer the drug, unless he/she acts in a manner which would constitute "gross negligence or wanton or reckless misconduct."

**As parent/guardian, I agree to:**

- 1) Return to school this completed and signed request form.
- 2) Deliver the medication to school in the original container.
- 3) Label the medication with the child's name.
- 4) Notify the school principal or designated person of any change in healthcare provider and or change in medication, dosage or procedure to be changed or eliminated.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Physician or HealthCare Provider

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

**OREGON CITY SCHOOLS**  
**PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF**  
**NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Strength of Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Dose of Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Times to Give this Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for this Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Instructions for Administration \_\_\_\_\_

Reactions Which Should be Reported to the Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions (storage and sterile requirements) \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Date of this Request \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date of this Request \_\_\_\_\_

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**As parent/guardian, I agree to:**

- 1) Return to school this completed and signed request form.
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- 3) Label the medication with the child's name.
- 4) Notify the school principal or designated person of any change in healthcare provider and or change in medication, dosage or procedure to be changed or eliminated.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





PRE-PLANNED ABSENCE FORM

Please help us plan for your child's absence due to a family leave. Absences for family leaves are excused only if approved by the building principal. Students are responsible for all work missed due to the absence and for completing said work in a timely fashion. (Parent is to fill out top section of this form & sign below.)

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Leave Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
(illness, funeral, or vacation)

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*  
Present this form to your classroom teacher(s) for signature. Teacher's signature merely denotes notification. (After teacher signs, please send to office for principal's signature)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher's signature)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher's signature)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher's signature)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher's signature)

I have read the above information and ensure that my son/daughter will complete work missed as a result of our family leave.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Retain this form in the school office and make copies for the parent & teacher files

**Please review the information found in the Starr Elementary Student/Parent Handbook about vacations taken during the school year.**

# Oregon City Schools Bicycle Permission Slip

In order to ride a bicycle to school, student must:

- Be in the third or fourth grade
- Have this signed permission slip on file in the school office.
- Must obey all traffic regulations.

While the school is vitally interested in the safety of students, we assume no responsibility for their safety while riding a bicycle to and from school. Our recommendation continues to be that the safest transportation is to ride the bus.

Students who ride bikes should not arrive to school before 8:50 a.m. Students riding bikes home will be dismissed by the staff at 3:35 p.m.

Students who ride their bikes are encouraged to wear a helmet. The school assumes no responsibility for bicycles left at school at anytime.

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Please return this portion to the school office.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to ride his/her bike to and from school. It is understood that the Oregon City Schools and the principal assume no responsibility for the safety of either the rider or the bicycle under this permission agreement. I also agree to abide by the rules as listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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