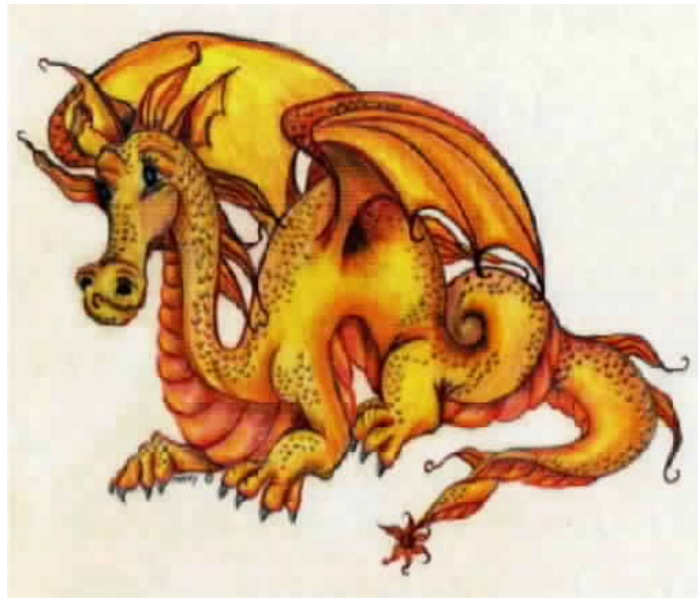


Tierra del Sol Elementary School

Parent/Student Handbook
2023 - 2024

“Personal Best...#wearesundragons”



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August 1, 2023

Dear Sun Dragon Parents and Students:

Welcome to school year 2022-2023! Tierra del Sol's staff and faculty are looking forward to a great year for both you and your child. Our goal is to create a warm and caring educational atmosphere where every child is valued and will experience continuous improvement in learning. It takes all of us to best educate a child, to learn and achieve his or her **PERSONAL BEST** in everything he or she does!

Parents/Guardians are always welcome at our school! We continue to have limited access to classrooms and hallways as we follow safety guidelines. It is essential that we establish early in the school year a partnership between parents, students and teachers. We encourage you to communicate with your child's teacher this year and be an active participant in your child's learning. You can do this by talking to your child about his/her school day, reading with them at home, making sure there is an appropriate and quiet study space for them with sufficient time to do homework. As a result of your involvement, your child will develop a respect and understanding in the value in their own education. Subsequently, he or she will more than likely demonstrate positive attitudes and behaviors toward school and learning.

This year, we will continue to work on becoming Sun Dragons that follow the **3R's: Respectful, Responsible and Reliable** in and out of the classroom. TDS consistently supports optimal students' achievement (academic and behavior) by utilizing a proactive and preventative systems approach for creating and maintaining a safe, positive, and effective learning environment. We follow Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), which establishes a process for supporting all students by recognizing the majority of students who consistently follow procedures and expectations and offering a positive system of support for those few who may need additional strategies. To achieve the best success, we are also following the philosophy of Capturing Kid's Hearts, which supports strategies for building a positive and nurturing classroom environment for building student relationships. We want all children to feel they are part of a larger learning community.

At TDS, we believe in and support effective and personal communication with all families. Whether it be positive or challenging concern you can expect to be reached to be part of the solution process. We keep all families informed regarding schoolwide events through a monthly newsletter, electronic marquee and our ThrillShare messaging system to include text/email messages, Facebook page (Tierra del Sol Elementary School), school website (<http://www.ssd11.org/o/tds>). Individual teachers may also have additional means of communication (i.e., Class Dojo). We also want you to feel comfortable to contact us any time by calling our Front Office (928) 341-6400.

Review the information in the parent/student handbook and keep it handy during the school year. It will serve you well this year as you have questions about our school's procedures or district policies. By working together, students, parents/guardians, and staff will continue to make Tierra del Sol Elementary an exciting and enjoyable place to learn. Thank you in advance for your continuous support and partnership. #Wearesundragons

Sincerely,

Gema Felix
Principal

Jennifer Sullivan
Assistant Principal

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FAMILY-SCHOOL COMPACT

2023 - 2024 School Year

It is important that families and schools work together to help students achieve high academic standards, through a process that includes teachers, families, students and community representatives. The following are agreed upon roles and responsibilities that we as partners will carry out to support student success in school and in life.

STAFF PLEDGE: I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Plan, prepare, and teach classes through interesting and challenging lessons that promote student achievement.
- Motivate my students to learn.
- Have high expectations and help every child to develop a love of learning.
- Communicate regularly with families about student progress.
- Provide a warm, safe, and caring learning environment.
- Provide meaningful, daily homework assignments to reinforce and extend learning (PreK/K up to 15 minutes, 1st grade up to 25 minutes, 2nd grade up to 30 minutes, 3rd grade up to 35 minutes, 4th grade up to 40 minutes, 5th grade up to 45 minutes and 6th grade up to 50 minutes).
- Participate in professional development opportunities that improve teaching and learning.
- Support the formation of partnerships with families and the community.
- Actively participate in collaborative decision-making and consistently work with families and my school colleagues to make our school accessible and a welcoming place for families.
- Help each student achieve the school's high academic standards.
- Respect the school, students, staff and families.
- Provide necessary assistance to parents so they can help their child learn.

STUDENT PLEDGE: I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

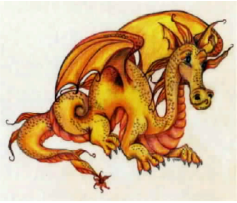
- Come to school promptly every day ready to learn and work hard.
- Bring necessary materials, completed assignments and homework.
- Know and follow the 3 Rs (Respect, Responsibility and Reliability) in and outside of the classroom.
- Communicate regularly with my parents and teachers about school experiences so that they can help me to be successful in school.
- Respect the school, classmates, staff and families.
- Complete my studies and homework every day.
- Limit my TV watching/electronic use for leisure.
- Follow my bedtime so I can get good hours of sleep.
- Say no to bullying.

FAMILY/PARENT PLEDGE - I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Provide a quiet time and place for homework (school may assist if needed).
- Monitor TV viewing/electronic use for leisure.
- Provide meaningful, daily homework assignments to reinforce and extend learning (PreK/K up to 15 minutes, 1st grade up to 25 minutes, 2nd grade up to 30 minutes, 3rd grade up to 35 minutes, 4th grade up to 40 minutes, 5th grade up to 45 minutes and 6th grade up to 50 minutes).
- Ensure that my child promptly (is not tardy) attends school every day, gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention and proper nutrition.
- Regularly monitor my child's progress (Academic/Behavior) in school.
- Participate at school in activities such as school decision- making, volunteering and/or attending parent-teacher conferences.
- Communicate the importance of education and learning to my child.
- Respect the school, staff, students and families.
- Communicate with teacher or administration when problems arise or when concerned about a situation.

Parent Signature: _____ Student Signature: _____

Please read the Family-School Compact above and have both Parent and Student sign their willingness to adhere to the pledge for the 2023-2024 School Year and initial on Page 3



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Student Survey Annual Notification 2023 - 2024

The Somerton school district to comply with the provisions of the family educational rights and privacy act (FERPA) and the individuals with disabilities education act (IDEA) pertaining to student surveys will do as follows:

During the school year, our school will be asking students to complete surveys. These surveys are designed to protect your child's privacy. For this reason, student names will not be used on surveys. Student names will never be mentioned in a results report. Your child may not immediately benefit from taking part in the surveys. However, surveys will be utilized to help guide in the development and improvement of various programs or procedures. Although surveys are voluntary, student input is of great value. No action will be taken against the student if they do not take the survey or skip questions they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in any survey process at any time throughout the school year. Upon request, a copy of the surveys will be available for your review at the school.

If you have any questions about your child's rights as a participant in the survey process or if you feel your child should not participate by taking part in a survey, please contact the school.

Please read and understand the above statement. While the surveys are not mandatory it is highly encouraged for the Students and Parents to participate in the process to better understand the needs of our students and their families. Thank you for your participation, please initial on page 3.

Parent Involvement Policy

2023-2024

Tierra del Sol Elementary School, a Title 1 School will:

1. Involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way, in the planning, review and improvement of programs, including the school Parental Involvement Policy and the joint development of the school wide plan. Upon parents' request, opportunities will be provided for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Parents may submit dissenting views to the School Principal and if the school wide plan is still not acceptable to them, they may address their point of view to the District Office.
2. Convene an annual meeting, to which all parents of participating children are invited to inform parents of the Title 1 program, its requirements, and their right to be involved.
3. Conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this policy in order to improve the school's academic quality.
4. Offer a flexible number of meetings throughout the year utilizing Title 1 funds for transportation, childcare or home visits as related to parental involvement, to coordinate and integrate parent involvement strategies among all programs. This will build the school and parents' involvement capacity.
5. Provide timely information about programs, a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
6. Provide individual student academic assessment results to parents, including an interpretation of those results, ensure that information related to student progress, school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in a format and in a language the parents can understand.
7. Jointly develop with parents an in- school parent compact that outlines how parents, school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.
8. Provide full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.
9. Provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

I assure that the above items will be in place during this school year:

Principal's signature:  Date: 08/01/2023

Please initial understanding and acceptance on Page 3.

