

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary Student Handbook 2025-26

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Welcome to Fiddlers Canyon Elementary!

We are thrilled to welcome you and your children to the [2025-2026] school year! Every summer, we eagerly prepare for the arrival of our students, who are at the heart of everything we do.

Our primary goal is to provide a safe and positive learning environment where every student can thrive. To achieve this, we maintain clear expectations for behavior, supported by our school rules and guidelines. We believe it's important for students to understand how their actions impact both their own learning and that of their classmates. We empower and encourage our students to be problem-solvers, to communicate with their teachers, and to seek assistance from the principal or any staff member when they need help. Parents are always welcome to contact the administration or teachers with any questions or concerns.

At Fiddlers Canyon Elementary, our motto is "MUSTANGS - WE RUN TOGETHER!" We are incredibly proud of our school, our students, and the outstanding support we receive from our parents. We recognize that the most significant learning begins at home, and we are eager to partner with you to help your child reach their full potential. We invite all parents to take an active role in their child's education by volunteering in the classroom, joining the PTA, assisting with homework, and maintaining open communication with their child's teacher. When home and school work together, great things happen in the life of a child! We truly want you to run with us on this journey to your child's success.

Sincerely, Michelle Hall, Principal michelle.hall@ironmail.org (435) 586-2680

Fiddlers Canyon website: fiddlers.district.org

PowerSchool Login: http://ps.irondistrict.org/public
Lunch Payment: http://www.myschoolbucks.com

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary Mission Statement

At Fiddlers Canyon Elementary we intentionally create an atmosphere of learning, where all feel safe, valued, and successful.

Fiddlers Elementary Vision Statement

Realizing the full potential of all students, we seek to be unified in our efforts to educate students from all backgrounds by being solution-based, responsible, respectful, and valuing all members of the education process.

As Mustangs, We run together!

Fiddlers Elementary Collective Commitments

- 1. We value and are committed to an intentional focus on student learning.
- 2. We value and are committed to rigorous, high and clear expectations.
- 3. We value respect, kindness, caring for others and compassion.
- 4. We value passionate engagement leading to the realization of our school mission.
- 5. We value collaboration and teamwork among all stakeholders.
- 6. We value transparency in our communication, actions, and decisions.

2025-26 Calendars

<u>District Calendar</u> <u>Fiddlers School Calendar</u>

Date	Event/Holiday
August 4	Opening Institute - Beginning of Contract
August 11	Back to School Night
August 13	School Begins
August 18	Back to School Bash
August 28	Pictures
September 1	Labor Day (no school)
September 29 - October 3	Fall SEP Conferences
October 7	Re-Take Picture Day
October 10	End of 1 st Quarter
October 17	Teacher PD Day No School
October 20	Fall Break (No School)
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
December 19	End of 2 nd Quarter - Early Out
December 22 – January 2	Winter Break (No School)
January 5	Teacher PD Day - No School
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
February 2 - 6	Spring SEP Conferences
February 17	Presidents' Day (No School)
March 4	Spring Pictures
March 10	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 11	Teacher PD Day - No School
March 12 -13	Teacher Contract Days (No School)
April 6-10	Spring Break (No School)
May 21	Early Out
May 22	End of 4th-Quarter Last Day of School

AFTERSCHOOL/BEFORE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

<u>Early Morning Choir Program</u> Our school offers an Early Morning Choir program for students in **grades 3-5**. This program provides an opportunity for students to develop their musical talents.

<u>ALLSTARS After-School Program</u> The ALLSTARS After-School Program is available to **all students** at our school, offering [briefly mention type of activities, e.g., enrichment, homework help, recreation]. Please note that ALLSTARS is an independent program that operates within our school facilities; therefore, our school is **not** responsible for its daily operations or the supervision of students enrolled in this program.

<u>Program Participation and Conduct</u> Participation in both the Early Morning Choir and the ALLSTARS After-School Program requires an application and acceptance. All students enrolled in these programs are expected to demonstrate appropriate behavior. In the event of repeated behavioral concerns, a student may be asked to discontinue their participation in the program.

ATTENDANCE

At Fiddlers Canyon Elementary, we firmly believe that consistent school attendance is a primary indicator of student success. A strong and direct correlation exists between a child's consistent presence in the classroom and their academic achievement. For this vital reason, we strongly urge all parents to prioritize and encourage excellent attendance for their children. Please note that consistent attendance is a mandatory requirement for all students enrolled in the Chinese Dual Immersion program and for all transfer students.

