

Farmdale



Foxes

2025-2026

PARENT & STUDENT

Handbook

Our School's Mission Statement

"Working together to help each child succeed!"

Farmdale Elementary School

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Dear Farmdale Elementary Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning for another exciting year, we are thrilled to have you as part of the Farmdale community.

At Farmdale Elementary, we believe every child has the potential to grow, achieve, and shine. This year, our focus is on building strong foundations in reading, writing, and mathematics, while nurturing creativity, curiosity, and a love of learning in every student. Our dedicated teachers and staff are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where all students can thrive.

Education is most powerful when families and schools work together. We encourage you to stay involved—whether through classroom support, school events, or simply asking your child about their day. Your partnership makes a meaningful difference.

We are excited for a year full of discovery, growth, and success. Let's work hand-in-hand to help our students reach their fullest potential.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to a wonderful year together!

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THE FARMDALE FOX SONG



Farmdale Foxes are the very best,
We meet every challenge and every test.

From den to forest where the foxes play,
We grow and learn and help each other each day.

Farmdale Foxes are the very best,
We meet every challenge and every test.

We learn to read and write and do our math,
We get along because we walk the Peace Path.

Farmdale Foxes wear orange and navy blue,
Come on, shout it out! Here's a cheer for you:

(Cheering)

Farmdale Foxes are the best!

Farmdale Foxes meet any test!

Gooooooo Foxes!

Farmdale-Fox Creed



To Be A Fox,
Repeat In Your Mind:

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful and
Kind!





Mission Statement

Working together to help each child succeed!

School Beliefs

**All children can learn.*

**Safety, within a culture of respect, provides a school environment that is conducive to learning.*

**While students progress academically, they must also learn to assume and appreciate their rights and responsibilities as citizens and members of our American society.*

**The success of a child is the shared responsibility of the community, the staff, the parents, and the child.*

Parent Groups

English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)

Farmdale School Site Council (SSC)

Special Dates:

Fall Pictures: August 7th (grades TK/K/2nd/4th) &
August 8th (grades 1st/3rd/5th/Rm 52)

Spring Pictures: TBD



Back To School Night:

Thursday, August 7th 5:30pm-7pm



Christmas Shows:

TK - December 15th

Kindergarten - December 15th

1st Grade - December 15th

2nd Grade - December 15th

3rd Grade - December 16th

4th Grade - December 16th

5th Grade - December 16th

Winter Band Concert - December 17th





Trimester Dates

- 1st Trimester: July 24th - October 17th
2nd Trimester: November 3rd - February 13th
3rd Trimester: March 2nd - June 5th

MINIMUM DAYS

*1:30 Release Days

(For Teacher Collaboration, Parent Conferences, and Track-off Days!)

August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
September 10th, 18th, 24th
October 1st, 8th, 15th, 16th, 17th
November 5th, 21st
December 3rd, 10th, 18th
January 7th, 14th, 28th
February 4th, 11th, 12th, 13th
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
April 15th, 22nd, 29th
May 6th, 13th, 20th
June 5th (Last day of school!)

School Holidays and Off-Track Weeks

September 1st (Labor Day)
October 20th - 31st (Off-track)
November 10th-11th (Veterans' Day Observance)
November 24th - 28th (Thanksgiving Break)
December 19th - January 2nd (Winter Break)
January 19th (Martin Luther King Day)
February 16th - February 27th (Off-track)
April 3rd - 10th (Spring Break)
May 25th (Memorial Day)

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Recess, Lunch, ELD, Intervention/Enrichment
 School Grounds open at 8:00 for all Foxes to eat a free breakfast!
 Playground opens at 8:05! School Begins Promptly at 8:30
 Regular Dismissal at 2:30 *Minimum Day Dismissal at 1:30