Tierra del Sol Elementary School

Internet Permission Form 2023-2024

We are pleased to offer students in our school access to the district's computer network and through it, access to the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the school.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people.

While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well.

District Internet Rules

- Personal responsibility: The student will use the Internet as a school resource to gain knowledge and to solve problems collaboratively within the educational objective of the school's academic curriculum. In accordance with United States statutes (18USACA Sec.875 ©), the student will not send any copyrighted, threatening or obscene material on the Internet or E-Mail.
 - The student accepts the responsibility of using the information obtained via the Internet. The Somerton School District #11 specifically denies responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained.
 - The student will use hardware and software in the manner taught by the supervising teacher. The school will provide all software; students are prohibited from using other software on the school equipment.
 - Network etiquette: The student will abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette as posted.
 - Note: When you are using the school's equipment, you are an ambassador for the school district and your school.
 - Privileges: The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in cancellation of the privilege and consequences deemed appropriate by TDS Discipline Matrix.
 - Student may not use their own E-Mail accounts on school computers and may not use Chat Rooms.
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Internet Agreement

To be read by the Student:

As a user of the Somerton School District #11 computer network, I agree to comply with the Internet and E-Mail rules printed on this page, communicating over the network in the responsible manner while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

As a student, please make sure you have initialed the parent signature page stating you understand these rules.

To be read by the Parent/Guardian:

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son/daughter to access networked computer services such as the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations of rules printed on this sheet. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use setting standards for my son/daughter to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

As a parent/guardian, please make sure you have initialed the parent signature page stating you understand these rules.

Please initial understanding and acceptance on Page 3.



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Cell Phone Waiver 2023-2024

In the event that a parent needs to reach their child by phone **FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES**, the office staff will assist you by going to the child’s classroom to deliver a message or to have the student come to the office to return the phone call. However, if a parent wishes their child to bring a cell phone while they are attending school, they will **need to initial and sign the parent signature page in the front of this handbook.**

If you as the parent/guardian verify that your child needs to have a cell phone at school so that he/she can contact you after the office has closed, please make sure you have selected “Yes” in the parent signature page.

To avoid disruption to the learning process. I understand that my child assumes full responsibility for the cell phone and that it is for his/her use only. **The cell phone is intended to facilitate student/parent/guardian communication before and after school and is not to be used for any other purpose during the regular school day (while on campus - before school, lunchtime, passing periods and after school).**

I hereby release and discharge the Somerton School District and its officers, employees, and volunteers from any claims, loss, theft, damage, demand, action, or cause of action, which may arise from personal property and electronic devices including but not limited to cellular telephones.

If the cell phone is determined to be a disruption, I understand that it will be held in the office until the end of the school day and that I can pick it up from the office. My child will then not be allowed to bring the cell phone on campus again.

Please initial understanding and acceptance on Page 3.

STUDENT VIOLENCE / HARASSMENT / INTIMIDATION / BULLYING

**(To be displayed in school buildings
and in student handbooks)**

The Governing Board of the _____ School District believes it is the right of every student to be educated in a positive, safe, caring, and respectful learning environment. The Governing Board further believes a school environment that is inclusive of these traits maximizes student achievement, fosters student personal growth, and helps a student build a sense of community that promotes positive participation as citizens in society.

To assist in achieving a school environment based on the beliefs of the Governing Board, bullying in any form will not be tolerated.

Bullying: Bullying may occur when a student or group of students engages in any form of behavior that includes such acts as intimidation and/or harassment that

- has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm or damage to property,
- is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that the action, behavior, or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive environment in the form of physical or emotional harm,
- occurs when there is a real or perceived imbalance of power or strength, or
- may constitute a violation of law.

Bullying of a student or group of students can be manifested through written, verbal, physical, or emotional means and may occur in a variety of forms including, but not limited to

- verbal, written/printed or graphic exposure to derogatory comments, extortion, exploitation, name calling, or rumor spreading either directly through another person or group or through cyberbullying,
- exposure to social exclusion or ostracism,
- physical contact including but not limited to pushing, hitting, kicking, shoving, or spitting, and
- damage to or theft of personal property.

Cyberbullying: Cyberbullying is, but not limited to, any act of bullying committed by use of electronic technology or electronic communication devices, including telephonic devices, social networking and other internet communications, on school computers, networks, forums and mailing list, or other District-owned property, and by means of an individual's personal electronic media and equipment.

EXHIBIT**EXHIBIT**

Harassment: Harassment is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that is disturbing or threatening to another student or group of students. Intentional behaviors that characterize harassment include, but are not limited to, stalking, hazing, social exclusion, name calling, unwanted physical contact and unwelcome verbal or written comments, photographs and graphics. Harassment may be related, but not limited to, race, religious orientation, sexual preference, cultural background, economic status, size or personal appearance. Harassing behaviors can be direct or indirect and by use of social media.

Intimidation: Intimidation is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that places another student or group of students in fear of harm of person or property. Intimidation can be manifested emotionally or physically, either directly or indirectly, and by use of social media.

Students are prohibited from bullying on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, at school sponsored events and activities, and through the use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists.

Disciplinary action may result for bullying which occurs outside of the school and the school day when such acts result in a substantial physical, mental, or emotional negative effect on the victim, while on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, or at school sponsored events and activities, or when such act(s) interfere with the authority of the school system to maintain order. All suspected violations of law will be reported to local law enforcement.

Students who believe they are experiencing being bullied or expect another student is bullied should report their concern to any staff member of the School District. School personnel are to maintain appropriate confidentiality of the reported information.

Reprisal by any student directed toward a student or employee related to the reporting of a case or a suspected case of bullying shall not be tolerated, and the individual(s) will be subject to the disciplines set out in applicable District policies and administrative regulations.

Students found to be bullying others will be disciplined up to and including suspension or expulsion from school.

Knowingly submitting a false report under this policy shall subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. Where disciplinary action is necessary pursuant to any part of this policy, relevant District policies shall be followed.

Law enforcement authorities shall be notified any time District officials have a reasonable belief that an incidence of bullying is a violation of the law.

SOMERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #11

MISSION STATEMENT

Somerton School District Community values each child, pledges a commitment to ensure a safe, nurturing environment and prepares life-long learners as contributing members of a global society.

BELIEF STATEMENT

We Believe:

- Children come first
- All children can and have the right to learn
- Children have unlimited potential to contribute now
- A safe, mutually kind, nurturing environment is important for success
- In high expectations, striving for excellence and personal best
- In fairness and equity
- Parent and community involvement is vital to student learning
- In the importance of learning, accepting and respecting our diversities
- In responsibility and accountability
- Learning is an interactive, life-long process
- Effective instruction and learning are interesting, challenging, and fun
- We need each other

United In These Beliefs, Our Mission Is Assured!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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|---|--|
| July 14, 2023 | New Teacher's In Service |
| July 24, 2023 | All Teachers Report |
| August 1, 2023 | First Student Day |
| September 4, 2023 | Labor Day/NO SCHOOL |
| September 5 – 8, 2023..... | Parent Conf./Minimum Days |
| <i>September 29, 2023.....</i> | <i>Picture Day - Fall Pictures</i> |
| September 26, 2023..... | 40th Day of School |
| October 2, 2023 | End 1st Quarter (44 days) |
| October 9 - 13, 2023 | Fall Break/NO SCHOOL |
| November 6-9, 2023 | Parent Conf./Minimum Days |
| November 10, 2023 | Veterans' Day/NO SCHOOL |
| <i>November 17, 2023</i> | <i>Picture Retake Day/Group Picture</i> |
| November 20 - 24, 2023..... | Thanksgiving Break/NO SCHOOL |
| December 18, 2023 - January 5, 2024..... | Winter Break/NO SCHOOL |
| January 8, 2024 | Students Return to School |
| January 9, 2024 | End 2nd Quarter (44 days) |
| January 15, 2024 | M. L. King Jr./NO SCHOOL |
| January 25, 2024 | 100th Day of School |
| February 19, 2024 | Presidents' Day/NO SCHOOL |
| February 20 – 23, 2024 | Parent Conf./Minimum Days |
| March 14, 2024 | End of 3rd Quarter (46 days) |
| <i>March 22, 2024.....</i> | <i>Picture Day, Spring Pictures</i> |
| March 26 – April 26, 2024..... | State Testing Window (AASA) 3 rd -6 th |
| April 1 – 5, 2024..... | Spring Break/NO SCHOOL |
| April 8, 2024 | Students Return to School |
| <i>April 26, 2024</i> | <i>Picture Day-6th/Kinder/Pre K</i> |
| May 24, 2024 | End of 4th Quarter (46 days) |
| May 24, 2024 | Last Student/Teacher Day (.5 Day) |

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL DAY

Tierra del Sol Staff on duty - 7:20 am - 3:10 pm

First Bell - 7:55 am

Classes Begin - 8:00 am

Classes End - 2:45 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) and 12:00 pm on Wednesday for Early Release

BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Breakfast is available between 7:20 - 7:50 am and consists of milk and a varied menu.