When Should Your Child Miss School?

There are very few reasons a child should miss school. The primary reason for absence is illness. To protect the health of our school community, children who are ill should remain at home to recover fully and prevent the spread of disease. Please do not send your child to school if they have a fever, are vomiting, or have other contagious symptoms. If your child is sick, please call the school to report their absence.

We strongly discourage absences for non-illness related reasons such as sports events, visits to relatives, vacations, or other discretionary activities. While these may seem minor, they can significantly disrupt your child's learning progress and continuity.

Addressing Poor Attendance Patterns:

If a student begins to show patterns of inconsistent attendance, the school will take the following steps to support improved attendance and ensure educational continuity:

- A phone call from the teacher.
- A phone call from the principal, with an invitation for a joint meeting between the parent, teacher, and principal.
- Potential referral to the Utah Division of Child and Family Services for educational neglect, if attendance issues persist without resolution.

Reporting Absences:

If your child will be absent, please call the school by 9:30 AM at 435-586-2860 to speak with the Secretary or leave a message. For absences that will extend for an extended period, a parent or guardian must contact the school directly to make arrangements for meeting your student's educational needs.

Your partnership in ensuring your children attend school consistently and promptly is invaluable to their learning and overall success. Thank you for helping us provide the best possible education for every child.

See Utah's Compulsory Education Law Compulsory Education Law

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INFORMATION

We offer free and reduced breakfast and lunch for qualifying students. You are encouraged to complete an online application for free and reduced meals by visiting **irondistrict.org**. Begin by selecting **Child Nutrition** and follow the link to the application. Applications for free or reduced meals are also available in the office.

The daily breakfast and lunch prices can be found on the Iron District website. Please pay for meals using cash or checks payable to Iron County School District. Meals can also be paid online @ myschoolbucks.com. The lunch secretary will call if the account is not current. Our food service program is subsidized by the federal government and is regulated by federal policies. These policies state that no person may consume any part of a meal served to another person, regardless of the status of the meal (free, reduced, or regular price.)

Therefore, we <u>respectfully require</u> that:

- 1. Parents must not eat any part of their child's meal.
- 2. No part of the meal can be served to another child.
- 3. Food served in the lunchroom cannot be transported out of the serving area.

According to federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, there are five meal components for lunch; 1– Meat or Meat Alternative, 2– Grains, 3– Fruit,

4 – Vegetables, and 5- Milk. Children are required to choose at least three of the five components and one must be a fruit or vegetable.

Please refer to ICSD policy EBA for more information. <u>Lunch Policy Lunch Link</u>

BRINGING VALUABLES TO SCHOOL

Please do not send with your students toys, dress-up outfits (unless on a designated day), or other things that are distracting to school. Students are strongly discouraged from bringing valuable personal items to school. The school will not be responsible for any items brought to school that are lost, stolen, or damaged. This includes, but is not limited to, electronic devices, phones, toys, etc.

BULLYING POLICY

At Fiddlers Canyon Elementary, we are committed to providing a safe and respectful learning environment for all students. Bullying, including cyberbullying, is unacceptable. We define bullying as any aggressive, unwanted behavior by one or more children that

involves a real or perceived power imbalance, and is repeated or has the potential to be repeated over time.

We strongly emphasize the importance of **students advocating for themselves**. We encourage all students to speak up when they experience or witness bullying. This could involve using their voice to tell a peer to stop, walking away, or immediately reporting the incident to a trusted adult.

How Parents Can Help: Parents play a crucial role in helping students deal with bullying positively. We ask that parents reinforce the importance of reporting bullying, including cyberbullying, to school administration, teachers, or counselors. In cases of cyberbullying, it is strongly encouraged to **screenshot all relevant texts, posts, pictures, or messages** as this evidence is critical for timely and effective action. For more comprehensive information, please refer to the ICSD Policy JFBA and the full ICSD Bullying Policy.

Please see District Policy ICSD Bullying Policy

The Title IX Coordinator is Janette Stubbs, and her contact information is <u>janette.stubbs@ironmail.org</u>.