<u>TK - AM:</u> 9:45-10:15 (Recess) 11:10-11:40 (Lunch) 12:00 (Dismissal)	<u>TK - PM:</u> 12-12:20 (Lunch) 1:45-2:00 (Recess) 3:30 (Dismissal)
<u>Kindergarten:</u> 9:30-9:45 (Recess) 11:30-12:15 (Lunch/Recess) 12:25-12:40 & 12:45-1:00 (PE)	<u>Third:</u> 8:45-9:30 (ELD) 10:50-11:05 (Recess) 12:15-1:00 (Lunch/Recess)
<u>First:</u> 9:15-9:35 (PE/Intervention) 10:20-10:35 (Recess) 11:45-12:30 (Lunch/Recess) 1:30-2:15 (ELD)	<u>Fourth:</u> 8:45-9:15 (Intervention/Enrichment) 8:45-9:10 PE reg day & 11:10-11:40 min day 9:30-10:15 (ELD - regular day) 9:30-10:00 (ELD - minimum day)* 12:35-1:20 (Recess/lunch)
<u>Second:</u> 9:15-9:35 (PE/Intervention) 10:35-10:50 (Recess) 12:00-12:45 (Lunch/Recess) 12:45-1:30 (ELD)	<u>Fifth:</u> 9:45-10:15 (Intervention/Enrichment) 9:45-10:15 PE reg day & 11:45-12:15 min day 11:00-11:45 (ELD - regular day) 10:00-10:30 (ELD - minimum day)* 12:45-1:30 (Recess/lunch)



Rainy Day Lunch Schedule

Students will be released from the cafeteria to walk to their classrooms. This schedule is subject to change. Teachers and staff will send updated schedules if changes are made.

Kindergarten 11:30-12:00

First 11:45-12:15

Second 12:00-12:30

Third 12:15-12:45

Fourth 12:30-1:00

Fifth 12:45-1:15



GENERAL INFORMATION

(This information will apply upon return to school. If there are any changes, we will communicate that with you.)

1. Students are not to be on the school grounds earlier than 8:00 a.m. There is no supervision for "non-bussed" students at school until that time. Children who are brought to school by car are to be dropped off at the back gate. Vehicles must stay in the lane designated for drop off. Students may not be dropped off in the parking lot unless escorted by an adult! Students who are walkers, come in the front of the school. Only students are allowed to pass the "Entrance" gate and this gate is closed at 8:30! **Farmdale upholds Closed Campus practices for the safety of our students! All parents must report to the office and be issued a Visitor Pass for any reason they are present on campus during the normal school day. Parents should only be on campus for special events or previously planned arrangements such as volunteering in the classroom. *Parents are not allowed to be in the cafeteria with students during the regular breakfast or lunch schedule.**
2. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless they have been signed out in the office by the parent or guardian. We do not allow anyone to pick up or sign out a child without being on the child's contact list. Make sure to update contact information and ID will be required to sign out students.
3. Please keep the school office notified of any change of address or telephone number. It is important that we are aware of the changes in case of illness or injury to your child while at school. We will be sending **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE CARDS** home for you to provide updated information on your child. These cards should be returned to the school as soon as possible!
4. Pets may not be brought to school without permission from the teacher. (Pets cannot be transported to or from school on the school bus.)

END OF THE DAY:

1. Students are released at 2:30 and report to specific designated areas: **Walking gate, Car Pick-up Gate, Assets, or Bus Area. Kinder students are to be picked up by their parents from the kindergarten pick up gate.**
2. The parking lot closes 30 minutes before dismissal to allow room for bus parking and to ensure the safety of our walking students.
3. Please send a note to school with your child **if there will be a change in how your child is to get home after school.** We understand that emergencies and unexpected things can happen, therefore, in these cases phone calls from the parent or guardian will be accepted. Calls should be received as early as possible. Delayed communication with the front office may result in the inability to make the change. **Parents are NOT allowed to retrieve students from buses.** In extreme emergencies, please come into the school office. We can contact your child by bus radio before the buses leave.

SCHOOL VISITATION

Parents are encouraged to visit and volunteer at our school. However, **prior** arrangements for visitations and volunteering must be made through your child's **teacher, an administrator, or office staff**. **ALL SCHOOL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN with our RAPTOR Visitor Program.** A "Visitor" tag will be issued at that time. This tag **MUST** be worn at all times during the school/classroom visitation. You must have an ID to sign in with Raptor. We also request that parents wishing to volunteer or observe a classroom make arrangements with the teacher twenty-four hours in advance. Raptor will need your ID to volunteer in the classroom as well. You will need to complete a background check with a link we provide to be a volunteer as well. Instructional time in the classroom is not the appropriate setting to conference with a teacher about your child. If you wish to discuss your child's academic progress, we encourage you to make an appointment with the teacher *before or after school* on a day convenient for both of you!

CHILDREN'S ILLNESS AND INJURIES AT SCHOOL



It is very important that the school office has a current contact phone number in case of an emergency. If you do not have a phone, give the school a message phone that is current. When a child becomes ill at school, parents are contacted and arrangements are made for further care. Minor injuries are given first aid by the teacher, medical assistant, or school secretary. If the injury requires additional care or treatment parents will be contacted.

HEAD LICE



Weaver School District follows health practices recommended by the *State Department of Health Services*. The complete removal of nits (eggs) is the *most successful* method of eliminating outbreaks, and particular practices in the home should support prevention of lice. **HEAD LICE CHECKS WILL BE DONE PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR IN THE WEAVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND STUDENTS WILL BE SENT HOME IF DEEMED NECESSARY TO PREVENT FURTHER OUTBREAKS.**

BICYCLES / SCOOTERS



We encourage students to be active, healthy, and to get regular exercise. Therefore, as long as safety measures are always taken, we allow students to ride their bikes and scooters to school with parental permission. Bicycles/Scooters are to be **walked** while on campus. All riders **must have a helmet**, and bring their bikes directly to the bike racks to be secured upon their arrival to school. *Locks for bikes are recommended.*

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



We are proud of Farmdale's history of excellent attendance! Our Foxes love to come to school! Each student needs to be in class for optimal learning to take place. Please help your child's success in school, by supporting excellent attendance! We do realize that there are times when a student is ill, and these students should remain home. **Making sure your child is in school each day and on time is required by State law.** All

absences must be verified by A NOTE or A PHONE CALL TO THE FARMDALE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 725-7170, by the parent or legal guardian. The school Principal or the school attendance clerk will contact a parent regarding each absence and/or tardy. Weaver School District follows State mandated guidelines for responses to truancy.



TARDIES/EARLY LEAVES

Students who are habitually tardy to school lose valuable learning time and disrupt regular classroom instruction. Being on time teaches the child the importance of punctuality. Be sure to see that your child/children gains sufficient rest each night so that he/she will arrive at school on time. Students who are late to school **MUST** check in at the school office for a late pass before they are accepted into the classroom.

Early departures from school are also tracked. We understand that medical and dental visits may sometimes need to be scheduled during the school day. However, office procedures track students as they leave early. Excessive early pickups will be counted the same as tardies. Every school minute counts for your child, therefore, *missed* minutes are recorded so that we can encourage parental practices that minimize time out of the classroom. If students have an appointment, please bring in a note from the doctor to excuse their absence from class.



INDEPENDENT STUDY

Short term independent studies will not be offered for the 2025-2026 school year at Weaver USD. Students leaving the area for a period of time will be marked absent - unexcused.



Tier 2/Student Study Meetings

Parents, Teachers, & Administrators work together to help all students be successful. These important meetings facilitated by our Vice Principal are scheduled throughout the year when students (even after being provided additional interventions) continue to struggle in academics or school behavior. Our School's *Mission Statement* is **"Working together to help each child succeed!"** We are committed to working with families to provide the best education for their child. These meetings encourage parent and staff collaboration for problem-solving and generating solutions to support particular students in becoming more successful in school. This process is part of our Tier II/III Response to Intervention (RTI) practices at Farmdale.

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR 5132 (B))

To promote a safe, secure and comfortable environment conducive to a valued education, the Weaver Union School District has established a student dress code. Any apparel, hairstyle, or cosmetic which creates a safety concern, draws undue attention to the wearer or tends to distract from the educational process, even if not specifically mentioned below, will not be permitted.

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee will regularly review district regulations and may establish additional school rules governing dress and grooming.