Students **should arrive** at Tierra del Sol Elementary School between 7:20 and 7:50 am if they are having breakfast in the cafeteria. **Staff supervision begins at 7:20 am.**

LUNCH SCHEDULE

M-T-Th-F

Wednesday Schedule

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|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Kinder | 11:50 am - 12:10 pm | 11:15 am - 11:35 am |
| 1st Grade | 11:30 am - 11:50 am | 10:20 am - 10:40 am |
| 2nd Grade | 11:00 am - 11:20 am | 10:30 am - 10:50 am |
| 3rd Grade | 10:50 am - 11:10 am | 10:40 am – 11:00 am |
| 4th Grade | 11:40 am - 12:00 pm | 10:50 am - 11:10 am |
| 5th Grade | 11:10 am - 11:30 am | 10:10 am – 10:30 am |
| 6th Grade | 12:20 pm - 12:40 pm | 10:55 am - 11:25 am |
| Self- Contained | 11:00 am - 11:20 am | 10:15 am - 10:35am |

Each month the cafeteria lunch menu is posted on the Somerton School District website (www.ssd11.org). The menu is also available in the office upon request. All students receive free breakfast and lunch on school days.

Currently, Food Service not available for guests. *(When resumed, parents **must purchase their own meals**: breakfast is \$2.50, Hot Lunch is \$4.00, and Salad is \$4.00. Parents may not take food out of the cafeteria. Parents should always allow the students to go through the lunch line first due to the lunch schedule.)*

CAFETERIA BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Respectful

- Follow directions and guidelines provide by staff in Cafeteria
- Keep hands, feet and all other objects to yourself
- Keep ALL food on tray.
- Ask permission to leave your seat.

Reliable

- Place trash in trash cans.
- Be courteous and considerate.
- Say please and thank you.
- Inform staff of any spill or food on the floor.

Responsible

- Clean your own area when you are done eating
- Remain and wait for Staff member to dismiss you.
- ALL food is to be eaten in the Cafeteria.
- Please always use your *inside voice*.

REGISTRATION / AZ RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

All students and their parents/guardians must be residents of the District. Proof of residency must be furnished at the time of registration. Acceptable proof includes the following:

1. Proof of Residency
 - APS bill, rent contract, water bill
 - If living with someone, we will need a notarized, form provided by the office, and
 - proof of their residency.
2. Original Birth Certificate (Copies are not accepted)
3. Immunization Records
4. AT LEAST two emergency phone contacts, parents' workplace and phone number.
5. Proof of legal guardianship, if child is not living with one of his/her natural parents

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Students are expected to be in school every day and on time to class. The Somerton School District, along with Yuma County, have established guidelines for student's attendance. Student attendance is the responsibility of both the parents and students.

Regular, prompt attendance is essential for school achievement. Students are expected to be on campus ready to enter their rooms promptly at 7:55 am. Class begins at 8:00 am. Any students arriving in school after 8:04 am will be counted tardy and is required to go to the office for a tardy slip.

Procedures to Report Absences:

Parents are asked to call the attendance line by 9:00 am on the first day of the absence and all proceeding absences until the student returns to school. Messages can be left over night. When leaving a message to excuse your child's absence, please include the following information:

- First and last name
- Grade level
- Teacher's name
- Specific reason for absences
- Contact number that you can be reached at.

The attendance number: (928) 341-6477

Below you will find the TDS Attendance Agreement. **Please review and initial page 3 that you have read and understood our attendance procedures.**

TRUANCY

The court defines habitually truant as a student who has 5 or more unexcused absences or a student who has absences, excused or unexcused, that equal 10% of the school year, in our case that would be 18 total absences.

Truancy Process (Student accumulates)

Step 1: Any absences; Excused or Unexcused, parents will receive an automated message regarding attendance.

Step 2: 5 unexcused absences; letter from the school truancy coordinator will be sent home.
(You will receive this letter bi-weekly).

Step 3: 10 unexcused absences; meeting with an administrator/ truancy coordinator will be scheduled and mediation form will be filled out

Step 4: 18 unexcused absences; students will be sent to the Yuma County Truancy Program.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

We understand that due to illness or unexpected events students may not be able to attend school. Below is the agreement for excused absences.

1. When a student is absent parents are responsible to contact the school before 9:00 am (please call and leave a message at (928) 341-6477 with the student's name, teacher and reason for absences)
2. After 2 consecutive days for illness students are asked to bring in a doctor's note to be able to excuse more absences.
3. For out of town family emergency students are excused 3 days only (unless a different circumstance occurs)
4. If a student had a doctor's appointment, they will be excused for the portion of the day their appointment fell in (either AM or PM).

Note: Excusable absences include: illness; family emergency; death in the family; out of town trips (3 days with previous arrangement made). To excuse family vacation prior arrangements are required. Attendance and academic standings are consideration for approval.

TARDIES

Tierra Del Sol will be enforcing the policy in reference to punctuality. It is the policy of Somerton School District No.11 and Tierra Del Sol Elementary School that all absences and tardiness be reported to the office.

Breakfast is served from 7:20 - 7:50 am. Our first early bell rings at 7:55 am and instruction promptly begins at 8:00 am. All students are expected to be in their class by this time.

Excessive tardiness may affect attendance record.

Students who accumulate 18 absences in a school year (unexcused absences or tardy) will be referred to the truancy program. **Three unexcused tardy are equivalent to one (1) Absence.**

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Since school attendance and punctuality is mandatory, it is imperative that we work together to ensure your child's successes in school. With your cooperation and support we will continue to improve your child's educational opportunities. If you have any questions regarding our attendance and tardy policy, please don't hesitate to call the school office.

The mission of TDS is to provide the best educational opportunity for our students. Your child will benefit best from receiving a full day of instruction. When students are picked up early the teacher must stop to support those who are leaving, thereby affecting the learning of all students in the class.

Students may not be picked up after 2:15 pm on regular days or 11:30 am on Wednesdays, unless an appointment card is presented. Due to classes transitioning to end of day activities to ensure any dismissal messages are received in a timely manner. **For the safety of students, IDs will be required when picking up a child.**

For the security of our students and to avoid class disruptions we ask that if you are changing the way your child would be going home during dismissal to please call the office by 12:00 pm on regular days and 10:00 am on early release days.

MAKE-UP WORK

When students are absent, it is the parents/upper grade students' responsibility to talk with their teacher to obtain missed assignments. Students should get missed assignments completed and turned in to the teacher. Students are allowed time equal to their period of absence to submit make-up assignments.

When a student is absent, arrangements may be made to pick up the day's classroom assignment by calling Tierra del Sol at 341-6400. Missed school assignments may be picked up after 2:45 p.m. from the front office. Please make an appointment to talk with the classroom teacher if you have any questions regarding assignments.

STUDENT RECORDS

Somerton School District # 11 requires written parental permission before forwarding confidential students records to another school. Parents will be asked to sign a release form when enrolling their children in school, allowing the child's previous school to forward necessary educational records.

Parents and guardians are allowed to examine their child's school records when they so desire. This will be done by appointment and a member of the school staff will be present to answer questions or explain materials.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Parents should notify the school office, in writing or by phone, 341-6400, at least two days prior to the student's last attendance day. All school materials loaned to the student must be returned. Items that are lost or damaged should be paid for before the student's last day of attendance. Records may be held until dues or fines are paid.

Arizona Revised Statutes (School State Laws). Title 15-802

Compulsory school attendance; exceptions; violations; classification; definitions:

- a. Every person who has custody of a child between the ages of eight and sixteen years, shall send the child to a school for the full-time school is in session within the school district in which the child resides. The student shall be provided instruction in at least the subjects of reading, math, social studies and science.
- b. A person is excused from the duty prescribed if it is shown to the satisfaction of the County School Superintendent that:
 1. The child is instructed at home.
 2. The child is attending a regular organized private school.

3. The child is over fourteen years of age and is, with the consent of the person who has custody of him, employed.
- c. A person violating any provisions of this section is guilty of a Class 3 Misdemeanor.

**Arizona Revised Statutes (School State Laws). Title 15-803
Compulsory school attendance; exemptions; definitions.**

- a. It is unlawful for any child between six and sixteen years of age to fail to attend school during the hour school is in session, unless excused pursuant to 15-802, Subsection D, or 15-901, Subsection A, Paragraph 6, Subdivision (c) or the child is accompanied by a parent or a person authorized by a parent or the child is provided with instruction in a home school.
- b. A child who is habitually truant as defined in this section may be adjudicated an incorrigible child as defined in 8-201.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER: Powers and Duties - Arizona Revised Statutes (School Laws), Title 15-804 & 805

- A. The attendance officer shall enforce the law relating to:
 1. School attendance of children between the ages of six and sixteen during school hours.
 2. Employment of children between the ages of six and sixteen during school hours.
- B. The attendance officer may:
 1. Make arrests for the violation of laws specified in subsection A.
 2. Without warrant, bring before the authorities competent to hear and dispose of such cases children who are absent from school without legal excuse.
 3. Report a violation of the law relating to school attendance to the local law enforcement agency and request that it investigate the violation.
 4. Enter all places where children may be employed to investigate and enforce the law.