The Title IX Student Coordinator is Tim Marriott, and his contact information is tim.marriott@ironmail.org.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Proper behavior on the bus is required for the safety of all children riding the bus. Students are to remain seated, keep their hands, feet, and other objects to themselves, avoid abusive behavior and teasing, and follow all directions from the driver. The driver may write citations if there is a problem. Fiddlers Canyon Elementary does not have jurisdiction over bus drivers or bus drivers' discipline. Parent concerns need to be directed to the ICSD Bus Supervisor at the bus garage. Children are not allowed to ride a bus to which they are not assigned. Friends are not allowed to ride the bus home with other friends assigned to a different bus. You do not need to register your student to ride the bus; however, if you have questions or concerns about bus routes, bus numbers, etc. please call the bus garage at 435-586-2864.

CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary operates as a **closed campus** during school hours to ensure the safety and security of all students and staff. For this reason, all exterior doors remain locked from [Start Time, e.g., 8:40 AM] until [End Time, e.g., 3:15 PM].

Visitor Entry Procedures: Anyone needing to enter the building during school hours must use the **main front entrance**. Please ring the doorbell located outside the front door, and our office staff will greet you via the security camera.

Volunteers: All volunteers are required to complete a volunteer form and undergo fingerprinting before their first service. Please contact the front office for details on this process.

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up: We have observed an increase in parents entering the building with their children during morning drop-off. While we understand the desire to walk your child to class, we strongly encourage parents to drop off students at the front entrance.

This practice is vital for school safety as it:

- Minimizes the number of unidentifiable adults in hallways, enhancing security.
- **Reduces congestion** in student-populated areas.
- **Fosters student independence** as they transition into the school day.

The only exception to this drop-off procedure is for parents of students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), who may be permitted to walk their child into the building as specifically outlined in their child's plan or by prior arrangement with the school administration.

COMMUNICATION

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary strives to promote positive interaction and communication between our school and the families of our students. Remind Messaging System, emails, newsletters, web pages, school and PTA Facebook sites, phone calls, and notes are just part of our efforts to inform parents of students' progress and activities here at school. **Please check your child's backpack DAILY! Please update your parent portal on PowerSchool.** Communication requires two parties - us and you. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher or the school office with questions, concerns, and suggestions. Teachers and students will not be called out of class to take a phone call. We ask that you refrain from calling or texting your student during school hours.

For REMIND you can join our school system to receive messages via text, email, or push notification (or any combination of these).

- 1. To get text notifications: text the code **@fiddlers** to the Remind phone number 81010. To join online: visit remind.com/join and enter the school code **@fiddlers** along with your mobile phone number. You will receive text notifications at the number you entered.
- 2. To get email notifications: Join online by visiting remind.com/join and entering the school code **@fiddlers** and your email address.

Remind will send notices such as school holidays and closures, emergency messages, reminders for school pictures, etc. Those not signed up for the Remind Messaging System will be unable to receive these reminders. Teacher Remind must be signed up with a separate code, which your child's teacher will provide.

DISTRICT APP - the district as a new app. It is called Iron County School District. It will be the best way to receive all the information you will need from the school and district. Please download the app. This is how Rooms will notify you.

COUNSELING & THERAPY

Fiddlers Elementary offers a wide range of support services to children academically, emotionally, behaviorally, and socially. Student participation in these support services may be determined based on one or more of the following: assessments, teacher observation, performance in the classroom, social interactions with peers, parent request, student request, and IEP/504 service. Under Utah Code, Section 53A—13—301 and 53 A 18—302 of the Utah Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, school district personnel are required to have your consent as a parent or legal guardian (except in response to a situation which a school employee reasonably believe to be an emergency or by order of a court) if counseling information is discussed with your student. A permission form must be signed and is valid only for the current school year unless services are terminated in writing. Each year, a new consent form must be signed. There is no cost for counseling services provided. Please refer to the consent form for additional information. These services are not intended as a substitute for psychological counseling, diagnosis, or medication. Counseling Permission Form

DISCIPLINE

At Fiddlers Canyon Elementary, we believe all students are capable of behaving appropriately and contributing positively to our learning environment. No student will be permitted to disrupt instruction or prevent other students from learning. Each classroom establishes clear rules, fosters positive behaviors through rewards, and implements consistent consequences.

