

1 Welcome to the
**2026-2027
SCHOOL YEAR!**



**DENNIS CHAVEZ
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Driven by Commitment to
Excellence*

MISSION
The Dennis Chavez Elementary community is committed to the continuous development of responsible, productive, educated citizens who are college/career ready.

VISION
The DCE Team will work collaboratively to provide a caring environment and an atmosphere of mutual respect. Students will acquire academic skills through engaging in research-based curricula to reach their full potential.

ROADRUNNERS ARE:

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Ready
- Safe

2 **A DAY AT DCE**

8:30 Breakfast & Student Arrival

8:45 Tardy Bell

LUNCH TIMES

Pre-K / Kindergarten	11:00 - 11:35
1st / 2nd Grade	11:25 - 12:00
3rd / 4th Grade	11:50 - 12:25
5th / 6th Grade	12:20 - 12:55

3:30 Dismissal

Breakfast & Lunch are served daily.
Students eat **FREE** of charge!

3 **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

ATTEND EVERY DAY

EXCUSED ABSENCES

- Illness (doctor's note preferred)
- Religious events
- Death of a family member
- Approved school activities

PARENTS, PLEASE:

- Send a note to school and/or doctor's excuse explaining your child's absence.
- Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. must be signed in by an adult.
- Pick up homework by leaving a message at the office.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

- No absences
- No tardies
- No early withdrawals

On time, daily attendance helps students learn, grow, and succeed!

4 **SAFE ARRIVAL = SAFE DEPARTURE**

MORNING	AFTERNOON
Stay in your vehicle. Parents/guardians do not get out.	Display your pickup pass. Have it ready!
One-way traffic. Enter from South end of the school.	ID required if no pickup pass is presented.
Staff members will unload students at the door.	No classroom pick-ups.
Students walking: see Arrival/Dismissal Procedures.	No pick-up changes by phone.

Thank you for helping us keep every Roadrunner safe!

5 **CELL PHONES STAY OFF**

CELL PHONES & ALL OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES MUST STAY:

- OFF
- IN BACKPACK ALL DAY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY NOT USE CELL PHONES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

CELL PHONE VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

- 1ST OFFENSE: WARNING**
Teacher to parent contact. Phone returned at end of day.
- 2ND OFFENSE: PARENT PICK-UP**
Principal to parent contact. Parent must come pick up the phone.
- 3RD OFFENSE: CONSEQUENCE**
Lunch Detention or In School Suspension

Let's stay focused and make the most of our day!

6 **DRESS LIKE A ROADRUNNER**

WEAR	DON'T WEAR
Closed-toe shoes (sneakers or similar)	Flip-flops or sandals without back straps
Appropriate clothing: clean, properly sized, covers mid-drift	Clothing that is revealing (crop tops, short shorts, etc.)
Weather-appropriate attire (jackets, hats, etc.)	Pajamas (unless it's designated pajama day)
Clothing with positive or neutral messages	Hats, hoods, or sunglasses indoors (unless medical/religious)
Conservative earrings are allowed	Clothing with inappropriate language, images, or messages

RULE OF THUMB:
WHEN IN DOUBT... DON'T WEAR IT!

7 **WELCOME VISITORS!**

- All visitors must check in at the front office.
- Visitors will receive a visitor's badge.
- No classroom visits during instructional time.
- Items for students must be left in the office. We will deliver them.

Thank you for respecting our learning environment!

8 **LEARNING CONTINUES AT HOME**

READ 20 MINUTES EVERY NIGHT!

KINDER-3 RD GRADE	GRADES 4-6
Standards-Based Grading	100 Point Grading Scale

PROGRESS REPORTS EVERY 9 WEEKS

9 **ROADRUNNERS SOAR!**

WE SHOW OUR BEST BY BEING:	POSITIVE BEHAVIOR RECOGNITION
Responsible	PBIS Points
Respectful	Incentives
Ready	Verbal Praise
Safe	We celebrate positive choices every day!

IF SERIOUS BEHAVIOR OCCURS:

Teacher → Principal → School Consequences

We are better together!
Let's make DCE a great place to learn and grow!

10 **PARENT QUICK GUIDE**

- Arrive after 8:30 a.m. & be on time
- Ensure daily attendance
- Read 20 minutes every night
- Send notes for absences
- Keep cell phones off & in backpack
- Follow the dress code
- Display your pickup pass each day
- Contact the teacher for pickup changes

WORKING TOGETHER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS!