Cedar North Elementary School

"Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow"

Iron County School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

We are excited for the new year ahead and look forward to welcoming your children back to school! In ICSD, at title 1 schools, we encourage teachers to complete home visits in order for them to get to know their incoming students and begin to build a relationship with families. These home visits are optional for staff, but are highly encouraged. You should be hearing from them soon! This school year, we welcome Taylor Atkinson as our new 5th grade teacher. She has spent time at North in her block class and student teaching. She is a fantastic addition. Along with our new teacher, we also welcome many new polar bears with the boundary adjustment. We are excited to have you!

SB241:

Utah's 2026 Senate Bill 241 focuses on improving early literacy and aims for 80% of students to read at grade level by the end of third grade by 2030. The bill requires schools to use evidence-based reading instruction aligned with the science of reading, provide targeted interventions for struggling readers, and increase communication with families about student progress. Beginning in the 2029–2030 school year, some third-grade students who do not meet reading benchmarks may be retained unless they qualify for exemptions. We are going to focus on Kindergarten next year and will be recommending retention early on. More information to come.

End of Year Testing:

Elementary schools in Iron County and the state of Utah take an assessment called Acadience Reading and Acadience Math. This is a fluency screener for basic skills in each grade level. We are required to take it at the beginning, middle, and end of the year, each school year. You should have received these reports from your teacher on your child's progress. Below is a chart of how we did this year. One of the most important things you can do this summer, to keep your kids caught up, is to have them read at home. They can AR test on any books read over the summer when they return. We also have RISE testing. It assesses a student's content knowledge at the end of the year. It is a more rigorous assessment and can be a bit challenging, but our students are doing great. The proficiency is listed below. We have many students that missed the cut off for proficiency by one point!

% Reading Proficient/Advanced ALO

Kinder	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
84%	88%	84%	78%	80%	75%

% Math Proficient/Advanced ALO

Kinder	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
84%	85%	94%	77%	80%	62%

% Proficient Grades 3-5 RISE

	Schoolwide	3rd	Growth	4th	Growth	5th
Math	50%	50%	+1%	54%	+3%	45%
Science	50%	N/A	N/A	51%	N/A	49%
Language Arts	45%	50%	+1%	49%	+10%	39%

Volunteering Reminders:

If you volunteer, you are to be fingerprinted at the district office prior to your first time volunteering in our building. It is free and you can create an appointment by visiting the ICSD website and click on "fingerprint schedule" or copy and paste the attached link: https://calendly.com/icsd-fingerprints . When you want to be removed from the volunteer system, you will have to call to be removed. You need to be fingerprinted for field-trips, helping students in our building, and other volunteering where you are working with students. There is an application that needs to be filled out at the beginning of every school year. It will be available in the front office. This is to help ensure school safety and we appreciate your support!

We hope your summer is filled with lots of plans, family time, and excitement as you think about the new school year! Below are some important dates to mark in your calendars for the start of the school year. If you have any questions please reach out to us via email or phone.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

In June, open Mondays 8-12pm. Phone calls will be returned on Mondays.
Closed July 6th & 13th.
The office will return to normal daily working hours August 3rd.

2026/2027 School Year

First Day of School K-5th grade - Wednesday, August 12th

Back to School Night:

Monday, August 10 , 2026
4:30-6:00 pm

We would like to encourage all to attend. Come meet your teacher, see your classroom, and get any necessary school information. All parents and guardians are required to sign district forms via Powerschool. Open house format. Please stop by the gym for help with registration, lunch forms, bus routes, and joining the PTA.

App/Communication:

Parent Square: This will be our only form of communication for the office and school. Remind is no longer in use. Please download the App.

North Elementary School Hours:

Doors open at 8:30. It is imperative that your child is at school on time, as instruction begins at 8:55.

Monday thru Thursday

Kinder-5th 8:55-3:30

Friday Early Out

Kinder-5th 8:55-1:30

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