

SCHOOL RULES

DVES School Rules revolve around the specific positive behaviors expected in each area of the school. Every area has the following three components, **Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible**. An example of this would be the hallways. **Be Safe**, walk forward, keep to the right, and hands to yourself. **Be Respectful**, no talking, so other students can learn and teachers can teach. **Be Responsible**, return to class promptly. All areas have a poster outlining the expected student behaviors and all teachers train their classes, using these posters, about the rules at the beginning of each trimester. The rules are also reviewed daily during the morning announcements. The students are reminded to **“Show Diamondback Pride - Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Responsible!”**

SCHOOL-WIDE DISCIPLINE CONSEQUENCES

(for the disobedience of the school rules)

We believe all students can behave appropriately while at school. We also believe that every student has the right to learn, and that teachers have the right to teach. We will allow no student to prevent other students from learning or to stop the teacher from teaching.

- 1st Citation:**
 - Warning
 - Student’s Teacher calls Student’s Parent
 - Citation is completed and recorded
- 2nd Citation:**
 - Student loses 15 minutes of valued time
 - Student’s Teacher calls Student’s Parent
- 3rd Citation:**
 - Student loses 30 minutes of valued time
 - Student’s Teacher calls Student’s Parent
- 4th Citation:**
 - Student spends 1/2 day In-School Suspension held in a specified classroom or office
 - Teacher calls to schedule a Parent/Teacher/Principal meeting
- 5th Citation:**
 - Student spends 1 full day In-School Suspension held in a specified classroom or office
 - Principal calls home to schedule a
 - Parent/Teacher/Principal meeting

Severe Behavior (Out of School Suspension may be used)

- Or further Citations:**
- Individual Behavior Intervention Plan written
 - Teacher calls home if it’s a severe disruption
 - Principal contacts home to set up a Parent Conference to review Behavior Plan and sign contract “Earn your way back to class contract”

SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY

Diamond Valley Elementary School has adopted the Washington County School District’s “Zero Tolerance Policy” (zero tolerance means no warnings will be given) concerning fighting, play fighting, harassment of any kind, drugs, weapons, or any violation of the policy. The following behaviors will not be tolerated and the consequences shall be to suspend or expel students for any of the following violations of basic rules of acceptable conduct:

1. Frequent or flagrant willful disobedience, defiance of proper authority, or disruptive behavior. This includes the use of foul, profane, vulgar, or abusive language.
2. Willful destruction or defacing of school property.
3. Behavior or threatened behavior that poses a threat to the welfare, safety, or morals of other students or school personnel or to the operation of the school.
4. Bullying (doing something against the will of another, or forcing another to do something against his/her will) including, but not limited to, the following behaviors: coercion, bribery, intimidation, threats, teasing, emotional, physical, or sexual harassment, etc.
5. Behavior that threatens harm or does harm to the school or school property, to a person associated with the school, or property associated with any such person, regardless of where it occurs.

VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

Parents are always welcome to visit the school. However, for the protection of the students and security in the school, we ask that any person entering the building during the school day come directly to the office and sign in before going to any other part of the school. (Please bring a photo ID with you)

ITEMS PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL

Children should not bring nuisance items to school such as water guns or any type of guns, including real or toy guns and/or ammunition for said guns, knives, matches, lighters, toys, electronic devices/games, etc. If these items are brought to school (unless under the direction of a teacher), they will be confiscated.

DRESS AND GROOMING STANDARDS

Students who attend the schools of Washington County School District are expected to come to school dressed appropriately for schoolwork by supporting the following dress and grooming standards:
The attire and grooming of all students should be neat, clean, and safe.

1. Students have a responsibility to avoid apparel that is so extreme that it interrupts school decorum, or adversely affects the educational process (including extreme jewelry and body piercing).
2. Hair should be within the spectrum of color that hair grows naturally.
3. Clothes that are mutilated or immodest are not appropriate school wear. Any apparel revealing a bare midriff or bare shoulders, or cut low under the arms, is not permissible, including when raising arms. Tank tops, without a covering garment or t-shirt underneath are not permissible. Sleeveless shirts must cover from the neck to the outside of the shoulder.
4. Dresses, shorts, skirts, and blouses should be modest in length and not revealing.
5. No gang-related attire will be permitted.

PRIDE IN DIAMOND VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are proud of our beautiful building and grounds. Students are expected to maintain pride in the school by not littering the grounds and by not defacing or damaging school property. Roller blades, inline blades, roller skates, skateboards, and bicycles are not to be used on the school campus at any time. Bicycles are to be parked in the bike rack. Bikes must be walked off the school grounds when entering or leaving the school grounds.

POLICY 504

It is the policy of the Washington County School District Board of Education to not discriminate on the basis of race, color national origin, religion, age, sex, or any other non-merit factor in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices as required by section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1974, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Equal opportunity is a priority of the Washington County Board of Education. The Washington County School District is also committed to provide co-educational course programs including physical education and other athletic opportunities for both sexes as required by Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Students should not have in their possession medication of any kind. However, the administration of prescription medications to pupils by school personnel will be permitted with a current prescription and a signed doctor request form (available on the WCSD website under “School Forms”). All medications are stored in a locked cabinet, and a record is kept of all medications given.

AWARDS

Various School-wide awards will be presented throughout the year as the events take place (Track and Field, Science Fair, Poetry and Art contests, etc.) and in conjunction with our monthly character education assemblies. Every student in our school will receive an award of some sort (attendance, academics, behavior, etc.) in a school assembly at some point during the year. You will be notified in advance and encouraged to be in attendance when an award is to be presented to your child.

PARENTS REQUESTING TRANSFER OF CLASS/TEACHER AND CLASS REQUESTS

In order for a student to transfer out of one teacher’s class and into another, a letter from the parents outlining concerns and student needs must be given to the principal. A meeting with the principal, classroom teacher, and parents/guardian will then be arranged within 10-15 working days from the receipt of the letter. The principal, classroom teacher, and parent/guardian will meet to discuss those needs and concerns. A decision will be made by the principal and classroom teacher, with the input of the parent.

Class/teacher requests will be accepted through March and April each year for the following school year. Requests should be made in writing and turned into the school secretary. There is no guarantee that all requests will be honored, but all requests will be considered. Parents will be contacted if their request cannot be honored, due to class size and equity.

