

COZAD ELEMENTARY

Cozad Elementary School serves over 400 students in grades PreK–5, with four sections at each grade level. Following a 2022 bond, the school underwent significant renovations and additions, enhancing both learning spaces and functionality. The building also houses the Cozad Early Education Center, which offers two sections of preschool. A robust after-school program, AfterZone, provides academic and enrichment opportunities, while an active parent organization supports both students and staff. Cozad Elementary is committed to building strong relationships and delivering high-quality, instruction to support every child's success.



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Morning Schedule

ELEMENTARY

7:30 am

Breakfast- Doors Open

Students may enter the building and choose to eat breakfast or go to the gym.

7:30-8:00 am

Walking Club

All Students will go to the gym for Walking Club.

8:00 am

Morning Bell

Teachers will walk students from the gym to classrooms to begin their day

8:05 am

Tardy bell rings



Morning Schedule

COZAD EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

7:40 am

Breakfast - Choice Activity
Students will eat breakfast
or complete a choice activity
in the Flex Lunchroom.

8:00 am

Morning Bell

Teachers will walk students from
lunchroom to classrooms to begin
their day

All parents must sign their child in
at their child's classroom



Lunch & Recess

Preschool

Recess: 10:40-11:10

Lunch: 11:20-11:50

Kindergarten

Lunch: 10:50-11:20

Recess: 11:20-11:40

1st Grade

Lunch: 11:00-11:30

Recess: 11:30-11:50

2nd Grade

Lunch: 11:55-12:25

Recess: 12:25-12:45

3rd Grade

Lunch: 11:30-12:00

Recess: 12:00-12:20

4th Grade

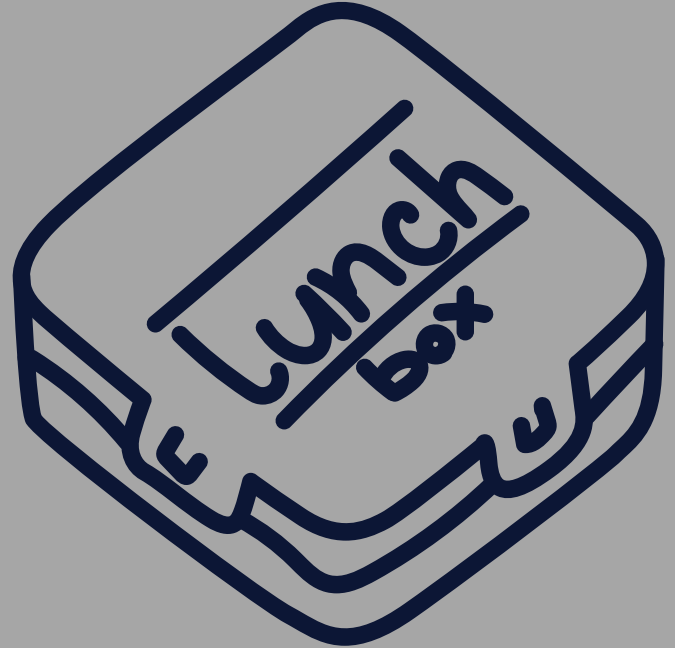
Lunch: 12:15-12:45

Recess: 12:45-1:05

5th Grade

Lunch: 12:25-12:55

Recess: 12:55-1:15



**PreK - 3rd grade has
an additional recess**

Drop off/pickup

Preschool

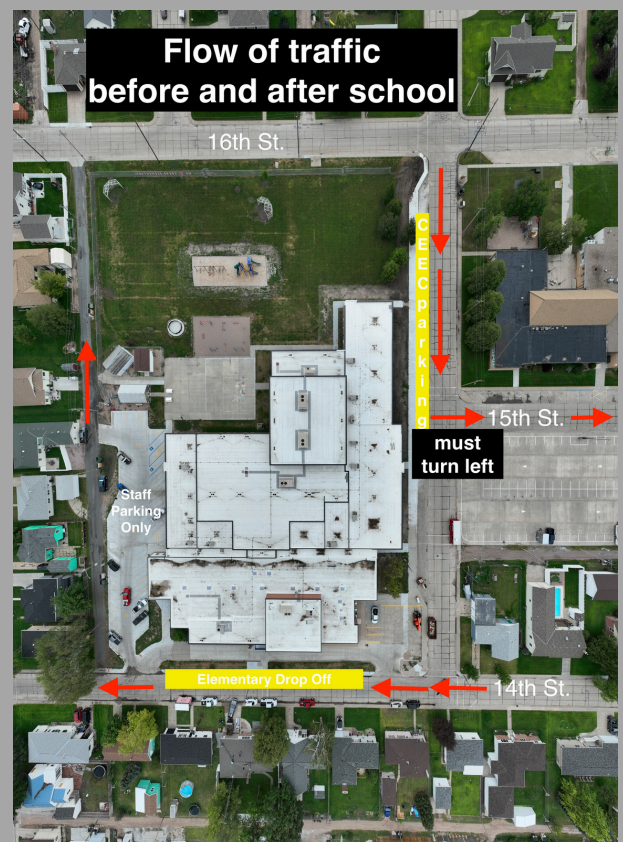
All students and parents will enter the CEEC doors on the east side of the building. Parents will sign their child in and out each day at their child's classroom. Parents may park in marked stalls on C St. or the church parking lot.

Elementary

ALL K-5 students should enter through the front doors. The front drop off area is on 14th Street. This is ONE WAY moving from east to west. Please keep the bus lane open before and after school. Parents should pull all the way forward so more cars can drop off at the same time.

Our top priority is to keep students safe. Please abide by all rules of the road.

Watch Video



Need to Know

The Big 3



Cozad Elementary Culture Blueprint



<u>Belief</u>	<u>Behavior</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
Be Honest	• Tell the truth • Do your own work • Do the right thing, even when it is hard	★ We build character and trust
Be Respectful	• Treat others the way you want to be treated • Listen with your Whole body • Follow directions the first time • Care for property and shared spaces	★ We contribute to a positive and caring school environment.
Be Accountable	→ Own your mistakes and grow from them → Show up and be ready to learn → Embrace productive struggle	★ We take ownership in our learning and behaviors.



Need to Know

Office Reminders

Visitors: ALL visitors must enter the front doors and sign in at the office. Thank you for helping us keep a safe school.

Absences: Please call the school when your child is going to be absent! This communication ensures students remain accounted for.

Sign Students In/Out: If your child arrives to school late, parents must sign them in. They must also sign them out before they are allowed to leave early.

Picking Up: If you are picking up your child for an appointment of any kind, please let the office know ahead of time so we can try to have your child ready.

Appointments: Please call Ms. Brenna to set up appointments with teachers or administration. There are many meetings scheduled after school and we want to make sure teachers and administrators are available.



Need to Know

Safety.

Our number one job is to keep your child safe when they come to us each day! This is something we take very seriously. Cozad Community Schools utilize the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). The benefits of SRP become quickly apparent in the case of an emergency or potentially hazardous situations. By standardizing the vocabulary, all stakeholders can understand the response and status of the event. SRP provides simple concise actions to be taken in any emergency situation.



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SECURE



LOCKDOWN



EVACUATE



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Need to Know

Attendance

Your child's attendance is vital to their education.

- According to NDE, during the 2023-2024 school year, 68,000 students, or 22% of Nebraska students were chronically absent.
- Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.
- Absentee Letters will be sent out at **5 days, 10 days, 15 days, and 20 days.**
- After **10 days** of unexcused absences, parents, child, and administration will meet to discuss attendance barriers and create a plan to improve attendance.
- After **20 days**, your child's attendance information will be given to the county attorney.

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Attendance Information for Parents

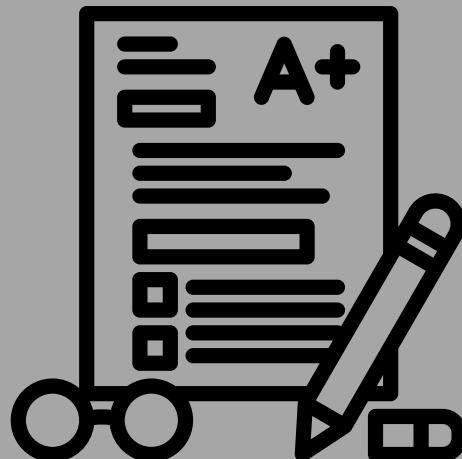
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Academic Expectations

Each grade level will communicate specific academic expectations for your child.

Below are some important ways that you can support your learner.

- Attend fall and spring parent-teacher conferences
- Attend our family nights
- Check backpacks, folders, and work coming home
- Review your child's planner (3rd-5th)
- Read with your child
- Encourage IXL practice at home
- Set limits on devices.
- Communicate with us to help support your unique learner



Need to Know

Cell Phones

Students are not allowed to have or use Electronic Communication Devices (ECDs) during the school day. ECDs include any device that can transmit or receive auditory or written messages such as cell phones and wearable smart watches. All ECDs must be kept in the student's locker. ECDs will be confiscated and returned to the parent if a student violates this policy.

Reset Room

The purpose of the Reset Room is to help students reduce stress, identify their emotions, learn self-regulation strategies, and prevent dysregulation before they require disciplinary measures. Its goal is to prevent escalation and support students returning to the classroom regulated and ready to learn. The Reset Room is available to all students in Preschool through 5th grade. A behavior support para will support students in the Reset Room and guide them back to the classroom through restorative practices.