TITLE IX COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Somerton School District #11 not to discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments. Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX may be directed to District Administration, Somerton School District #11, P.O. Box 3200, Somerton, Arizona, 85350 (telephone number 341-6000) or to the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The school is not responsible for articles lost or stolen. Valuables should not be brought to school. Students should not leave money or valuables in their desk. A LOST AND FOUND BOX will be placed in the nurse's office. Items not claimed by the end of the year will be donated to Precious Treasures.

HEALTH CENTER ISSUES

Health Services are provided to student in our district by certified nursing assistants, who are assigned to each of the schools in our district. Supervision and oversight are provided by a Health Services Manager. The Health Services Staff will work with parents to ensure that students who have chronic health problems, and acute health problems receive the basic nursing care they need to promote optimal health during the day. If your child needs a skilled nursing care that is normally provided by a licensed nurse, you may be asked to sign a special procedure form giving permission to the health assistant who has received adequate training and direction to perform the

skilled service safely and has your permission to perform the service. If you have any questions about your child's health needs being met at school, please ask the health assistant at your child's school to contact the Health Services Manager to set up a meeting so that a plan can be developed for your child's health care provider to follow.

HEALTH RELATED DISMISSALS FROM SCHOOL

When a student becomes ill or injured, a staff member will send the student to the nurse's office to be evaluated. After evaluation the nurse will determine if student can return to class or be sent home. Parents will be contacted by nurse if needed.

STUDENT'S ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE CLASSROOM PHONES OR CELL PHONES TO CALL THEIR PARENTS TO ASK TO BE PICKED UP FROM SCHOOL.

Nurse will notify parents and staff if a student needs to be sent home.

COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Any student with, or recovering from, a communicable disease will not be permitted to school until the period of contagion is passed or until a physician recommends a return, in accordance with A.R.S. 36-621 et seq, appropriate regulations of the State Department of Health Services, and policies of the County Health Department.

Parents will be requested to provide a history of the communicable disease for each student, and such records will be kept and maintained by the District.

A student suffering from a communicable disease shall be excluded from school to protect the student's own welfare and to protect other students from illness. Early recognition of a communicable disease is of prime importance. The administrator or county health director shall make the decision for exclusion and readmission.

PEDICULOSIS (LICE INFESTATION)

Students with pediculosis shall be excluded from school until treatment specific for pediculosis has been initiated and the student is symptom free.

LEGAL Ref.: A.R.S. 15-871, 15-872, 36-621

A.A.C. R9-6-202 et seq., R9-6-301, R9-6-342, R9-6-355

The District will enforce a **No Live Lice** policy.

If a student is found to have live lice, the student will be sent home. The student will not be allowed to return to school until all live lice are removed. The student will be allowed one (1) excused absence for head lice.

Only the person authorized to assess a student for pediculosis (head lice) is the Health Office staff. At no time will a classroom teacher do head checks.

Procedures to be followed:

Referral to Health Office staff for head check will come from:

1. Classroom teacher
2. Parent request

Health Office staff will assess student for lice.

If positive for lice, the student will be sent home.

1. The Health Office staff will contact the parent via telephone to pick up student from school.
2. The parent will be allowed one (1) school day to treat the student. The parent will be informed of absentee policy when the student is picked up.

3. The student must be assessed by the Health Office staff prior to readmission to class.
4. If a student is out for more than two (2) days for head lice, a telephone call will be made to the parent regarding attendance. The school office will make this contact.
5. A classroom check will be done on the students by the Health Office staff as soon as possible.

ADMINISTERING MEDICINE TO STUDENTS

If a child is required to take oral medication during school hours and the parent cannot be at school to administer the medication, only the school nurse or the principal's designee will administer the medication in compliance with the regulations that follow:

1. Written instructions, signed by the parent, will be required and will include:
 - a. Child's name
 - b. Name of medication
 - c. Purpose of medication
 - d. Time to be administered
 - e. Dosage
2. All medication must be provided in the current prescription container with the doctor's instructions for dosage on the label.
3. The parent of the child must assume responsibility for informing the school nurse of any change in the child's health or change in medication.
4. The School District retains the discretion to reject requests for administration of medicine.
5. According to ARS. 32-1901, the State of Arizona does not allow medication from Mexico to be given by nurse or school personnel, unless it was prescribed by a doctor in the United States, and only filled in Mexico. However, medicine from Mexico may be given by the parent if they come to the school to administer it.
6. Tylenol / Pepto-Bismol may be given by the nurse when deemed appropriate for pain or fever, if there is written permission by the parent/guardian on file. Dosage will be based on manufacturer's recommendations per child's age.
7. All students who need to carry their inhalers during school hours will be required to have a note from their doctor or a signed consent from their doctor.

IMMUNIZATIONS

An immunization history is required by Arizona Law of every child at the time of enrollment. Each child must be current on his immunization schedule. **Please keep the school nurse informed of any new immunizations your child has received at a clinic or private doctor's office so that the health records can be kept up to date.**

The following is the immunization record required for school enrollment

1. Arizona State Law requires that a child, upon first entering school, must have a record of immunization against preventable childhood diseases--diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, measles and rubella, hepatitis B, Varicella, and Hib up to age 5 years old, and one (optional) TB Skin test.
2. A permission slip will need to be signed by parents in case of a waiver in part or in full for medical or religious cases, or for personal beliefs.
3. In all cases, parent must file either a record of immunization or request a waiver of immunization.
4. All students at the age of 11 yrs. or older are required to have the Tdap, and

Meningitis vaccines, also known as MCV4.

HEALTH EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL

1. It is recommended that you keep your child home from school when he/she has any of the following conditions:

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Fever > 100.6 | Head Lice |
| Vomiting | Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis) |
| Diarrhea | Any Rash/ or contagious condition |
| Hacking cough | Serious Cold/Severe Sore throat |
| Earache | Severe Toothache, not relieved by Tylenol |
2. If a child is found to have any of the above conditions while in school, parents will be notified, and the child will be sent home for treatment.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXCLUSIONS

Requests in writing for student to stay indoors during scheduled Physical Education and/or free periods should be either approved by the school nurse or principal. It is assumed that the child who is well enough to be in school is well enough to play or sit outdoors.

EMERGENCY CARDS

Pupil data cards which include medical conditions and emergency information are to be completed for each student. **Please see that the information is complete and kept up to date as to address, phone number, emergency number, etc.** These cards are used by the nurse to reach the parent in case of an emergency. They also include Tylenol consent and emergency care consent.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND HEALTH-RELATED ABSENCES

Please keep your child home if he/she is ill. This helps prevent the spread of diseases. Students may return to school when their temperature has been normal for twenty-four hours. If they had been treated for head lice or pink eye, students need to be seen by the nurse before returning.

PHYSICAL EXAMS

Physical exams are required for any student who will participate in any sports activity, including Spirit Line. Proof of the exam is required and is to be submitted to the nurse. Physical exam is only valid for 2 years. (This doesn't apply to the elementary grade levels at this time, only the Middle School)

COMMUNICATIONS

Calendars and school newsletter will be sent monthly. **Please visit our website at www.ssd11.org/o/TDS and follow us on Facebook @Tierra del Sol Elementary.**

CONFERENCES

Conferencing is a positive way to develop a two-way communication between home and school on how students are performing in academic and social development skills. Formal parent/teacher mid-term conferences will be held September 5 & 6, 2023, November 6 & 7, 2023, and February 20 & 21, 2024.

Parents should feel free to conference with teachers as necessary. Please allow at least a day of advance notice when requesting to see a teacher regarding a conference to set up an appointment. Please call your classroom teacher from 7:30 - 7:45 am or 2:45 - 3:10 pm. Avoid calling during instructional hours. Each teacher has a voicemail system and will respond to your concern. Individual teacher numbers can be found at the end of this handbook. This is important as teachers are involved each day in team and individual planning, in addition to staff meetings.

REPORT CARDS/PROGRESS REPORTS

QUARTERS:

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|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1st Quarter | August 1 | October 2 | (44 days) |
| 2nd Quarter | October 3 | January 9 | (45 days) |
| 3rd Quarter | January 10 | March 14 | (45 days) |
| 4th Quarter | March 15 | May 24 | (46 days) |

REPORT CARDS:

Report cards will be sent home after each quarter ends. Report card dates are as follows:

| | | |
|--------|---------|----------|
| Friday | October | 06, 2023 |
| Friday | January | 12, 2024 |
| Friday | March | 22, 2024 |
| Friday | May | 24, 2024 |

EXPLANATION OF GRADES

Academic Performance

Highly Proficient (HP)=5
Proficient (P)=4-3
Partially Proficient (PP)=2
Minimally Proficient (MP)=1-0

Productivity

Excellent (E) =90-100%
Satisfactory (S)=80-89%
Improving (I)=70-79%
Needs Improvement (N)=60-69%
Unsatisfactory (U)=0-59%

Letter Grade

A = 90%-100%
B = 80%-89%
C = 70%-79%
D = 60%-69%
F = 59%-Below

VISITORS

We request you contact the classroom teacher at least one day before your planned visit. Classroom teachers may suggest another time for your visit, as classrooms are sometimes engaged in activities that would provide the observer with little information. **As required by State Law, all visitors must first report to the school office and sign the register to include eating lunch with students.** Children who visit school must be accompanied by an adult during their entire visitation. Visitors must sign in when arriving and sign out when leaving school grounds. Badges are issued to identify visitors. This requirement allows us to identify visitors and ensure your child's safety.