When a student's behavior is harmful, violent, abusive, or non-compliant, it may necessitate removal from the classroom. In these instances, students will work with our behavior coach in a designated behavior room to practice appropriate behaviors and "reset" their focus. Similarly, inappropriate conduct on the playground will be addressed by the behavior coach, playground monitors, and/or the teacher.

A student being temporarily removed from the classroom to the behavior room, whether to complete work, decompress, or calm down, does **not** automatically result in a phone call home to parents. Our primary goal in these situations is to help the student quickly regain self-regulation and return to their classroom learning environment as soon as possible.

Parents will only be contacted by school personnel for serious infractions, such as fighting (which results in an automatic referral to the behavior room), or for persistent behavioral concerns. If deemed necessary, parents may be asked to collaborate with the school in developing a formal behavior plan to support their child's success.

DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Division of Child and Family Services occasionally sends representatives to the school to talk with the children of families who have been referred to DCFS. By law, investigators are authorized to conduct interviews with children and the school **is not** required to inform parents/guardians of the visit.

Drill Procedures

Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter

- a. Hold Hold is followed by the Directive: "In Your Room or Area" and is the protocol used when hallways need to be kept clear of occupants.
- b. Secure Secure is followed by the Directive: "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors" and is the protocol used to safeguard people within the building.
- c. Lockdown Lockdown is followed by "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep occupants quiet and in place.
- d. Evacuate Evacuate and may be followed by any other drill or event and is used to move people from one location to a different location in or out of the building.
- e. Shelter We would use this in the event we could not leave the building.
- f. NO ELECTRONIC devices are allowed as per Senate Bill 138.
 Unfortunately, these devices cause more chaos and concern than the actual emergency. The best thing parents can do is wait for contact from the administration.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Utah law regarding electronics in schools, specifically Senate Bill 178, prohibits students from using cell phones, smart watches, or emerging technologies during classroom hours. The law took effect on July 1, 2025.

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary allows students to bring personal electronic devices to school or school-sponsored activities. However, it is imperative that these devices are **turned off** and stored securely in backpacks from the first bell until the final dismissal bell.

Prohibited Usage Times: Electronic devices are strictly **not** to be used during:

- Lunch
- Recess
- Class time
- Transition times (e.g., passing in hallways, entering/exiting the building)

Consequences for Non-Compliance: If a student is found using a prohibited electronic device during school hours without specific teacher permission for an educational purpose, the device will be **confiscated and held by the principal until the end of the school day, or until a parent is contacted for pickup.** Repeated misuse of electronic devices will result in direct communication between the teacher and parent/guardian to address the ongoing issue.

Examples of Electronic Devices (not an exhaustive list):

- Cell phones (with or without picture-taking capabilities)
- Smartphones (e.g., iPhones)
- Smartwatches (e.g., Apple Watches)

- MP3 players (e.g., iPods)
- Tablets (with or without internet access)
- Personal laptops and small personal computers (not school-issued)

Respecting Privacy: We kindly ask parents to reinforce this policy with their children and encourage them to keep their devices put away. This helps us ensure an environment where all students' right to privacy is respected and distractions are minimized.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Please inform the school of your work telephone and/or emergency numbers in case your child becomes ill or injured at school and requires that we contact you. Please remember to notify the school of any changes of address, telephone number, emergency contact information, or parent email addresses.

FIELD TRIPS

Throughout the year, classes will be involved in educational field trips. A permission slip for field trips must be signed for each field trip. If a child does not have a permission slip, he/she will remain at the school until the class returns. Teachers are to inform parents of all field trips prior to the activity. If the field trip continues through lunchtime, a school sack lunch may be ordered, or students may bring their own lunch from home. The cost for lunch is the same as eating in the lunchroom.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH

According to Utah state law, all students must have full immunizations before they are allowed to enter school. For parents who, for religious or other reasons, do not want their child to receive immunizations, Exemption Waivers are available from the Utah State Health Department. Please contact the health department @ (435) 586- 2437 for more information. If you have health questions, please check with the school and contact information will be given for our school nurse.