Need to Know

After School Study Hall

Students in Grade 3-5 may be assigned After School Study Hall when assignments are not being completed in class or need additional support. Study Hall will go from 3:25-3:55 in the child's classroom. Teachers will communicate with parents when study hall is assigned. When Study Hall is assigned, your child must attend the next day or make arrangements with the teacher for a different day.

Invitations and Treats

It is school policy that students do not hand out invitations in school. **Treats** are welcomed, but **trinkets** and **party favors** are better. Treats must be **prepackaged, store-bought** treats. We want to ensure the protection of our students with allergies, as well as prevent disruptions to the school day.

Communication

Each classroom teacher will communicate with parents directly for all pertinent classroom topics. Much communication will occur on **Apptegy Rooms**. Please ensure you are receiving notifications so you can stay up-to-date on CES and CEEC happenings.



Need to Know

Behavioral Expectations

Be Honest

Be Respectful

Be Accountable

Cozad Elementary Culture Blueprint

*Cozad Elementary Code of Conduct can be found in the student handbook

Thinks Sheets

Please sign and return all think sheets. Yellow Sheets will be used for minor offense. Red sheets will be used for major offenses. Parents will be contacted for all think sheets earned.

Office Use: _____
Returned Date: _____

Think Seat Yellow Sheet

Name _____ Date _____

Take a moment to think about your behavior and how you can fix it. Mark the reason(s) you must fill out a think sheet.

☐	Disruptive Behavior
☐	Disrespecting Adults
☐	Unsafe Playground Behavior
☐	Not Following Directions (Not Listening)
☐	Uncooperative/Inappropriate Behavior with Peers
☐	Failure to Complete/Hand in Classwork

What caused you to act out? (Event)

What happened because you chose that behavior? (Outcome)

What would have been a better choice or reaction? (Response)



Office Use: _____
Returned Date: _____

Office Referral Think Sheet

(Student Name) _____ Date _____

Take a moment to think about your behavior and how you can fix it. Mark the reason(s) you have to fill out a red sheet.

☐	Disruptive Behavior
☐	Disrespecting Adults
☐	Unsafe Behavior
☐	Not Following Directions (Not Listening)
☐	Uncooperative/Inappropriate Behavior with Peers
☐	Something Else:

What caused you to act out? (Event)

What happened because you chose that behavior? (Outcome)

What would have been a better choice or reaction? (Response)



Need to Know

AfterZone

AfterZone is an after school program led by Karmen Morse. This program runs from 3:30-6pm daily. Call the elementary office for more information or to enroll your child.

CEPO

Cozad Elementary Parent Organization (CEPO) supports all students at Cozad Elementary. They support many programs and celebrations at CES. If you would like to support them, please visit their Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/cozadelementary>



MEET THE PRINCIPAL

My name is Justin Dowdy. I am the elementary principal. This will be my 3rd year in this role. I have been in education for over 20 years. My goal as the principal is to support our staff and create a welcoming environment for all students to learn and grow.

My wife, Jillian, and I have two kids: Jackson and Jamie. Jackson will be in 9th grade and Jamie will be in 6th grade. As a family we love watching sports and rooting for our local teams. Football is our favorite sport. We enjoy spending summer weekends at Johnson Lake at my in-law's cabin. I enjoy a fresh cut lawn, learning new skills, and watching my kids compete.

It's a Great Day to be a Haymaker!



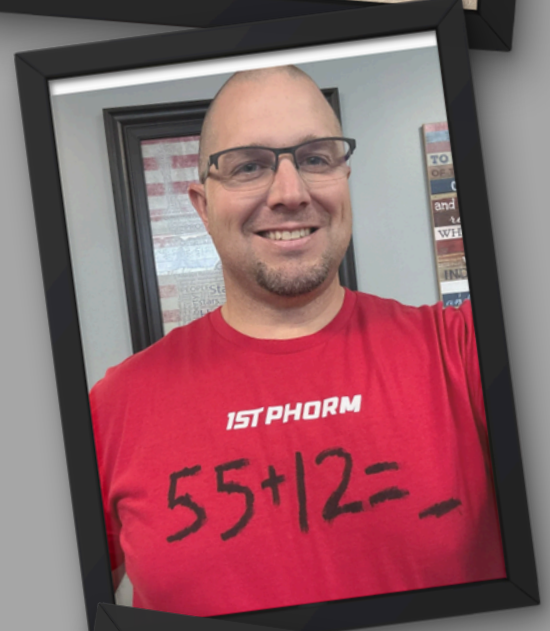
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Elementary Supply List

School Activity Calendar

Elementary Handbook

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Cozad Elementary
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