VOLUNTEERS

Tierra del Sol encourages parent and community volunteers. Volunteers must sign in when arriving and sign out when leaving the school grounds. This not only helps us credit the volunteers for their service but also allows us to locate them in the event of an emergency. If interested in volunteering, please call the school office at 341-6400. Please be aware that information on district process to include background check and a possible fee will be provided by HR.

CHILD FIND

It is the Somerton School District's responsibility to inform the general public and all parents within our boundaries of our responsibility to make available special education services for students with disabilities aged 3 through 21 years and how to access those services. In addition, we have a responsibility to provide information regarding early intervention services for children birth through 2 years.

We are responsible for identifying, locating, and evaluating all children with disabilities including children aged 3 through 21 and for referring children from birth through 2 years of age to Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP) for evaluation and appropriate services. We are also responsible for providing a free and appropriate public education (FAPE), which includes special education and related services to children with disabilities at public expense, under public supervision and direction and without charge to the parents.

For all new students to the district, the classroom teacher will complete screening activities within 45 days of enrollment. The teacher will look at the child's ability in the areas of academics, vision, hearing, adaptive, communication, and social/emotional and motor skills. If any concerns are noted the child may be referred for additional help. Children birth through 2 years of age who are receiving early intervention services and will be participating in preschool programs for children with disabilities will be assured of a smooth transition into that program.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND 504 SERVICES

Tierra del Sol provides many services for students who may need special programs. Tierra del Sol complies with state and federal regulations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Parents as well as staff can refer a student for review. A student may need adaptations in the educational program or may be eligible for special education services.

At parent or staff request, the Principal convenes a team to review the student's progress and areas of concern. A child suspected of having exceptional needs and educational requirements can be referred for a comprehensive evaluation through the District's Special Programs Office. Screenings and evaluations to determine special education needs are free and all information is kept confidential. Parents can also contact the Special Programs Office directly at 341-6041. The District provides special education programs with trained staff, speech, occupational, and physical therapies, specialized transportation, and other specific individualized services. Some students who are not eligible for special education services may be eligible for protections under a federal law: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. A professional team makes the determinations and develops, with the parent, a written plan for the student. Additional information is available upon request. Special Education services are provided in the district for preschool through middle school age children who have been identified as having a disability.

Please initial understanding and acceptance on Page 3.

Screening for possible disabilities will be completed within 45 calendar days after notification to the public agency by the parents/guardians of the child, or after any student enrolls in our school without appropriate records of screening, evaluation, and progress in school. The staff will look at the child's ability in the area of academics, vision, hearing, adaptive living, communication, social/emotional, and motor skills.

If the screening process indicates a possible disability, the name of the student will be submitted to the administrator for possible referral for a full and comprehensive individual evaluation or other service. A parent may request an evaluation of the student. All information is strictly confidential.

If, after consultation with the parent, the responsible public agency determines that a full and individual evaluation is not warranted, the public agency will provide required notices to the parent/guardian within 60 calendar days.

An initial, comprehensive evaluation of a child being considered for special education will be completed, at no cost to the parent/guardian, as soon as possible, but may not exceed 60 calendar days from receipt of informed written parent/guardian consent.

In the case of a student who is identified with a special education need, a reevaluation of that need is conducted every 3 years, or more frequently if requested by the student's parent/guardian or teacher.

Some Students who are not eligible for special education services may be eligible for support under a federal law: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. A professional team makes the determinations and develops with the parent a written plan for the student.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Special Programs office at 341-6041 or 341-6044 for information regarding preschool services.

HOMELESS SERVICES

Somerton School District shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every student experiencing homelessness or transition shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This may include tutoring, free lunch, transportation or other services the School feels are appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact your school or the District Homeless Liaison, Jessica Martinez, at 341-6031.

Please initial understanding and acceptance on Page 3.

SAFETY

Parents and the City of Somerton have joined Somerton Elementary School District # 11 to promote the highest safety standards for youngsters who walk or ride bikes to and from school. Please teach your children to become responsible for their own safety by observing these rules.

Caution is the key.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY DRILLS

Fire and emergency drills are held at irregular intervals throughout the school year. An alarm will be sounded over the public address system. We have drills often to teach students the safest, quickest route for departure from school buildings.

EMERGENCY DISASTER PLAN

1. Children will be removed to neighboring school or other site if school is an endangered area.
2. Principal and staff will be responsible until parents arrive.
3. Information can be obtained from:
 - a. La Campesina 104.5 FM (Yuma)
 - b. KTTI 95.1 FM (Yuma)
 - c. KJOK 93.1 FM (Yuma)
 - d. Thrillshare/School District Messaging Center

4. Please do not call the school. A mass notification system will contact you either by cell phone, home phone, work phone, text or email that you provided us. Please make sure your information is correct. Please call the office if any information changes.

WHAT TO DO DURING AN EARTHQUAKE

Stay as safe as possible during an earthquake. Be aware that some earthquakes are foreshocks, and a larger earthquake might occur. Minimize your movements to a few steps to a nearby safe place and stay indoors until the shaking has stopped and you are sure exiting is safe.

If indoors

- DROP to the ground; take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture; and **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops. If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.
- Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture.
- Stay in bed if you are there when the earthquake strikes. Hold on and protect your head with a pillow, unless you are under a heavy light fixture that could fall. In that case, move to the nearest safe place.
- Use a doorway for shelter only if it is near to you and if you know it is a strongly supported, loadbearing doorway.
- Stay inside until shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. Research has shown that most injuries occur when people inside buildings attempt to move to a different location inside the building or try to leave.
- Be aware that the electricity may go out or the sprinkler systems or fire alarms may turn on.
- DO NOT use the elevators.

If outdoors

- Stay there.
- Move away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires.
- Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops. The greatest danger exists directly outside buildings, at exits, and alongside exterior walls. Many of the 120 fatalities from the 1933 Long Beach earthquake occurred when people ran outside of buildings only to be killed by falling debris from collapsing walls. Ground movement during an earthquake is seldom the direct cause of death or injury. Most earthquake-related casualties result from collapsing walls, flying glass, and falling objects.

If in a moving vehicle

- Stop as quickly as safety permits and stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires.
- Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped. Avoid roads, bridges, or ramps that might have been damaged by the earthquake.

If trapped under debris

- Do not light a match.
- Do not move about or kick up dust.
- Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing.
- Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can locate you. Use a whistle if one is available. Shout only as a last resort. Shouting can cause you to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.

LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES (for Classroom)

Drills are conducted with Staff and Students during the school year. Procedures and kept in house for safety.

WALKERS

Students will follow “safe walking” procedures. Sidewalks have not been put in place at this time. Parents are encouraged to walk with students until the children understand the procedures. Students walking westbound along the canal should use the fenced path designed by the city. Student and parent must follow safety procedures. Please avoid having extra traffic near and around Tierra del Sol.

TIPS FOR WALKING SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Walking is fun, but you need to be safe while doing it. Follow these tips to make sure you get to and from school without any problems.

***NOTE: Students in 2nd Grade or above may walk/bike home with parent permission. Kinder & 1st may not walk/bike alone, must have older sibling/student (2nd or above) pick up in Music room. Parents can pick up in Looper Area.**

Walk together

Younger children should always walk with an adult. Tell your parents that walking is great exercise and a nice way to spend time together.

If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts that are more dangerous.
- When you are near the street, don't push, shove, or chase each other.
- Never hitchhike or take rides from people not arranged by your parents.
- Talk to your parents and teacher about any bullying that may happen during your walk.

Be seen

Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes and if it is dark or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

Look for traffic

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move.

Cross the street safely

1. Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
2. Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
5. Walk, don't run across the street.

Obey traffic signs, signals, and adult school crossing guards

(from the National Center for Safe Routes to School)

Bicycles/Skateboards/Scooters (Vehicles)

Second through 6th grade students may ride their bicycles to and from school provided they follow basic safety rules. **On entering the school grounds**, however, **students must walk their vehicles** to the proper enclosed gate.

Students must park their bicycles immediately upon arrival at school. It is strongly recommended that each student riding a bicycle bring a lock for the bicycle and use it daily. **The school does not assume responsibility for stolen or damaged vehicles.** Failure to follow school and safety rules will result in loss of riding privilege.

RULES OF THE ROAD FOR BICYCLES

1. Obey all traffic signals and signs.
2. Signal to turn or stop.
3. Yield right of way to pedestrians and automobiles.
4. Ride single file.
5. Ride in a straight line and avoid weaving.
6. Walk your bike across busy streets and intersections.
7. Ride only in safe areas - never on the parking lot.
8. Students must walk bicycles on campus during school time.
9. Students are strongly encouraged to register their bicycles with the police department in case of theft.
10. The school and/or District cannot assume responsibility for lost or damaged bicycles.

SOMERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION RULES

Respectful

- Be always respectful to everyone in all places.
- Interact socially with others in a manner appropriate for school.
- Keep hands/feet/objects to yourself.
- Use your words and appropriate language.
- Use inside voice.
- Talk quietly with seatmate.
- Share your seat with others.

Responsible

- Keep your belongings close to you.
- Use bus equipment appropriately.
- Follow all bus rules.
- Follow all safety procedures.
- All adults must always follow and enforce bus rules.
- Keep the bus clean.

Safety Procedures

1. Arrive at your bus stop no more than 10 minutes earlier.
2. Line up to wait for the bus.
3. Stay in your seat when the bus is in motion.
4. When bus is stopped, ask driver for permission before switching seats.
5. Remain seated facing forward.

6. Keep hands/feet/objects inside bus.
7. Keep all food/candy/toys/electronic items/living things including pets/objects (i.e. balloons, oversize school projects) off the bus.
8. Get off the bus slowly.
9. When getting off the bus, walk in front of the bus.
10. Written permission is required to get off at a different bus stop.
11. Only “Bus Students” may ride the bus.

Consequences

- Speak to the student.
- Move student to a different seat.
- Report the incident to the Transportation Supervisor.
- A written report sent home with the student. Attempt parent contact by phone.
- Assign seat.
- At the 3rd offense, the student will be suspended from the bus, for Five (5) school days. However, students may be suspended from the bus on the first offense if their behavior so warrants.

Positive Consequences

- Verbal Praise
- Positive Behavior Referral/Stickers
- Privileges/Responsibilities
- Quarterly Recognition

TIERRA DEL SOL SCHOOL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS **CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

Respectful

- Treat every person with Respect
- Listen attentively with others are speaking
- Raise your hand and wait to speak.
- Wait your turn.
- Keep hand, feet and objects to yourself
- Respect personal property and school property.

Reliable

- Have all the necessary material for class.
- Remain seated unless given permission to be out of seat.
- Stay on task.
- Use inside voices.
- Be helpful to everyone.

Responsible

- Come to school every day.
- Be on time.
- Follow all school rules, behavior expectations and teacher directives
- Begin and finish class work on time.
- Accept Responsibility for your actions.
- Wear school uniform appropriately every day.
- Use textbooks appropriately.

HALLWAY BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Respectful

- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself at all times.
- Respect walls and bulletin boards.
- Use designated hallways to get to and from your destinations

Responsible

- Always walk quietly
- Accept responsibility for your actions.
- Wait for others to pass and respect right of way.

Reliable

- Have a hall pass at all times.
- Go to and from your destination promptly.
- Use inside voices.
- Stay in line.

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Respectful

- Treat everyone with respect.
- Allow everyone to play and take turns
- Use appropriate, kind language and behavior.

Responsible

- Follow directions.
- Follow ALL game rules and play fairly and gently.
- Play and use equipment safely.
- Take care of ALL playground equipment.
- Accept responsibility for your actions.
- Be aware of other people around you.
- Line up with the whistle is blown.

Reliable

- Place all trash in trash cans.
- Be courteous and considerate to others.
- Say Please and Thank you!
- Inform staff of any spill or food on the floor.

CAFETERIA BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Respectful

- Follow the direction of the cafeteria staff at all times.
- Keep hands, feet, and object to yourself.
- Keep food on tray.
- Keep cafeteria clean.
- Ask permission to leave your seat.

Responsible

- Clean your own area when you are done eating.
- Remain in your seat until you are excused.
- All food is to be eaten in the cafeteria/lunchroom.
- Always walk quietly.
- Always use inside voices.

Reliable

- Place ALL trash in the trash can.
- Be courteous and considerate.
- Say Please and Thank you!
- Inform Staff of any spill or food on the floor.

RESTROOM BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS & ROUTINES

Respectful

- Respect people's privacy.
- Wait your turn.
- Flush the toilets.
- Respect school property.
(i.e. lights, doors, walls, etc.)

Responsible

- Keep restrooms/floors clean.
- Use the restroom quick and effectively.
- Use inside voices.

Reliable

- All students must have hall pass.
- Wash and dry your hands.
- Put toilet paper in toilet.
- Only use the necessary amount of toilet paper and/or soap.
- Follow all posted signs on bathroom stalls.

OFFICE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Respectful

- Treat every person with respect.
- Work in silence.
- Respect others' privacy.
- Ask permission to leave assigned area.
- Respect personal and school property.

Reliable

- Bring all necessary material with you.
- Be honest and truthful.
- Walk directly to and from the class/office with a hall pass.

Responsible

- Follow All school rules, behavior expectations and staff directives.
- Sit in designated area.
- Complete 3R's form.
- Correctly complete all work independently.

CAUGHT BEING GOOD AT TDS

Who? Any TDS student who

- Is seen routinely and consistently following TDS Behavior Expectations, the 3 R's.
- Is seen following the 3R's when others around them are not.
- Is seen following the 3R's after having difficulty following them

What?

- Students following the 3R's will receive a Sun Dragon Sticker from a staff member.
- Principal will publicly acknowledge student.
- Assistant Principal will contact parents.

UNIFORM POLICY

The Somerton School District Board has determined that the educational mission of Tierra del Sol Elementary School will be enhanced if students dress and groom themselves appropriately to maintain an environment conducive to learning. **Uniform dress shall be required as of the 2002-2003 school year.** Students will be expected to be dressed and groomed in a neat, attractive fashion, reflecting pride in themselves and their school. The administration and faculty support standardized dress and will enforce the policy to the best of their ability. However, parents are responsible for monitoring what their students wear and complying with the uniform policy.

Uniform Description

- **ALL STUDENTS:** Navy blue cotton pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, jumpers (BE NO SHORTER THAN FINGERTIPS WHEN ARMS ARE DOWN AT THE SIDE) worn with a white or red collared polo shirt (not to have any logo or writing on them) or TDS Spirit Shirt with blue or black jeans. Tennis shoes or casual shoes. Sandals must have a back strap, absolutely no flip flops or roller shoes allowed. **ALL CLOTHING MUST BE SIZE APPROPRIATE.**

Exemptions

- Students new to the district after Labor Day will be allowed a grace period of **five school days** to comply with the School Uniform Policy.
- Parents of Legal Guardians who object to the policy based on 1) religious grounds; 2) prohibitive medical or physical conditions; 3) extreme change in financial situation and the school is unable to assist in the procurement of standardized dress, must present to the building principal a signed letter detailing the reason for the objection. Uniform will be sent exempt upon approval from administration. A letter will be sent home with the final decision from administration.

Unacceptable Attire

- Clothing or jewelry shall not display lewd, vulgar, obscene, or plainly offensive language or symbols, as determined by the school administrator.
- Jewelry shall not be worn if it presents a safety hazard to self and or others. No spike jewelry or belts are allowed. Facial and body-piercing jewelry is not allowed.
- Clothing shall not expose the chest, abdomen, or buttocks and shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.
- Clothing shall not be tight-fitting or excessively short shorts or short skirts are not permitted.
- Oversized clothing, extremely baggy clothing, or improperly fitted clothing is not allowed. Pants and shorts must be worn on the waist. "Sagging" clothing is not permitted.
- Thongs, flip flops, shower shoes, roller shoes and bare feet are not allowed.
- Hats, caps, bandannas, and sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building.
- Clothing top or bottom should be free of holes and/or tears.

LEGAL REF: A.R.S. 15-341.

CROSS REF: JICF - Secret Societies/Gang Activity

DRESS CODE ON NON-UNIFORM DAYS AND FOR EXEMPTED STUDENTS

Students are expected to keep themselves well-groomed and neatly dressed at all times. Any form of dress, hair style and/or hair color which is considered by the school administration contrary to good hygiene or which is distractive or distracting in appearance and detrimental to the purpose or conduct of the school will not be permitted.

GUIDELINES

1. Slacks, blue/black jeans, pant suits and hemmed shorts are acceptable. Pants must be above the hips at waist level and not drag on the floor. Tops or bottoms should be free of holes and/or tears.
2. Dresses/shirts that are strapless, spaghetti straps and/or backless may not be worn.
3. Any garment not long enough to cover undergarments and/or buttocks is not acceptable. Undergarments must be worn. Shorts/skirts/dresses must reach mid-thigh in length, falling below fingertips.
4. Shirts or blouses that expose the midriff may not be worn.
5. Shirts having indecent words, slogans or suggestion, and shirts with advertisements promoting tobacco products, alcohol, or narcotic drugs may not be worn.
6. T-shirts and shirts cannot extend beyond the fingertips. If so, they must be tucked in.
7. Shoes must be worn and laced or fastened at all times. Thongs, shower shoes and bare feet are not allowed.
8. Sheer blouses are to be worn only under vests or jumpers. Sheer or mesh shirts or blouses without shirts under them may not be worn.
9. Make-up will not be permitted.
10. Items resembling any form of weapon or items that presents a safety hazard for self and/or others are not allowed.
11. Writing or drawing on clothing is not allowed.
12. Hats/caps are not to be worn inside school building (staff or students).
Hats/caps may be worn any other time during the school day.
13. Fake acrylic nails inhibiting proper use of writing utensils and devices will be prohibited.

