

**Sierra View Elementary School
A California Distinguished School**



CREATING A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Sierra View Elementary School
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TODAY'S LEARNERS
TOMORROW'S LEADERS

SIERRA VIEW STUDENTS ARE
SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE

MISSION STATEMENT



School Vision

Sierra View's student centered learning community is dedicated to providing a safe, respectful, and caring learning environment that promotes high academic achievement, technological skills, and responsible lifelong learners.

School Mission

Sierra View is a community dedicated to nurturing diverse, responsible and respectful learners.

School Hours

Regular Day 7:45 am – 2:27 pm
All Wednesdays 7:45 am – 12:27 pm

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

General Guidelines:

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL STUDENTS WILL:

- Arrive at school for breakfast at 7:10 am in the cafeteria.
- Be picked up on time at the conclusion of each school day.
- Be respectful of self and others at all times.
- Give teachers the right to teach and other students the right to learn.
- Solve problems using kind word and without fighting.
- Practice safety at all times.

RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SHARED BY ALL

STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Attend school every day, on time, with homework completed, and Reading Log/Planner signed by a parent or guardian.
2. Respect self, others, and their environment.
3. Listen carefully, follow directions and complete all assignments on time.
4. Take care of and properly use school and personal property.
5. Practice safety at all times.

SCHOOL STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

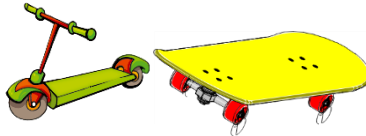
1. Provide each student the best educational program possible.
2. Consistently and fairly enforce school rules.
3. Treat all students, parents and school personnel with respect and dignity.
4. Maintain Classrooms and school site environment in order to provide learning and promote student self-discipline and self-esteem.
5. Maintain on-going communication with parents regarding students' progress and behavior.
6. Model appropriate behavior for all students.

BICYCLES



1. Bicycles must be placed in the bike rack and locked.
2. Bike riders will walk bikes on and off school campus.
3. No loitering or congregating around the bicycle rack.
4. It is the law that helmets **MUST** be worn, if a student is seen without a helmet the bike will be held until a parent is able to retrieve it.

SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS



1. Skateboards and scooters must be locked to the bike rack.
2. Riders will carry skateboards and walk scooters on and off campus.
3. Helmets and protective gear are required by law, if a student is seen without protective gear their skateboard or scooter will be held until a parent is able to retrieve it.

ROLLER SKATES AND ROLLERBLADES



1. Roller skates and rollerblades may not be worn to school.
2. Tennis shoes with retractable rollers or blades are not allowed at school.

TELEPHONE



The office phone may be used by students for emergencies only, the student must obtain permission of office staff.

CELL PHONES



Cell phones should not be seen or heard during school hours. If so the phone will be taken and released only to the parent.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)



Students in grades fourth through sixth participate in a “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) program. The program is in conjunction with the academic programs already in place. Students will be taught appropriate uses for their device in the academic setting. Please refer to the BYOD handbook and user agreement for more specific information. Bringing a device to school is voluntary and students who do not bring a device will have access to the same connect and curriculum. Students must follow the guidelines and procedures set forth in the program or will lose the opportunity to participate. Acceptable devices include laptops, netbooks, tablets, and other digital devices that connect to the district’s wireless network (please check with the school for types of other digital services). **SMARTPHONES ARE NOT CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE DEVICES FOR THIS PROGRAM.**

PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Send your children to school each day, on time and ready to learn. Students need to be picked up on time at the end of each school day.
2. Understand and support school rules and procedures. If you are asked to leave, you must leave immediately.
3. Encourage your children to practice safety at all times.
4. Teach your children to respect authority and the rights of others.
5. Assist your children with nightly homework and provide a quiet environment for learning at home. Family is an important part of education.
6. Maintain on-going communication, and update staff regarding your children's progress, behavior, and emergency information.
7. Support your children by attending Back to School Night, Open House, conferences and other school events.
8. Participate in school governance (PTA, SSC, ELAC).

STUDENT/PARENT AND STAFF RIGHTS

1. Students and staff have a right to attend a school that is safe, secure, and peaceful.
2. Parents have the right to information regarding their children's achievements, behavior, and attendance.
3. Parents have the right to an appropriate education for their children.
4. School staff has the right to teach.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend school each day and arrive on time. School district policy and state law require daily attendance for young people between the ages of 6 and 18 (E>C> 48200 & 48400). The only excused absences are for student illness and the need to attend a funeral for an immediate family member. After 5 absences or lates a letter will be sent home. Follow-up letters are then sent with a scheduled conference (SART) with the counselor or principal. Continued violation of the Ed Code may result in a SARB hearing.

LEAVING SCHOOL

If it is necessary for a student to leave school before the regular dismissal time, he/she must be signed out through the school office by a person listed on the child's emergency card and showing a valid I.D. to office staff. Please schedule appointments after school in order to avoid interruptions in the instructional day.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

All visitors on campus must sign in at the office and receive a Visitor's Badge. **Please do not bring your pets on school campus.** Parents/adults arriving at the end of the school day are asked to wait for the children near the tables in the quad area. This is to ensure the safety of all children and allows teachers to dismiss students on time. If you need to speak with a teacher, please wait until all students have been dismissed. **Do not bring balloons or any other distraction for birthdays, etc.**

PARKING

Due to concerns for the safety of our students, we insist you follow the flow of the posted traffic signs and pavement markings. Do not pick up your children in the bus driveway, park in the lot and walk to meet your children.