General Statements:

1. All clothing must fit appropriately. We permit NO SAGGING of pants, or oversize/long shirts.
2. Clothing must be kept clean, mended, unaltered, properly hemmed and sewed (not stapled, pinned, taped, etc.)
3. Brand name clothing, logos, other attire, or altered clothing that may identify or associate a student with gangs is not permitted.
4. Accessories that may identify or associate students with gangs that the principal or designee determines to be a possible gang identifier are not permitted.
5. Clothing, jewelry, notebooks, backpacks, and other accessories will be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia, which are crude, vulgar, profane, obscene, libelous, slanderous, or sexually suggestive. Clothing, jewelry, notebooks, backpacks, and other accessories that advocate racial or religious prejudice, the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol, or other unlawful acts are prohibited.
6. Gang-related apparel or paraphernalia, including symbols, emblems, insignia, or other gang identifiers, may not be worn or displayed. This rule prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessories, notebook, or any manner of grooming which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute, denotes membership in or affiliation with gangs.
7. Clothing will not be permitted to be worn inside out.
8. No price tags are to be left on articles worn by students.
9. Attire that may be used as a weapon may not be worn (e.g., steel-toed boots, chains, or items with spikes, or studs, etc.).
10. No garment or combination of garments will be allowed which exposes underwear or areas of the body usually covered by underwear.
11. Students may not bring extra clothing to school except at the request of a teacher or administrator. The student's clothing request will relate to the need for extra clothing for PE, team sports, or a school club or special activity.



PANTS/BELTS

Pants not allowed include: pants not worn at the waist, "see-through" pants, pants that expose any underclothing or are oversized. If overalls are worn, all straps must be secured. Pants length shall not be so excessive as to create a potential hazard (i.e., tripping due to pants catching on shoe). Belts and belt buckles cannot have initials or numbers on them. Belts cannot hang down past the buckle. Any holes or tears in pants above the knee cannot be higher than the mid-thigh area. If students have pants with holes above the mid-thigh, students are required to wear biker shorts or leggings underneath.

SHORTS

Permissible shorts are defined as those that are not shorter than mid-thigh, hemmed, and not form-fitting. All bike shorts (spandex), gym shorts, frayed shorts, "see through" shorts, or shorts with holes are unacceptable. All shorts must be worn at the waist. Frayed hems, or shorts made of rayon, nylon or similar material may not be acceptable. Manufactured frayed hems "may" be okay. The principal or designee will determine which are acceptable or unacceptable.

SKIRTS

Skirts and culottes are acceptable as long as they extend to mid-thigh.

SHIRTS



Shirts that are not allowed include: tank tops with spaghetti straps, bare midriff (tube tops, half shirts), strapless, muscle tank shirts, beach wear, halter tops, see through shirts, net shirts, worn-out, torn, or ragged shirts, off the shoulder blouses, or any shirt that at rest, during, or after an activity will expose the skin between the top or bottom of the student's shirt, pants, skirts, or shorts.

JACKETS

Jackets must not be altered.

CAPS



1. Caps must not be altered. The only writing allowed on the cap must have been put on when the cap was manufactured.
2. No caps are to be worn with the bill backward or to the side.
3. No caps are to be worn inside any building.
4. No caps are to be worn at indoor student dances, assemblies, or special events.
5. No "hair nets" except when serving in the cafeteria.
6. Plain, single colors knit stocking caps with no logos are permitted.
7. No bandanas, sweatbands, scarves, or kerchiefs will be permitted.

SHOES:



Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes or sandals must have backs or straps at the heels. For safety reasons, flip-flops or "sock-like" footwear are not allowed.

UNDERGARMENTS:

Undergarments must be worn in a fashion so that they are not in public view.

DARK GLASSES: Dark glasses shall not be worn indoors unless a documented, health related problem exists. The health problem must be established with a written note from a qualified doctor.