CONSEQUENCES PROCEDURES

1. Students will be asked to call a parent for a change of clothing.
2. The teacher will make every effort to contact the parent or guardian concerning the student's appearance before any disciplinary actions are taken.
3. Repeated offenses will receive disciplinary action by the teacher or principal

CONDUCT

The following guidelines are designed to define conduct that may result in discipline action to a student.

A student who engages in conduct prohibited by these guidelines or who violates other school standards regulating student conduct may be disciplined. Discipline may include, but is not limited to, any one or any combination of the following: informal talk; parent conferences; detention; loss of privileges (e.g., trips or other extracurricular activities); long- or short-term suspension or expulsion and/or law enforcement involvement. Field trip privileges may be canceled for any student at any time because of inappropriate behavior, including being removed during the trip.

This policy is intended only to regulate conduct of the student while the student is either:

- on-school grounds.
- traveling to or from school.

- at, or traveling to/from, a school sponsored off-campus event.
- when the student's conduct is in any other manner school-related

School-wide Discipline Plan

In order to provide a safe learning environment to our students and staff, Tierra del Sol has school wide student behavior rules listed below. The following table addresses the consequences for not following these rules. **We ask that parents and students be familiar with these rules and their consequences.** Students are expected to comply with these rules starting the first day of school. However, at the discretion of the teacher, he/she may take the time to get to know your child and try some classroom interventions, before administering consequences listed on the First-Time column.

Teachers will follow PBIS/ Capturing Kids Heart process when administering consequences below:

1. Referring to Social Contract
2. Proximity
3. 4 Questions

| | School Wide Rules | Initial Occurrence | Continuum of Interventions |
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| 1. | Participation in Group Activities | Teacher may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Parent Contact • Held accountable for missed work • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Intervention Plan |
| 2. | Courteous & Considerate | Teacher may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Parent Contact • Mediation with peers/ teacher • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Intervention Plan |
| 3. | Observes School Rules. | Teacher may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Parent Contact • Mediation with peers/ teacher • Provide natural consequence • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Intervention Plan |
| 4. | Respects property of others. | Teacher may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Mediation with peers/ teacher • Parent Contact • Provide natural consequence • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Possible Police Report • Restitution • Intervention Plan |
| 5. | Respects rights of others. | Teacher may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Mediation with peers/ teacher • Parent Contact • Natural consequence • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Possible Police Report • Intervention Plan |

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| 6. | Shows Respect for Authority. | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Parent Contact • Natural consequence • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Intervention Plan |
| 7. | Exercises Self-Control | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Mediation with peers/ teacher • Parent Contact • Natural consequence • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Intervention Plan • Possible Police Report • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix |
| 8. | Accepts Responsibility | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Mediation with peers/ teacher • Parent Contact • Natural consequence • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Intervention Plan • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix |
| 9. | Wears Uniform Consistently | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Send to Nurse to change clothing • Parent Contact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Contact Outside Resources • Parent Conference • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix |
| 10. | Stays on Task | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Parent Contact • Held accountable for missed work • Provide Alternative Workspace in Classroom • Assign Study Buddy for Support • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Intervention Plan • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix |
| 11. | Listens and Follows Class Instruction. | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Parent Contact • Held accountable for missed work • Provide Alternative Workspace in Classroom • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Complete Reflection • Provide Alternative Workspace Outside of Classroom (Office/ Workroom) • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Intervention Plan |
| 12. | Works independently. | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Preferential Seating • Parent Contact • Natural consequence • Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Intervention Plan/ Possible Referral to SST |
| 13. | Shows pride in work. | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference with student • Parent Contact • Held Accountable for Quality of Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intervention Plan/ Possible Referral to SST Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix |
| 14. | Completes Class Work on Time. | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference with student (Consider student level/ needs/ reason) Parent Contact Natural consequence Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral to Admin Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference Hold Student Afterschool to Complete Work (Prior Parent Contact) Intervention Plan/ Possible Referral to SST Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix |
| 15. | <p>Completes Homework on Time.</p> <p>Teachers should consider student level and needs</p> | <p>Teacher may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference with student Parent Contact Held accountable for missed work Loss of activity <p>Homework Minutes by Grade Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pre-K- No homework, may send family activities ➤ Kinder- 15 Minutes ➤ 1st- 25 Minutes ➤ 2nd- 30 Minutes ➤ 3rd- 35 Minutes ➤ 4th- 40 Minutes ➤ 5th- 45 Minutes ➤ 6th - 50 minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral to Admin Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference Hold Student Afterschool to Complete Work (Prior Parent Contact) Intervention Plan/ Possible Referral to SST Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix |
| Duty Teacher/ Playground Behavior | | | |
| | <p>Misuse of Playground Equipment</p> <p>Depending on Severity of Offense. . .</p> <p>Duty Teacher will Document Fully and Provide to Appropriate Stakeholder</p> | <p>Duty Person may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak with student Remove from Area Loss of activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral to Admin Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin Parent Contact Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference Intervention Plan Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix |
| | <p>Rough Play/Fighting/ Violence</p> <p>Depending on Severity of Offense. . .</p> <p>Duty Teacher will Document Fully and Provide to Appropriate Stakeholder</p> | <p>Duty Person may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak with students Fill Out Discipline Referral Immediate contact of office and inform of incident Student is escorted by adult to office | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral to Admin Log Entry in Swis updated by Admin Parent Contact Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix Intervention Plan |
| | Graffiti | <p>Duty Person may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak with students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral to Admin Log Entry in Swiss updated by Admin |

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| <p>Depending on Severity of Offense. . .</p> <p>Duty Teacher will Document Fully and Provide to Appropriate Stakeholder</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean- Up (may be alternate area) • Fill Out Discipline Referral | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Contact • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Restitution • Police Report • Intervention Plan |
| <p>In/out of class- Name-calling</p> <p>Depending on Severity of Offense. . .</p> <p>Duty Teacher will Document Fully and Provide to Appropriate Stakeholder</p> | <p>Duty Person may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak with students • Fill Out Discipline Referral • Immediate contact of office and inform if incident is sexual or racial in nature | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swiss updated by Admin • Student Mediation • Parent Contact • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Police Report • Intervention Plan |
| <p>Misuse of Technology</p> <p>Example: Cell phone Watches Computers Ear buds/ pods Tablets</p> | <p>Duty Person may</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak with student • Remove Item from Student • Complete discipline referral • Provide referral to teacher with item • Teacher will ensure that parent picks up item, informed of policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Admin • Log Entry in Swiss updated by Admin • Student Conference • Parent Contact • Principal/ Teacher/ Student/ Parent Conference • Admin refers to Dist. Discipline Matrix • Intervention Plan |

DEFINITION OF PROBLEM

Alcohol and Non-Prescribed Drugs - Possessing, selling, offering to sell, using or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, exception: use of medication is allowed if it is prescribed by a physician, used in accordance with the prescription and Governing Board Policy and is administered from the Health Center.

Bus - Not complying with published bus rules.

Destruction or Defacement of Property - Destroying or defacing objects or materials belonging to the school, school personnel, or other persons.

Disorderly Conduct, Including Profanity and Obscene Behavior - Conduct and/or behavior which is disruptive to the orderly educational procedure and process of the school.

Disrespect - Failure to be respectful to another person.

Dress Code - Failure to comply with the published dress code of the school.

Endangerment/Fighting - Engaging in conduct that endangers or threatens employees or students. This includes physical contact for the purpose of inflicting harm.

Forgery - Writing and using the signature or initials of another person.

Gambling - Participating in games of chance for the purpose of gaining money.

Harassment - This can be in relation to other school students or staff.

Insubordination - Failure to comply with a reasonable request.

Dishonesty - Giving false information or information calculated to mislead.

Obscenity - The use of defamatory or obscene words or phrases, or distribution of defamatory or obscene materials.

Tardiness - Arriving late to a scheduled class.

Theft - Taking or concealing property that belongs to others.

Threats - Any type of conduct, including verbal or physical threat, insult, abuse or fighting with any student, teacher, administrator, school visitor or any other person. This includes borrowing or attempting to take or borrow property from another person by an expressed or implied threat.

Tobacco - The use, sale or possession of tobacco of any kind.

Unexcused Absence and Ditching - Any absence which has not been both excused by a parent or legal guardian and approved by the appropriate school official.

Weapons - The possession or use of firearms, weapons, explosives, fireworks, knives, lasers, matches, cigarette lighters, bullets, **or any other instrument reasonably capable of harming any person or property or reasonably susceptible of creating the impression of such harm.**

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL

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| guns (real or toy) | knives (any type) | box cutters | lasers |
| matches | cigarette lighters | tasos | trading cards |

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| roller skates | walking roller shoes | skateboards | fidget spinners |
| hard balls | bats (any type) | electronic games | condoms |
| radios | Walkman/cd players/mp3's | toys | gauge earrings |
| cellular phones | cigarettes (including electronic) | | |

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Students involved in inappropriate behavior will be subjected to certain disciplinary actions. Depending upon the behavior problem of the student, one or more of the following actions may be taken by school officials:

Informal Talk - A school official will talk to the student and try to reach an agreement regarding how the student should behave.