MEDICATION/HEALTH

If it is necessary for a student to take any form of prescription medication at school please obtain a form the office staff that must be completed by the parent and physician. This form is kept on file in the office. All prescription medications must be in their prescription bottle and kept in the health office to be dispensed at appropriate time. No over-the-counter medications is to be brought to school. **If your child is vomiting or has a fever do not send the child to school.**

CAFETERIA RESPONSIBILITIES



Appropriate manners are part of our lunch program, the expectation for all students are:

1. Speak in soft voices.
2. Stop talking at the request of the supervisor.
3. Keep food, entire body, and other objects to themselves.
4. Clean up after themselves upon completing their meal.
5. Enter and leave the cafeteria in an orderly and quiet manner.
6. Practice appropriate table manners and use polite conversations.
7. Keep accounts current and paid; after three charges, and until the account is paid in full, a snack will be provided instead of a full lunch.

Adequate time is provided for students to enjoy their lunch, however, students must use their time wisely.

YARD RESPONSIBILITIES



Recess is primarily for students to use the restroom and get a drink of water, however, adequate time is provided for students to socialize and play. Students are expected to:

1. Remain in their designated areas.
2. Follow school rules for all games.
3. Use equipment properly.
4. Avoid rough play.
5. Leave personal items such as toys, cell phones, electronic devices, and sports equipment at home.
6. Use the restroom and drinking fountain properly.
7. Engage in a game or appropriate playground activity

THE TWO BIGGEST CAUSES OF BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

There are two behaviors that cause about 95% of the trouble on the playground and on the way to and from school. These are name-calling and gossiping. This results in rough physical contact and hurt feelings. Please discuss with your child that these behaviors are not allowed at school.

As parents, you can help your child get along with other children by helping him/her learn not to call names or talk about other people. You can also help by teaching them the MYOB (Mind Your Own Business) rule of not talking about other children or their families and spreading rumors.

DEFINITION OF BULLYING

Bullying is when one or more people, repeatedly harm, harass, intimidate or exclude others. Bullying is unfair and one sided.

***Bullying is not tolerated at Sierra View.**

5 WAYS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

It is important for children to learn to solve their own problems at school. The following five ideas are ways that a child can solve a problem. If the problem is serious enough, an adult is always available to help:

1. Ask the other person to stop, talk it over, or ignore it.
2. Apologize.
3. Take turns and share.
4. Walk away.
5. Choose a different activity.

FOUR STEPS FOR PARENT INTERVENTION **WITH SCHOOL ISSUES**

All staff members at Sierra View Elementary School attempt to solve student's problems at school. Occasionally a problem may occur on the playground or while students are going to and from school that is not resolved at school.

1. Make sure your child has reported the incident to their teacher and / or the yard duty staff.
2. Contact your child's teacher explaining your concern.
3. Make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher to discuss the situation.
4. If all else fails, make an appointment to explain your concern to the principal.

CONSEQUENCES

Our focus is primarily on the positive, however, negative behavior will be addressed in a fair and consistent manner.

Students may be given the following consequences:

1. Warning.
2. Time out in a classroom.
3. Loss of recesses or other privileges.
4. Alternative recess.
5. Phone call to parents and/or attend conference.
6. Citation requiring parent signature.
7. Referral to Principal, returned to school with parent signature.
8. Suspension from school.
9. Behavior Support Plan.

RECOGNITION

We believe that students who exhibit appropriate behavior should be recognized and rewarded.

We recognize and reward students through the following:

1. Praise
2. Class Rewards
3. Student of the Week
4. Caughtcha Cards and Store
5. Friday activities
6. Assemblies
7. Honor Roll Certificates
8. Perfect Attendance Certificates
9. Positive phone calls and notes sent home
10. Lunch Bunch
11. Sparkling Sierra View Student Celebrations
12. A variety of teacher and principal recognitions



SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are provided as enrichment and an extension of the curriculum. Students who display inappropriate behavior or accumulate numerous missing assignments may be excluded.

All chaperones for field trips must be cleared through the District Office and DOJ Volunteer Application process.

STANDARDS OF DRESS

Students will dress in an age appropriate manner that does not detract from the educational process.

1. Make up and excessive, sharp, oversized jewelry are not allowed.
2. Styles must be worn safely (no pointed spikes).
3. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be fingertip length; no crop tops. All shirts must have at least a 1" wide shoulder strap. Undergarments, stomachs, chests, or backs should be covered at all times.
4. Pants must be worn at the waist, not sagging or dragging. Pajamas are not to be worn to school.
5. Chains are not considered belts and are not allowed at school.
6. No fake fingernails.
7. Gang related attire, symbols, handkerchiefs, etc. will not be allowed at school.
8. Appropriate shoes will be worn for safety during school activities. No more than 1" heels; sandals will have straps around the heels. No slippers.
9. Clothing with inappropriate messages or pictures will not be allowed at school.
10. Sport caps are allowed at school, bills should be worn forward. Headwear should be removed when indoors.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned to students as outlined in the School Board Policy, based upon the grade level of students. All students are expected to adhere to homework expectations of classroom teachers.