HOMELESS SERVICES:

Weaver Union School District supports the enrollment, attendance, and achievement of homeless students to ensure they receive equal access to educational opportunities. Per the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Subtitle B of Title VII, Education for Homeless Children and Youths (U.S.C 11431 et seq.), homeless students lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night- time residence. They have the right to remain in their school of origin or be immediately enrolled in their school of residence (per their best interest), as well as other rights and protections. To receive more information and to sign a student up for homeless student rights and protections please contact the school office. You may

also directly contact the district's Homeless Program Coordinator, Michal Lomeli at 209-723-7606.

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

1. Students should show respect for one another and all school personnel.
2. Students are to remain in *designated* supervised areas at all times.
3. Students are allowed to use the restroom during all recesses and as excused from the classroom by the teacher. Students must have a restroom pass to use the restroom during class time. Restrooms are NOT play areas.
4. Students are to walk on the sidewalks and courtyard areas. Running, ball bouncing, rope jumping, etc. are for the blacktop or grass areas.
5. Fighting, play-fighting and name-calling are unacceptable at school. In addition, any type of *horseplay* can lead to students being hurt or feeling disrespected.
6. Students are not allowed to **push, shove, kick, hit, bite, fight, or wrestle**. Any student who commits assault, battery, verbal or physical intimidation upon another student, or upon school personnel, or directs threat of force or violence toward school personnel, shall be subject to disciplinary action. (Refer to California Education Code 44014 and 48900)
7. Students are not allowed to climb any of our school fences or trees!
8. Students are not allowed to chew gum at school, or to have candy. In compliance with our ***District Wellness Policy***, cupcakes, candy, chips or any other unhealthy foods or beverages should not be brought from home. To support the District Wellness Policy healthier options are provided for student celebrations. Parents can purchase a ***Birthday Celebration Package*** for their child's classroom and the school provides alternative meals for ***Student of the Month*** or other celebrations and rewards. Please feel free to ask our office staff more about these practices!
9. Students are not allowed to bring cell phones, electronic devices, toys or play equipment from home, unless as directed by a teacher, principal, or designee. These types of items will be confiscated from the student and returned to a parent.
10. To help keep our campus clean all lunch food is to be eaten *inside* the cafeteria except as allowed for special events throughout the year.

CELL PHONE/ SMART WATCH RESTRICTIONS:

Cell phones and smart watches will be allowed with the restriction that they remain out of sight and off during school hours, including the mornings. Cell phones and smart watches may be turned on only after students leave campus. If a student chooses to break these rules, the phone/watch will be taken and returned to a parent/guardian. This rule extends to headphones/airpods of any kind. Weaver Union School District will not carry responsibility for lost or stolen phones or other devices.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

The following items will not be allowed at school and will only be returned to parents: 1. Electronic devices, including but not limited to radios, mp3 players, CD players, video games, iPods, collectibles such as baseball cards, Pokémon cards, permanent markers, gum, candy, sunflower seeds, or any other items that are not related to the educational process will be taken away and returned to a parent/guardian. Administration takes no responsibility for theft of confiscated items. All confiscated items must be picked up by parents or guardians of students.

PLAYGROUND RULES



1. *Be cooperative and respectful!*
2. *Keep your hands to yourself.*
3. *Use all equipment properly. (Example: jump-ropes and balls used correctly! Balls are not to be kicked on the blacktop! Jump-ropes not tied to fences!)*
4. *Slide down the slides using safe practices!*
5. *Use the bathroom and water fountain before the bell.*
6. *Report Problems to the yard duty staff.*
7. *Classrooms and hallways are off limits for all students during recess times!*



After School Pick-up

1. All students are to report to a designated pick-up area at the end of the school day!
2. Students should be *sitting* while waiting, unless the ground is too hot or wet.
3. Students are not to climb on the gate or fence while waiting.
4. Students are not to be playing, or chasing one another while waiting.
5. A teacher or administrator will release a student after the student identifies the person that has come to the gate to pick them up.
6. For the safety of all children, parents need to follow safe practices each day!