Conference - A formal conference is held between the student and one or more school officials. This conference will be documented.

Detention - Students will serve lunch detention and a note will be sent home to be signed.

Parent Involvement - Parent or guardian is notified by telephone, personal contact, letter or certified letter. A conference may be conducted between the student, parent or legal guardian, appropriate school personnel, and any other concerned individuals. This conference will be documented.

In-School Detention (ISD) - To be served during recess, lunch, before or after school, at the discretion of the administration. This will be documented.

In-School Suspension (ISS) - The student is temporarily removed from one or more classes, but remains at school during these class periods. This will be documented.

Short Suspension - The student is informed that he/she is subject to a short suspension (ten days or less). The student's parent or legal guardian is notified by telephone or certified letter that the student is subject to a short suspension. This notification will be documented.

Long Suspension - The student is informed that he/she is subject to a long suspension (eleven days or more.) The student's parent or legal guardian is notified by letter and telephone contact will immediately be attempted. This action will be documented.

Summary Suspension - The student is immediately suspended pending further administrative action. Suspensions of this type are only made when it is necessary to remove the student from school in order to eliminate any present danger to all concerned. The student's parent or legal guardian is notified by telephone and/or letter regarding the action of the school district. This action will be documented.

Expulsion - The student is informed that he/she is subject to permanent removal from school. The student's parent or legal guardian is notified by telephone and letter that the student is subject to expulsion. The District Superintendent, or her/his designee, will recommend to the Governing Board that the student be expelled.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Equipment such as storage areas and desks belong to the school district and is permitted to be used by students as a convenience.

Student Rights

1. Student individual rights, as well as the general welfare of the school community, shall always be considered.
2. Students have the right to freedom from unlawful personal search and seizure.

Responsibilities

1. Students may be held responsible for the contents of their storage areas and any contraband found there during a reasonable search may be used as evidence for both school and legal action.
2. Students are responsible for items found on their person, in their purse or book bags during a reasonable search.

Procedures

In order for a search to be implemented:

1. There shall be a reasonable suspicion for school authorities to believe that possession of such items constitute a crime or rule violation.
2. When reasonable suspicion exists, a search may be conducted of an individual under the authorization of the principal or his/her designee.
3. Search of an area assigned to a student shall be made in the presence of a witness and, when reasonably possible, in the presence of the student.
4. Illegal items as defined by federal, state, or local law or a provision of this policy, which may be reasonably determined to be a threat to health, safety or security of others, may be seized by the school authorities and turned over to the police department.
5. Items which are used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from a student's possession.

INTERVIEWS

If a peace officer appears on campus requesting to interview a student attending the school, the school administrator shall be notified, and the school office shall contact the student's parent(s). The parent(s) will be asked if they wish the student to be interviewed and, if so, will be requested to be present or to authorize the interview in their absence. A parent may be present during an interview except when interviews are conducted by a Child Protective Services worker pursuant to A.R.S. 8-224 and 8-546.01. If the parent(s) cannot be reached, the peace officer should be requested to contact the parent(s) and make arrangements to question the students at another time and place.

DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES

In a U.S. Supreme Court decision (*Goss vs. Lopez*) the court determined that students must receive notice of the charges against them, and hearing permitting the student to "tell his side of the story" before they may be suspended. The court's reasoning was based on its acknowledgment that students have a "property right" in public school attendance and a "liberty right" in the maintenance of a good reputation. In that the "due process of law" requirement of the Fourteenth Amendment serves to protect rights of this sort and because suspension from school is an infringement of these rights, suspensions may be ordered only if "due process of law" is satisfied.

Student Rights

1. Students shall not be deprived of their liberty, property, or right to attend school and participate in all activities of the school community without due process of law.
2. Students have the right to remain silent if they so desire.
3. Students have the right to participate in school activities regardless of race, religion, ethnic origin or economic status.

4. Students may not be denied participation in any activity for any reason other than those established by state and school eligibility requirements and those requirements legitimately related to the purpose of the activity.

Procedures

Except in the case of a student(s) posing a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the school or class, no short-term suspension from school shall be enforced against any student until the following has occurred:

1. The student and parent shall be advised by oral and/or written notice of the charges against him. (i.e., of the reasons for the contemplated suspension).
2. The student shall be afforded the opportunity to present his side of the story through a formal or informal hearing.
3. Statements in support of all charges must be produced by the principal or other members of the faculty; the student, his/her parents or guardians, or others in support of the student will be permitted to make statements in defense mitigation.
4. The principal may determine whether or not to permit the student counsel.
5. A written record shall be kept of the time, date and location of the hearing, who was present, a summation of what was said by each person, and the conclusion resulting from the hearing.
6. Expulsion and long-term suspension procedures are available from the school or district office.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

Included in the school discipline plan are ways to positively reinforce students who behave appropriately. In addition to using frequent praise, the students will be rewarded with special activities, treats, programs and extra recess time.

ACADEMIC HONORS / PERFECT ATTENDANCE / EXEMPLARY CONDUCT

Criteria for Participating in Celebration Activities/Events:

Perfect Attendance:

0 Absences – Be in school and on time every day from 8:00 am - 2:45 pm, M, T, Th, F, and 8:00 am -12:00 pm on Wednesday.

Academic Excellence/Achievement for ELA or Math:

Highly Proficient (HP) or Proficient (P) overall on quarterly benchmarks

Exemplary Conduct:

All Es – All subcategories under Productivity and no lost recess, no lunch detentions, no notes to parents, and no office/discipline or bus referrals. Students must also comply with uniform policy every day.

Recognition:

Certificate and Celebration for 1st through 3rd Quarter.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Tierra del Sol has a Student Council. The responsibility of the Student Council is to help make decisions on programs and improvements to the school. Student Council provides an opportunity for students to develop leadership skills, responsibility, and pride in themselves & their school.

The Council shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and classroom representatives. The positions are filled through student elections.

CELEBRATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

The Somerton Governing Board of Education has designated two parties a year will be held: Christmas and Valentine's Day. Parents may be contacted to contribute for the parties. Celebrations for individual and class recognition are to be approved by the principal. Parents may be contacted to contribute for the celebration. Arizona Revised Statute 15-242 mandates all kindergarten through eighth grade schools follow the Arizona Nutrition Standards specifically Section D. Only store-bought items will be allowed for celebrations.

Section D states: Foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by 7 Code of Federal Regulations section 210.11(2) shall not be served or sold during the normal school day on any elementary school, middle school or junior high school campus.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The students' teacher may recognize them on their birthday: however, in the interest of fairness and equality, and with respect to academic time on task, **NO OTHER TREATS OR BIRTHDAY RECOGNITIONS BY PARENTS ARE PERMITTED IN THE CLASSROOM.** Additionally, parents are asked not to distribute private party invitations at school unless the student's entire class is included.

Celebrations will be scheduled at the end of the month for all students with birthdays that fall within that month. Parents are permitted to bring a treat or special recognition. No homemade items are allowed. Dates for each month's birthday celebrations will be announced in the monthly newsletters and calendars.

RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND NON-ACADEMIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Somerton School District #11 is sensitive to the fact that participation in certain non-academic activities at school is not practiced by some students due to religious preferences.

The Somerton School District honors that belief and does not require a student to participate in any activity that is contrary to that belief. Parents or guardians are requested to inform the child's teacher in writing of the decision to exercise this choice.

BOOKS

The first set of textbooks and workbooks for all grades is furnished without charge. If any textbook is lost or damaged due to negligence, the student will be required to pay for it. A book price list is available in the school office.

LIBRARY

The Tierra del Sol Library is an important educational resource and we encourage its full use. The library is open during scheduled school hours to all students for pleasure reading or reference work. Books may be checked out.

We ask your cooperation in encouraging your children to return books when due in order to keep books in circulation. Students will be responsible for lost or damaged books. Charges for lost or damaged books will reflect the condition and age of the book at the time it was checked out. Please return all library books when withdrawing from school.

LOST AND FOUND

The school is not responsible for articles lost or stolen. Students should not leave money or valuables in their desks. *Valuables should not be brought to school.* **A Lost & Found area is located by the main front office. At the end of the school year, we will send all lost & found items NOT picked up to a charitable organization.**

SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

The possession or use of tobacco products, tobacco substitutes, electronic cigarettes, other chemical inhalation devices, or vapor products is prohibited in the following locations:

- ◆ School grounds
- ◆ School buildings
- ◆ School parking lots
- ◆ School playing fields
- ◆ School buses and other District vehicles
- ◆ Off-campus school sponsored events

Under the provision of A.R.S. 36-798.03, a person who violates the prohibition is guilty of committing a petty offense.

The prohibitions do not apply to an adult when possession or use of tobacco products are for demonstration purposes as a necessary instructional component of a tobacco prevention or cessation program that is:

-Approved by the school.

Tierra Del Sol Elementary 2023-2024 Staff List

| Instructional Assistants | Grade Level | Teacher/Instructor | Room # | Phone # |
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