KINDERGARTEN

We have full-day kindergarten. This helps prepare our students for first grade. Children 5 years old on or before September 1st, may register for kindergarten. All enrolling kindergarten students will need:

- 1. OFFICIAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- 2. ADDRESS VERIFICATION Utility bill, mortgage statement, bank statement...
- 3. GUARDIAN I.D. Driver's license, passport, state I.D.
- 4. IMMUNIZATION RECORD 5-DTaP, 4-POLIO, 2-MMR, 2-HEPATITIS A, 3-HEPATITIS B, 2-VARICELLA (OR Doc. of CHICKENPOX DISEASE)

To expedite the registration process, it is recommended that you complete the online portion of registration at <u>Kindergarten Registration</u>

In order to register for Kindergarten, students must meet the following Requirements - A child can:

- Communicate the need to use the bathroom to the adult.
- Sit down on a toilet.
- Use the toilet without assistance.
- Undress and dress as necessary.
- Tend to personal hygiene after toileting.
- ullet If an accident occurs, a "toilet-trained" child can independently tend to their hygiene needs and be able to change clothes.

Exceptions

• An LEA may enroll a student who is not toilet trained if the student's developmental delay is a result of a condition addressed by an IEP or Section 504 plan.

LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP

If the parent is not present to register the student, legal guardianship in the state of Utah must be provided. The Iron County School District charges a substantial tuition to provide services to out-of-state students who stay with relatives or friends who do not have legal guardianship. Students will not be able to register or attend school until tuition is paid or notarized legal guardianship papers are provided.

LOST AND FOUND

Each year, our lost and found reaches monumental proportions. Please **label clothing** and other items brought to the school. Unlabeled or unclaimed property is donated to a welfare agency at the end of each semester. At any time, you are welcome to come look through our lost and found, which is located in our gym and sometimes in the front entryway.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical fitness is required for all elementary students in grades K-5. If a student's participation has some limitations, it will be necessary to submit a written note to the teacher to be excused from physical education activities. Regular school clothing is satisfactory for physical education activities. Shoes should provide support and be safe for physical sports (no flip-flops). Dresses and skirts are discouraged on PE days. Students will be challenged to improve their fitness levels.

PTA

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary is a school dedicated to children. Becoming involved in PTA provides an opportunity to contribute to the educational program. Throughout the year, many enjoyable and educational activities will take place. Please be involved. The cost of membership is \$5.00. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee, please email: fiddlerscanyonelmentarypta@gmail.com. PTA activities and other school events can be found on the Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA School Facebook page. (PTA Membership Form)

REQUESTS TO DENY STUDENT ACCESS TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL

Requests to deny a parent or legal guardian access to your child must be supported with legal documentation (i.e., restraining or protective orders). Please provide the secretary with copies of these documents.

SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY

The Iron County School District has adopted a safe schools policy. Students are required to have a signed Safe Schools document on file each year. This policy states that students who disrupt their own education or the education of others may be removed from school for up to one year.

As part of this effort, the school district has employed an officer from the Iron County Sheriff's Department to act as a school resource officer (SRO). As a district employee, the SRO may be called upon by the school administration to investigate when there is a reasonable suspicion that a student has violated the Safe Schools Policy. Parents may review the entire Safe Schools Policy (Policy code #JFB) on the Iron County School District website or obtain a paper copy from the school office. Safe Schools Policy

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our community council is comprised of representatives from the school staff and parents. The committee deals with school improvement, budget items, planning, and acts as a liaison between our school and the community. Our school community council has met and developed a school improvement plan for 2025-26. Contact the school office if you are interested in being a part of our community council. Council members are elected each fall when positions are vacant. A copy of the School Land Trust Plan can be viewed on the school's website. (Trustland Plan)

SCHOOL HOURS AND EARLY OUT

Our first bell rings at 8:45 every morning, with a late bell at 8:50. Class will begin each morning at 8:50, with dismissal at 3:30 for all grades. Every Friday is an early out day for all elementary schools in the district. This gives teachers time to prepare lessons, collaborate their efforts, and obtain valuable training to serve students' needs. On early-out Fridays, all students are dismissed at 1:30. Please try to ensure that your child arrives at school every day and on time. **Students are not** to arrive at school before 8:30 AM due to a lack of supervision and safety constraints.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, VISITATION, AND SAFETY

We love parents to visit our school and actively participate in the education of their children. For the protection of students, the outside doors will be kept locked during the school day. Whenever parents/visitors enter our school, they are required to enter the front doors, check in at the office, and sign the Student/Visitor Log. A school-provided sticker is required of all adults. All volunteers must be accompanied with an administrator or building personnel to their destination in the building. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK AND FINGERPRINTS FILED WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE. EVERY YEAR A VOLUNTEER FORM MUST BE SIGNED.