FARMDALE SCHOOLWIDE DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Farmdale School practices *Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies* (PBIS), a discipline program that is firm, fair, consistent, and rewards students for exemplary behavior choices. PBIS practices encourage administrators, counselors, and teachers to utilize behavior data to better support our students throughout the year. Our staff believes that all students have a right to go to school in a **safe** and **respectful** environment. In addition, our students are taught the Farmdale **Fox Creed**. This creed is recited frequently to encourage Foxes to be **Safe, Responsible, Respectful and Kind!**

PBIS posters posted throughout the school serve as prompts to remind students of the following behavior expectations of our students at Farmdale:

<div>  <h2>Farmdale Elementary Behavior Expectations</h2> </div>			
	Safe	Responsible	Respectful and Kind
Classroom/ Library Voice 2 or 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to self Walk in quietly and sit down Keep all chair legs on the ground Keep your area clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow classroom procedures Complete all work Be ready to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen when others talk Share and cooperate with others Use kind words 
Hallway/ Quad Voice 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to self Walk only on the concrete sidewalks Sit on benches Use amphitheater steps only when supervised by staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk around the bark and plant areas Walk directly to your destination with a pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treat plant life with care Be mindful of classrooms that are learning 
Restroom Voice 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to self Flush the toilet Wash your hands with soap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use toilet, urinals, and toilet paper appropriately Report problems to staff Return directly to class Keep restroom clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give privacy to others Use only the bathroom designated for your class Leave bathroom stall door unlocked as you leave 
Cafeteria Voice 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to self Wait in a single file line, face forward Use two hands to carry tray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw your trash away Know your lunch number Keep your area clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait patiently for your turn Use kind words Treat staff and others respectfully 
Bus Voice 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to self Stay seated, face forward Keep aisles clear Line up at bus route numbers Walk to your bus when directed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the driver's instructions Remember your belongings before you exit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use kind words Treat the bus driver and others with respect 
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to self Go down the slide, seat down, feet first, one student at a time Walk away from conflicts and disruptions Walk on the play structure and blacktop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay on the playground until dismissed Freeze when the bell rings Walk safely and directly to class Keep personal items away from the playground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share playground equipment Put playground equipment away in the Fox Box or on the rack Follow adult staff instructions Go to the Buddy Bench if/when you need someone to play with 

To be a Fox repeat in your mind; Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Kind

TRANSPORTATION Rules



Parents may request by note that their children get off the bus at another location other than their regular stop. The note must be written and signed by the parent or guardian indicating where the student is to be let off. Note must be signed by the principal/designee and given to the bus driver. Phone calls must be made before noon for bus changes. Otherwise, all students who ride a bus to school must ride that bus home.

Bus Rules:

The following rules are established to provide guidelines of expected behavior for all students riding a school bus: (To encourage proper behavior buses are equipped with video cameras.)

*Riding the bus is a courtesy that the district provides to students and families.

Students can be suspended from the bus at any time if they do not follow any of these rules.

1. Prior to the arrival of the bus, students are expected to respect the property of others and avoid all horseplay. No bullying or fighting between students or parents while at the bus stop.
2. Upon arrival of the school bus, the students are to stand clear of the bus until it has made a complete stop and doors have opened. "Absolutely" no pushing or shoving, when walking up to the bus doors. Stay in a single file line.
3. All students shall sit facing to the front of the bus and remain seated at all times.
4. No students shall board the school bus with any sharp objects: (pencils, sticks, toys, any type of weapons, etc.)
5. No unnecessary noise or commotion shall be permitted on the bus.
6. Students shall not use vulgar or profane language on the bus.
7. All students shall keep their hands to themselves.
8. Students are not to use their cell phones unless it's an emergency. (No filming, no picture taking, Etc)
9. Students shall not eat/drink on the school bus: (candy, seeds, gum, soda, sports drinks etc.)
10. Students shall not shoot, throw or leave any debris of any kind on the bus.
11. Hoodies are to be off while on the bus at all times.
12. No Cell phones allowed. Unless student need to call parent, (No taking picture of other student, no videoing other students and no watching any videos on their phones on at anytime)
13. Students shall not deface or destroy the bus. Subject to a fine if damage is found.
14. NO glass containers or animals are to be carried on the bus.
15. No flammable liquids allowed on the bus. (Perfumes, Colons, Hair spray, etc)
16. Only school approved materials may be carried on the bus.
17. Students shall not smoke or light matches on the bus.
18. Students must bring notes from home authorized by the office if they are to ride a different bus or a non-bus rider to go home with friends.
19. Students shall show respect towards other students plus the driver while on the bus.
20. Upon leaving the bus, students shall not cross the street or highway to the rear of the bus at any time. They are to go directly home.
21. Students K-8 th grades must Cross in front of the bus being escorted by the driver at all times. No parents can escort their own child. (Vehicle code 22112)