STUDENT APPEARANCE

Iron County student dress code states that student clothing and appearance cannot interfere with educational processes at our school. This includes spaghetti straps, unreasonably short shorts, and other revealing clothing. Please see the attached copy of Student Dress Standards or view the ICSD website Policy Code IFCA. Student Dress

<u>Standards</u>. Due to the distracting nature of animal ears and tails, we are asking all students to leave them at home.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

When desired, a store-purchased birthday treat may be sent to the school with your child on his/her birthday. *The health department requires that no homemade treats be brought to school for any reason, including birthdays, holidays, or any other type of celebration*. Party invitations may be sent to school to be passed out to students *Only* if *Every* child in the class receives one. If only a few students are to be invited to the party, arrangements for invitations must be made at home.

STUDENT CHECKOUT PROCESS

Be prepared to show a photo ID when picking up students from school. Your name must be on the PowerSchool list of authorized student contacts. This policy is to help ensure the safety of your students.

STUDENT DELIVERY AND PICKUP

Buses will pick up and drop off students on the east side of the building in the bus loading zone along N Wedgewood Lane. Parents and staff must never park in the bus loading zone. **Please do not park, pick up, or drop off students in the back parking lot!** We now have classrooms in the back, and the gates will be locked. If you need to leave your car unattended to come into the school for any reason, use the parking spaces. Do not park along the front curb (red, yellow, or green zone)! Please be considerate of handicapped citizens and do not park in designated handicapped spaces OR LOADING SPACES without a permit. Please follow the signs and arrows regarding entrance and exit from the front parking lot. DO NOT enter or exit the wrong way!

TECHNOLOGY

Fiddlers Elementary has a computer class which provides students tremendous opportunities for exploration and learning and is available to all students, grades K-5, once a week. Each student also has an assigned chromebook that is used in the classroom. Students need to understand, however, using computers is a privilege. They must agree to abide by the guidelines found in the Computer Acceptable Use Policy (policy code ECAE-2) which must be signed by both parents and students before the student can have access to the Internet. (Acceptable Use Agreement)

Telephone Usage

The school telephone is for business calls and emergencies only. Necessary plans for after school activities should be made with children before they leave home in the morning. If you wish to speak to a teacher, please email the teacher or leave a message with the office and he/she will return your call as soon as possible. If you have an important message for your child, the office will be happy to deliver it to your child as well. Please do not call the school and ask that your child be dismissed from class to answer the phone. This disrupts the learning environment for your child and the others in the class. If you need to leave a message with your child, please call before 2:30 (Fridays before 12:30). Anyone

needing to give a child a message, medication, homework, lunch money, birthday treats, or supplies must check with the office. Interrupting class hinders valuable instruction time.

<u>Special Note Regarding Cell Phone Usage:</u> Cell phones can be useful tools; but can also be a great distraction in class and cause all sorts of problems outside. Students who use cell phones during the school day or in other ways that disrupt the educational process are hereby notified that their cell phone may be held by the teacher or principal until school is over or parents have been contacted.

Utah Core Curriculum

The Utah Core Curriculum in all subjects is an exciting opportunity for teachers and students to "raise the bar" and learn skills, both academic and social, that will prepare children for the global community of the 21st century. The curriculum is rigorous and was developed solely by the individual states without input or influence from the federal government. (Utah State Core)

Walking/Riding to School Safely

Students may ride bicycles or scooters to school and park them outside the building in the bike rack. Locks and helmets are strongly recommended. The school will not be held responsible for stolen bicycles or scooters. Students should dismount and walk on the school grounds when arriving at school or leaving for the day. Bikes or scooters are not to be ridden during recess or break times and never on school grounds during school hours.

Wellness Room

The school has implemented a "wellness room" meant to teach students how to self-regulate and promote the use of coping skills. Staffed by a trained paraprofessional, the wellness room is designed to help students feel at home with stress balls, fidgets, rubix cubes, wiggle chairs, beanbags, and other items to help students de-escalate. This room is open to all students who feel they need it.