22. Parents picking up students have to be parked on the same side as the bus at non-escort stops.

23. Students riding on a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to the driver of the bus at all times: (H. P.H. 82.7 (6-10))

24. We have a right to refuse service at any time if any of these are not followed.

* Exceptions, with conditions, may be made on long field trips by the school district administration.



FOGGY DAYS

There will be times during the winter months when fog may create a safety hazard for Weaver District buses. When the fog becomes too thick for our buses to safely transport children to school, bus schedules will be changed to have the buses start later. At these times, buses will delay their departure time from the school until the fog lifts enough to ensure safe travel of drivers and students. The director of transportation will contact local radio stations so that they will broadcast this information to parents and students in the district. The stations are: **KYOS 1480 AM, KAMB 90 FM, and KUBB 96.3 FM.**

Additionally, **Channel 30 in Fresno** will announce our foggy day information.



WEAVER DISTRICT BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

The Farmdale Cafeteria offers carefully planned hot breakfasts and lunches that are nutritionally balanced for growing children free of charge to all of our students.

NURSE

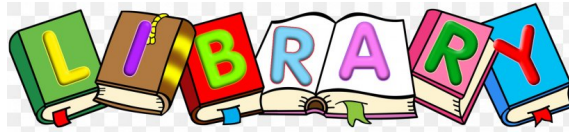


Weaver School District employs a registered nurse, who offers additional support to the medical assistant at each site. The medical assistant will administer first aid services and health support at each campus. Please do not send your child to school for diagnosis of illness. This can **ONLY** be done by your family doctor.



LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES

PARENTS PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN INK ON COATS, SWEATERS, LUNCH BOXES, and BACKPACKS! Numerous articles of clothing are *misplaced* and *unclaimed* each school year. Due to a lack of space all *Lost and Found* articles will be stored for a **limited** period of time before being **donated** to local charities. We recommend that you *frequently* check designated *Lost and Found* areas for items your child has misplaced!



Farmdale Library Policies

Student Expectations:

- Be considerate of others
- Use a shelf marker to put materials away correctly
- No food or drinks allowed
- Ask permission before using the computers
- Act responsibly

Check out: Students

- 2nd-5th: 2 books out at a time for a two week period.
- K-1st: 1 book at a time
- **No library check outs if there are books overdue or fines owed**

Damaged or Lost Items

- Students who damage a book due to torn pages, water damage, excessive writing, etc. will be fined the cost of repair if repairable, or if not repairable, the cost of replacing the item. This cost will include shipping and processing costs.
- Lost items will be charged the cost of replacing the item that includes shipping and processing costs.

Obligations from other schools

- Students will not be allowed to check out any books until their obligations from their prior school have been cleared.
- Students may turn in books for other schools and our staff will forward the items to their appropriate school site.

Hours of operation

8:20 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. each school day

- Closes at 1:35 on minimum days
- Opens after Flagpole on Fridays

Closing of the library may occur due to:

- Inventory
- Conference/Meetings
- Request by Administration
- Beginning and ending of school year
- Book Fair
- Staff lunchtime

Dear Farmdale Fox Parents,

Our school cares about the well-being of all students and has programs designed to support students' improvement of their social emotional development. To help stay in touch with our students' development and potential social emotional concerns, we will be conducting school-wide screenings of students using the *SSIS SEL Brief + Mental Health Scales*. This measure of students' social and emotional functioning is aligned with state Social Emotional Learning standards and provides results used to guide instruction for all students and support for students experiencing emotional behavior concerns. This brief rating scale assessment is not a comprehensive diagnostic measure for classification of difficulties or disorders.

The social emotional learning (SEL) skills and emotional behavior concerns (EBC) measured by the *SSIS SEL Brief + Mental Health Scales* are described below. The screeners include items tied to each of the competencies and concerns and provide information about a student's current functioning levels. Social emotional functioning can change over time. Periodic re-screening is thus used to continue to monitor students' progress.

The *SSIS SEL Brief + Mental Health Scales* can be administered to students (self-assessment), teachers (answering items about each student) and parents (answering items about their student(s)). In our school, we will be administering the survey universally to all students approximately six weeks into the school year.

If you have any questions or would like to opt out of the survey and intervention program for your student, please contact us as soon as possible.

Social Emotional Learning Competencies
Self-Awareness – Recognizes one's emotions and their influence on behavior.
Self-Management – Regulates one's emotions and behavior in social situations.
Social Awareness – Takes perspective of others and can empathizes with them.
Relationship Skills – Makes and maintains healthy and respectful relationships with others.
Responsible Decision Making – Makes good choices and respects rules and others.
Emotional Behavior Concerns
Internalizing Concerns - Negative emotions and behaviors directed inwardly involving feeling anxious, sad, or lonely; exhibiting poor self-esteem; lack of interest or engagement with others.
Externalizing Concerns - Negative emotions and behavior directed primarily toward others involving verbal or physical aggression; poor control of temper; arguing; actively excluding others.

For more details and the research behind the *SSIS SEL Brief + Mental Health Scales*, visit ssiscolab.com

Thank you,
Mrs. Jessica Gutierrez and Mrs. Andrea Devoe
Farmdale Elementary School Counselors
(209) 725-7170



Weaver Union School District
Farmdale Elementary School
(Signature page to return to your child's teacher)

World Wide Web Publishing Permission Form

In the course of your child's education at Farmdale Elementary School, his/her photo, artwork or writing material may be considered for publication on the World Wide Web. Such information will be published in accordance with the District's Technology Policy.

Student Agreement

☐ I grant my permission for the World Wide Web publishing as described above.

☐ I do not grant my permission for the World Wide Web publishing as described above.

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Student's Signature

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Agreement

☐ I grant my permission for the World Wide Web publishing as described above.

☐ I do not grant my permission for the World Wide Web publishing as described above.

Parent / Guardian Name - Please Print



WEAVER UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACCEPTABLE USE CONTRACT FOR USING THE INTERNET
(Signature Page to return to your child's teacher for grades 2-5 only)

1. I understand that the use of the Internet is not a right. When given the opportunity to use a computer at school I must use it appropriately.
2. I understand that the use of a computer at school is solely for educational purposes. I am not to use a computer at school to play non-educational games.
3. I understand that the district has the right to review any files or sites that I have had access to while on a computer at school.
4. Whenever I use email I will remain polite, use only appropriate language and will not give out my phone number or address. I also understand that any e-mails that I send out or receive while at school may be reviewed by school personnel.
5. I will take proper care of any computer that I am allowed to use while at school. I will not damage the computer nor will I intentionally upload a computer virus on a computer at school.
6. I will not take the writings, pictures or ideas of other people that you find on the internet and present them as my own.
7. I understand that if I violate the rules listed above I may lose the privilege of using a computer while at school. I also understand that I may be subject to discipline at school should I violate these rules.

Required Signatures:

We have read and understand the rules regarding the use of a school computer.
We agree that computers are an essential part of today's education and will follow the rules stated above.

Student's Printed Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____



Dear Parent,
Please read over this Handbook with your child. *After* discussing it with your child, please sign and return the last three pages (your signature and your child's!) to your child's teacher. This indicates that you have read and discussed Farmdale Elementary School's practices and rules with your child. Together, we can ensure a great year for your Fox!

Thank you,
Jenny Hidalgo
Principal

I have read the Farmdale Handbook for the year 2025-2026 and discussed it with my child.

Parent Signature:_____

Date:_____

Student Signature:_____

Date:_____